

TRANSPORT WORKING PARTY

A meeting of Transport Working Party will be held on

Thursday, 13 December 2012

commencing at 4.00 pm

The meeting will be held in the Meadfoot Room, Town Hall, Castle Circus, Torquay, TQ1 3DR

Members of the Committee

Councillor Hill (Chairman)

Councillor Amil Councillor Addis

Councillor Cowell Councillor Brooksbank

Councillor Doggett Councillor Pountney

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TRANSPORT WORKING PARTY AGENDA

1.	Apologies for absence	
2.	Minutes of last meeting held on 25th October 2012	(Pages 1 - 4)
3.	Discounted Residents Parking Permit	(Pages 5 - 8)
4.	LSTF Cycle Route Harbour to Hospital	(Pages 9 - 21)
5.	On Street Pay and Display Review	(Pages 22 - 27
6.	Parking Charges Review - verbal update	
7.	Road Safety Plan - feedback from Members	
8.	Date of Next Meeting 17 th January 2013, 4pm.	



Minutes of the Transport Working Party

25 October 2012

-: Present :-

Councillor Ray Hill (Chairman), Councillor Nicole Amil, Councillor Darren Cowell, Councillor Ian Doggett, Councillor Pete Addis, Councillor Stephen Brooksbank and Councillor Bobbie Davies (Substitute for Councillor Pountney)

(Also in attendance: Patrick Carney, Sally Farley, Councillor Robert Excell, Councillor Mike Morey, Councillor Roger Stringer and David Whiteway)

33. Apologies for absence

Councillor Pountney (Cllr Davies substituted)
Sue Cheriton

34. Minutes of last meeting 13th September 2012

Patrick Carney outlined that a member of the public had requested changes to the draft minutes of 13 September 2012. Members noted his comments but agreed with the minutes as written.

Proposed: Councillor Cowell Seconded: Councillor Addis

All in favour.

35. Torbay Local Access Forum (LAF) Annual Report 2011/2012

Members considered the report provided by the LAF.

Recommendation:

That Councillor Doggett as the representative of the LAF encourages the LAF to consider and make comments on the Neighbourhood Plan.

Proposed: Councillor Cowell Seconded: Councillor Brooksbank

All in favour.

36. A379 Teignmouth Road, Torquay - Consideration of the objections regarding the provision of parking restrictions in Maidencombe Cross Lay-by

Members considered the report and the objections and expressed concern regarding the current long term parking.

Recommendation:

That the restrictions are implemented as advertised.

Proposed: Councillor Addis Seconded: Councillor Doggett

All in favour.

37. Better Bus Area - Verbal Update

David Whiteway outlined progress on the project explaining that Torbay had partnered with Devon County Council to deliver a joint project. Further updates will be presented to future Working Party meetings.

38. Dartmouth Road, Paignton - Pedestrian crossing at 'Waterside'

The report was presented to Members who considered the objections and discussed the previous reports presented.

Recommendation:

That the scheme is progressed to implementation.

Proposed: Councillor Amil Seconded: Councillor Cowell

All in favour.

39. Shiphay Controlled Parking Zone - Consideration of Objections to Proposed Traffic Regulation Order

Members considered the report and the objections and noted that at the previous meeting the restrictions were supported by the Community Partnership.

Recommendation:

That the restrictions are implemented as advertised.

Proposed: Councillor Doggett Seconded: Councillor Brooksbank

All in favour.

40. Parking Restrictions Various

- Patrick Carney presented the report and highlighted that a revised solution for Northfields Land had been agreed with Ward Members.
- Mr Stobbart addressed the meeting to support the revised proposals for Northfields Lane.
- Mr Edwards spoke against the proposals for Doctors Road outlining that local Police were against the proposals.
- Members requested that Ward Members and the Community Partnership are advised of all local consultation.
- Councillor Morey spoke in favour of the revised Northfields Lane option.

- Councillor Stringer supported the proposals to not make changes to Moor Lane but requested that a 20mph zone could be considered.
- Councillor Amil, Excell and Brooksbank asked that they carry out some further consultation in their Wards.

