



Title: **Nicholson Road, Torquay – Consideration of the objections regarding the provision of parking restrictions**

Public Agenda Item: **Yes**

Reason for Report to be Exempt:

Wards Affected: **Shiphay with the Willows**

To: **Transport Working Party** On: **2<sup>nd</sup> August 2012**

Key Decision: **No** How soon does the decision need to be implemented: **August 2012**

Change to Budget: **No** Change to Policy Framework: **No**

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## **1. What we are trying to achieve and the impact on our customers**

1.1 Following a request from J Sainsbury PLC as part of their recent planning approval, Residents and Visitor Services have been asked to consider the implementation of parking restrictions fronting their new entrance in Nicholson Road, Torquay.

The proposal is to implement a section of 'No waiting at any time' restrictions to assist delivery vehicles gaining safe access / egress from the new service yard entrance. This will prevent on-street parking and therefore improve visibility for manoeuvring vehicles.

The meeting of the Transport Working Party on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2012 recommended that these restrictions be progressed and the proposed restrictions were advertised for a period of 21 days from 7<sup>th</sup> June 2012 and the correspondence (both in favour and in objection) as shown in **appendix 2** have been received for consideration by members.

## **2. Recommendation(s) for decision**

- 2.1.1** It is recommended that the proposed Traffic Regulation Order is implemented as advertised.

Budget for these works will come from Section 106 contributions received from their planning approval.

## **3. Key points and reasons for recommendations**

- 3.1** The proposal will enable the J Sainsbury PLC to operate safely from their new facility; the implementation of parking restrictions will prevent the presence of parked vehicles obstructing both visibility and movement of vehicles.

**For more detailed information on this proposal please refer to the supporting information attached.**

**Patrick Carney**  
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## Supporting information

### A1. Introduction and history

- A1.1 Planning approval has recently been obtained by J Sainsbury PLC to construct a new goods entrance in Nicholson Road, Torquay and construction has recently been commenced.

Following a request from J Sainsbury PLC as part of their planning approval, Residents and Visitor Services have been asked to consider the implementation of parking restrictions fronting their revised entrance in Nicholson Road, Torquay, which is located to the rear of their existing supermarket at the 'Willows'.

The approval recommends parking to be removed to enable a visibility splay of 43m in each direction, in accordance with the guide lines outlined in 'Manual For Streets', resulting in the implementation of 86m of new parking restrictions.

Officers have visited the site and following a site assessment propose to implement a section of 'No waiting at any time' restrictions, for a distance of 15m either side of the centre line of the new entrance) to assist delivery vehicles gaining safe access / egress from the revised service yard entrance. This will prevent on-street parking and therefore improve visibility for manoeuvring vehicles.

**Appendix 1** shows a plan of the proposed parking restrictions.

- A1.2 The proposed scheme would result in restrictions being placed on a 30 m length of carriageway equating to a loss of approximately 5 parking spaces.
- A1.3 The developer has already agreed in principal to pay for the implementation of a white access line fronting this new entrance, which will be removed should the implementation of parking restrictions be approved.
- A1.4 The meeting of the Transport Working Party on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2012 recommended that these restrictions be progressed and the proposed restrictions were advertised for a period of 21 days from 7<sup>th</sup> June 2012 and the correspondence (both in favour and in objection) as shown in **appendix 2** have been received for consideration by members.
- A1.5 One letter in support of the new restrictions has been received, which also makes a case for more stringent restrictions to be implemented at this time. Four letters of objection have been received from the Torbay and Southern Devon NHS Health and Care, three from staff who use the road to park upon when at work and one from the Chief Executive.

### A2. Risk assessment of preferred option

#### A2.1 Outline of significant key risks

- A2.1.1 To not implement the change in restrictions on Nicholson Road would restrict the ability of the J Sainsbury PLC to operate safely from their new facility due to the presence of parked vehicles obstructing both visibility and movement of

vehicles.

## **A2.2 Remaining risks**

A2.2.1 None

## **A3. Other Options**

A3.1 That the proposed amendments to the existing Traffic Regulation Orders are not advertised.

## **A4. Summary of resource implications**

A4.1 Implementation of the proposed Traffic Regulation Order will be carried out by the Street Scene & Place Group. Enforcement of the waiting restrictions will be provided by staff from within the Residents & Visitor Services Business Unit.

A4.2 To advertise and carry out the legal process would cost approximately £500, whilst to implement the restriction, including the signing and lining works would cost approximately £500.

## **A5. What impact will there be on equalities, environmental sustainability and crime and disorder?**

A5.1 None

## **A6. Consultation and Customer Focus**

A6.1 The proposed parking restrictions were advertised, both on site and in the local media, during the period 7<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> June 2012 and correspondence (both in favour and in objection) as shown in **appendix 2** has been received.

## **A7. Are there any implications for other Business Units?**

A7.1 Amendments to the existing Traffic Regulation Orders will require legal orders which have to be sealed by the Legal Services team.

## **Appendices**

Appendix 1 A plan showing the location of the proposed parking restrictions.

Appendix 2 A copy of the letters of objection.

## **Documents available in members' rooms**

None