

Record of Officer Decision

Borough of Torbay (Off Street Parking Places) Amendment Order No1 2026

Decision Taker and Date Decision Taken:

Director of Pride in Place on 23 April 2026

Summary of Matter or Issue Requiring Decision:

The proposals within this Order are to implement a new car park permit that will be valid for use at the following locations:

- Ansteys Cove Car Park, Torquay
- Berry Head Car Park, Brixham
- Cockington Court Car Park, Torquay
- Cockington Cycle Hub Car Park, Torquay
- Higher Lodge Car Park, Torquay
- Sharkham Car Park, Brixham

Decision Taken:

To approve the proposals to implement the car park permit detailed in the above amendment order.

Summary of Reason(s) for Decision Taken:

With the liquidation of the Torbay Coast and Countryside Trust (TCCT), four car parks that were previously operated under their management returned to the responsibility of the Council. During the implementation of "Off Street Parking Places Amendment Order No4 2025", it was agreed that an additional car park permit should be introduced to operate in a similar capacity to the car park permit previously provided by the TCCT.

The permit proposed by the Council is called the "Countryside Car Park Permit" which will cost £85 and will be valid for a period of 12 months. This new permit will provide the same concessions similar to the former TCCT car park permit, but with no maximum parking period specified for Cockington Court and Cockington Cycle Hub car parks, nor is there any restriction placed on where the permit can be used within the same two car parks.

The proposals were advertised in a Public Notice in the Torbay Weekly on 2nd April 2026, a consultation period of 21 days was provided for members of the public to submit any objections to the proposals, notices were also placed out on site.

Thirteen responses were received in response to the proposals, all of which were in support of the addition of a new car park permit. Eleven of the responses also requested further changes to the scheme on the following three grounds:

- lowering the proposed charge to match the cost formerly used by the TCCT;
- including Broadsands Car Park as an additional location where the permit could be used;
- including Breakwater Car Park as an additional location where the permit could be used;
- a combination of the above options.

The consultation responses were reviewed by Councillor Billings on 23rd April 2026, where the recommendation made was to proceed with the proposals as advertised.

Summary of Alternatives or Options considered and rejected and Background Papers:

Not to implement the proposals, which result in customers wishing to purchase a car park for use at the above six car parks being limited to our current operational permits.

Details of any conflict of interest and dispensation granted to the Officer taking the decision or by any Member of the Council in delegating responsibility for any specific express delegation:

None

Implementation:

Approval of the proposals will allow Parking Services to formally implement the car park permit with immediate effect.

A copy of this decision and any supporting documentation considered by the Officer taking this decision may also be available for inspection by the public at the Council's offices or posted upon payment of any copying and postage charges. Any member of the public wishing to take up either of these options is asked to please ring (01803) 207087 or email governance.support@torbay.gov.uk

Signed: _____ Date: 23 April 2026
Director of Pride in Place