Recommendation (Brixham)

That the proposals are progressed to advert except Doctors Road.

Proposed: Councillor Amil Seconded: Councillor Cowell

Recommendation (Paignton)

That the proposals be progressed to advert except Polsham Park and Roundhill Road where Ward Members will carry out local consultation.

Proposed : Councillor Doggett Seconded: Councillor Addis

Recommendation (Torquay)

That the proposals be progressed to advert except St Katherine's Road where Ward Members will carry out local consultation.

Proposed: Councillor Doggett Seconded: Councillor Addis

All in favour.

41. Parking Policy 2012-2015

- Patrick Carney presented the Policy.
- Mr P Tyndale and Mr M Tyndale spoke against the policy in relation to resident eligibility for Controlled Parking Zones.
- After discussion Members advised Mr Tyndale that specific changes to Preston should be discussed with Ward Members. Councillor Cowell asked for residents permits to be considered in the Policy.

Recommendation:

That the Policy is adopted with a paragraph added which recommends that residents car park permits should be reviewed.

Proposed: Councillor Cowell Seconded: Councillor Addis 5 in favour, 2 abstentions.

42. Annual Parking Report 2011/2012

The report was received by the Working Party. Councillor Brooksbank identified an error on page 21 of the report which will need to be corrected.

43. Coach Parking - Review of Cary Park area - consideration of objections

Members considered the report and the objections. Councillor Addis highlighted that he had received some positive feedback on some of the changes made.

Recommendation:

That the proposals are implemented as advertised.

Proposed: Councillor Brooksbank Seconded: Councillor Addis

All in favour.

44. St Michaels Traffic Action Zone

Members considered the report and the objections and noted that some objectors appeared to not understand the proposals. Members thanked the officers for their efforts on the project.

Recommendation:

That the proposals are implemented as advertised.

Proposed: Councillor Addis Seconded: Councillor Doggett

All in favour.

45. Highway Maintenance - Public Satisfaction

Members considered the document and expressed their concerns regarding the 33% reduction in capital allocation for Highway Structural Maintenance. Councillor Excell highlighted that he intends to ensure that all the surplus related to car park income is spent on Transportation.

46. Date of Next Meeting

13th December 2012, 4pm, Meadfoot Room, Town Hall.



Meeting: Transport Working Party Date: 13th December 2012

Wards Affected: All

Report Title: Discounted Residents Parking Permit

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Supporting Officer Contact Details: Richard Brown, Richard.brown@torbay.gov.uk

1. Purpose

1.1 Through a meeting of the Full Council in September Members asked that Officers investigate the opportunity to offer a discounted parking permit to residents. This includes making the current offer of annual parking permits to use in off street car parks more affordable through monthly payments but also the provision of a parking permit open to residents only which they can use at off peak times when car parks maybe underutilized.

2. **Proposed Decision**

- 2.1 Procure a cashless parking system allowing payments to be made monthly via the Council website or through mobile phone technology.
- 2.2 Include in the parking review into parking charges, which is currently taking place, an option for a residents parking permit which will be valid at off peak times.

3. Action Needed

3.1 Undertake a procurement exercise in consultation with the Procurement Team to provide a cashless parking system.

4. Summary

4.1 At a difficult time for the Council in terms of budget cuts the Councils parking income budget can not be affected by any possible decision to implement reduced parking charges such as an off peak residents permit. However it is hoped through the use of a cashless parking system allowing monthly payments that this may encourage additional purchases and increase parking income in the short term.

Supporting Information

Position

- 5.1 Through various meetings with local traders and business representatives it was suggested a way to create footfall in the town centre areas to assist the local economy was to provide a discounted parking permit which local residents and businesses could take advantage of.
- 5.2 South Hams District Council does currently offer something similar which allows free parking to their residents after 4pm and before 10am for a payment of £21 per year. South Hams District Council recently won the Small Business Award for the Best Parking Policy from the Federation of Small Businesses for the provision of this parking permit.
- 5.3 Since 2009 the Council have operated a number of parking promotions see appendix 1. These promotions have been well received by traders to assist in increasing footfall in the town centre areas during the economic downturn
- 5.3 Recently through competition in the market place a number of companies now offer the ability to offer cashless parking systems through mobile phone technology and web based systems. Some authorities in Devon such as Plymouth, Torridge and North Devon have recently procured such systems.

6. **Possibilities and Options**

6.1 Introduce a permit applicable to residents only for only £25 per year offering unlimited parking for 50p after 3pm and before 10am.

It is estimated the Council would sell around 2500 of these permits. This would provide income of £62500 from the permit. However it would require an additional .5FTE to issue the permits and administer the scheme along with additional printing the total revenue cost would be £14,500 $\,$

There is anticipated to be lost daily parking income as a result of the new permit.

The assumption is that if the 2500 estimated people who would purchase the permit previously paid £2 per week in parking fees there could be a weekly loss of £1.50 to the Council for each individual purchasing the permit (£1.50 x 2500 x 52) amounting to a total of £195,000 per annum. Less the income from the permit and annual revenue cost the scheme could lead to an estimated annual loss of £147,000.

It has not been identified how the cost of this new initiative will be paid for through the budget process and the current budget position in off street parking income is £425,000 short of budget and therefore not likely this option can be pursued at this time.

6.2 Introduce a system to enable the public to pay monthly for parking permits as the current level of cost £510 is not affordable in one payment.

Due to financial regulations it is difficult to offer an annual parking permit for a cost of £510 through monthly payments as customers may not return the permit if they stopped paying part way through the year.

Recently the Council has approached a number of companies to offer a cashless parking system whereby payments can be made through mobile phones of the internet where no permit will be issued. After some initial investigation a procurement exercise will need to be completed but the scheme could be implemented by the spring of 2013.

7. **Preferred Solution/Option**

7.1 Introduce a monthly payment method to pay for parking permits through a cashless system which will also benefit daily parking customers who will no longer have to find change to pay for pay and display tickets from parking meters.

8. Consultation

8.1 There have been a number of meetings between traders, trader representatives and the Town Centres Company whereby a number of initiatives have been discussed including a possible residents off peak permit. Also ways to make parking permits more affordable.

9. Risks

9.1 There are additional IT issues which will need to be addressed by any service provider to ensure there is business continuity if the system fails however this will be considered as part of the procurement process.

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Documents available in Members' Rooms:

None

Background Papers:

None

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Previous parking promotions 2008 to 2012

Appendix 1 Previous Parking Promotions 2008 to 2012

- 2008 Noon to Midnight for £1 in November and December to support Xmas trade = total tickets sold 70,000, cost to Council £50,000
- 2009 Easter £1 all weekend parking promotion in April = 33000 tickets sold, Cost to the Council £6000
- 2009 December £1 all weekend parking promotion = 26000 tickets sold, cost to Council £27000
- 2010 April £1 all weekend parking promotion = 33000 tickets sold, cost to Council £6500
- 2010 December £1 all weekend parking promotion = 26100 tickets sold, cost to Council £12075
- 2010/11 November to March winter car parks promotion 30p all day parking = £25,000
- 2011 April £1 all weekend parking promotion = 33500 tickets sold, cost to Council £7200
- 2011 December Late night free shopping in all three towns plus free parking on Xmas light switch on events = no data captured on vehicles, cost to Council £20,000
- 2012 February and March £1 all day parking on Saturdays = 80000 tickets sold, cost to Council £24000
- 2012 January to March £1.50 all day parking in beach car parks =tickets sold, cost to Council £25,000

Total lost parking income from 2008 to 2012 on parking promotions = £203,000



Wards Affected: Tormohun, Cockington with Chelston, Shiphay with the Willows

Report Title: Local Sustainable Transport Bid – Proposed Cycle Routes

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1. Purpose

- 1.1 The Bid for the Local Sustainable Transport Fund, as agreed by members at the 5th January 2012 meeting of the Transport Working Party has now been agreed by the Department for Transport. Highways are now developing a viable cycle route to link with the frequent ferry service from Torquay Harbourside to the town centre, to Torbay Hospital and the National Cycle Network.
- 1.2 A recommendation is being sought from the Working Party to determine the preferred cycle routes, prior to carrying out more detailed designs on particular elements of the routes.

2. **Proposed Decision**

2.1 That members approve the progression and implementation of the cycle routes shown in **Appendix 1 (Plans 1-9)** to support the proposed frequent ferry service, and that any required traffic regulation orders are advertised and implemented if no objections are received. Any sections of the route, which require material changes to the highway will be presented to future meetings of the working Party for consideration prior to implementation following more detailed design work.

3. Action Needed

3.1 The implementation of further cycle routes will enable the Council to meet its obligation to deliver further sustainable transport links around the bay and link to the South Devon network.

4. Summary

- 4.1 The implementation of the proposed frequent ferry service has given the opportunity to link sustainable travel options between Brixham and Torquay. As part of the overall package cycle routes which link the ferry to Torquay Town Centre, Torbay Hospital and the rail stations, cycle links have been included as part of the successful bid for funding to the Department for Transport.
- 4.2 The proposal at this stage identifies routes, which highway officers consider would assist in promoting cycling prior to progressing detailed design works.

Supporting Information

5. **Position**

- 5.1 The recent bid for Department for Transport (Dft) Local Sustainable Transport Funding (LSTF) bid has been successful and officers are now progressing the implementation of the frequent ferry service along with the associated sustainable transport links.
- As part of the bid application, details of potential cycle routes were prepared by the Council's partner consultant, Jacobs and accepted by the Dft. Highways officers have now taken the opportunity to re-assess the application routes and have made some amendments, which now form the plans shown in **Appendix 1** to this report.
- 5.3 The routes shown are a combination of dedicated on and off highway routes, along with some 'signed only' routes where highway constraints will not accommodate dedicated routes. For the purpose of this report however the routes are shown as 'routes in principle' and many sections will require further design work to determine the appropriate treatment. It is anticipated therefore that sections of this route will be presented again in more detail as the design and implementation process continues.
- 5.4 The routes shown can however be broken down into the following part-schemes:
 - a. An 'off highway' link between Shiphay Lane, Torquay and Crownhill Rise/Avenue Road. This is also proposed to form part of the National Cycle Network through Torbay.
 - b. A signed on road route from Avenue Road to Upton Park.
 - c. A shared footway/cycleway along Lymington Road at Upton Park to Castle Circus.
 - d. A cycle link through Union Street, Lower Union Street, Fleet Street and Palk Street (via upgraded crossing) to Torquay Harbourside, which then takes cyclists across the footbridge towards the ferry service.

- e. For cyclists heading from the ferry towards the Town Centre, a cycle link using Palk Street, Fleet Street, Abbey Road, Tor Hill Road and East Street, to tie in to the proposed facilities in a. and b. above.
- 5.5 In addition, as part of the study, officers have identified that the ferry service link would benefit from creating a sea front link, which will form a direct connection to the National Cycle Network linking Torbay Hospital, Torquay Railway Station and Paignton. This route can be broken down as follows:
 - f. A shared footway cycleway route along Torquay Promenade to Torre Abbey Sands.
 - g. Shared Footway/cycleway links adjacent to Torre Abbey Sands and Torre Abbey Meadows.
 - h. Upgrading of crossing facilities to link this route to the National Cycle Network.
- 5.6 The use of pedestrianised areas by cyclists in Lower Union Street, Fleet Street and Palk Street will require amendments to existing Traffic Regulation Orders, which will require advertisement and will require further consideration by the working party if objections are received.
- 5.7 During the detailed design process there are likely to be further amendments to traffic regulation orders identified. These will be advised to the working party as part of the detailed design process, prior to advertising.

6. Possibilities and Options

- 6.1 That the proposed cycle improvements are not implemented.
- 6.2 That the cycle links thorough the Town Centre only are implemented.

7. **Preferred Solution/Option**

7.1 The outline details of the proposed routes are included in **Appendix 1**, plans 1-9 to this report.

8. Consultation

- 8.1 Proposed changes to Traffic Regulation Orders will be advertised and any objections received will be presented to future Transport Working Party meetings for consideration.
- 8.2 Any 'off highway' routes will be subject to consultation with any affected groups.
- 8.3 Affected Community Partnerships will be consulted as part of the detailed design process, where any material changes to the highway are proposed.

9. Risks

9.1 Outline of significant key risks

- 9.1.1 If the cycle improvements are not implemented there may be a detrimental impact to the delivery of the LSTF bid and this may not satisfy the Dft's requirements for the provision of funding.
- 9.1.2 If the cycle improvements are not implemented then this may have a detrimental effect to the promotion of sustainable transport options in Torbay and the promotion of Torbay as a tourist destination for cycling in the future.

9.2 Remaining risks

9.2.1 If the Cycle improvements are implemented there may be detrimental impacts to other highway users in some sections.

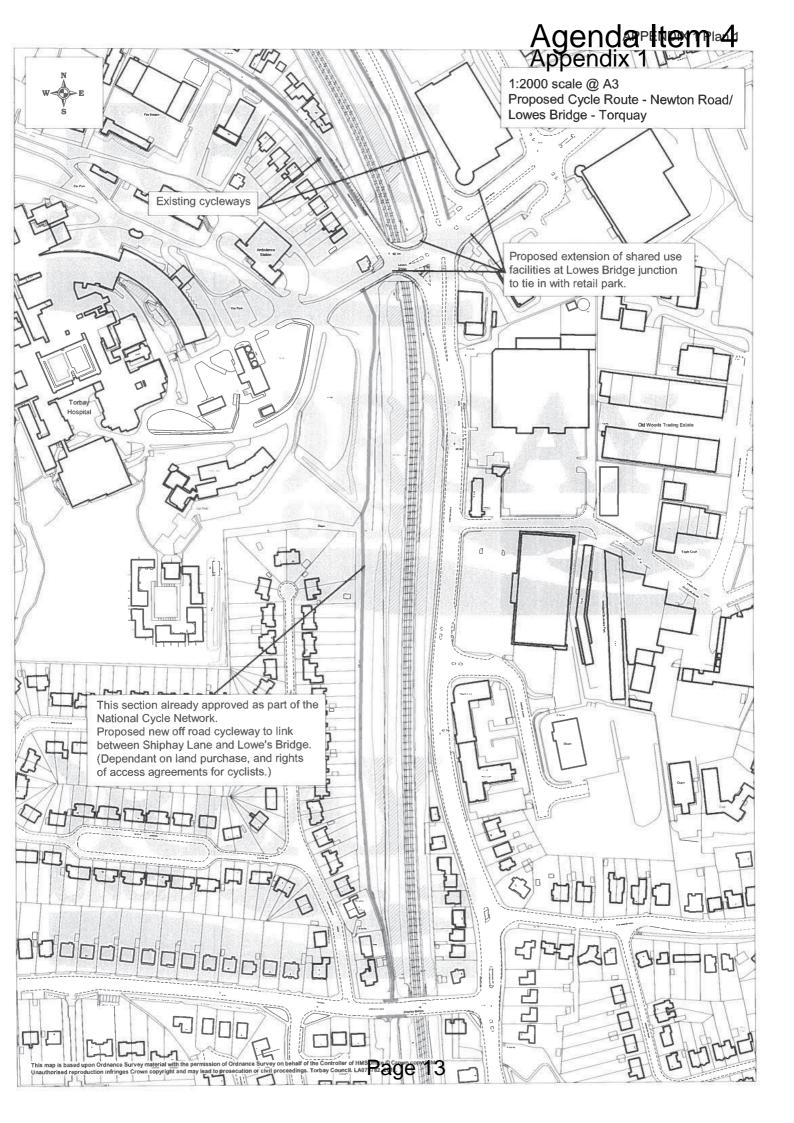
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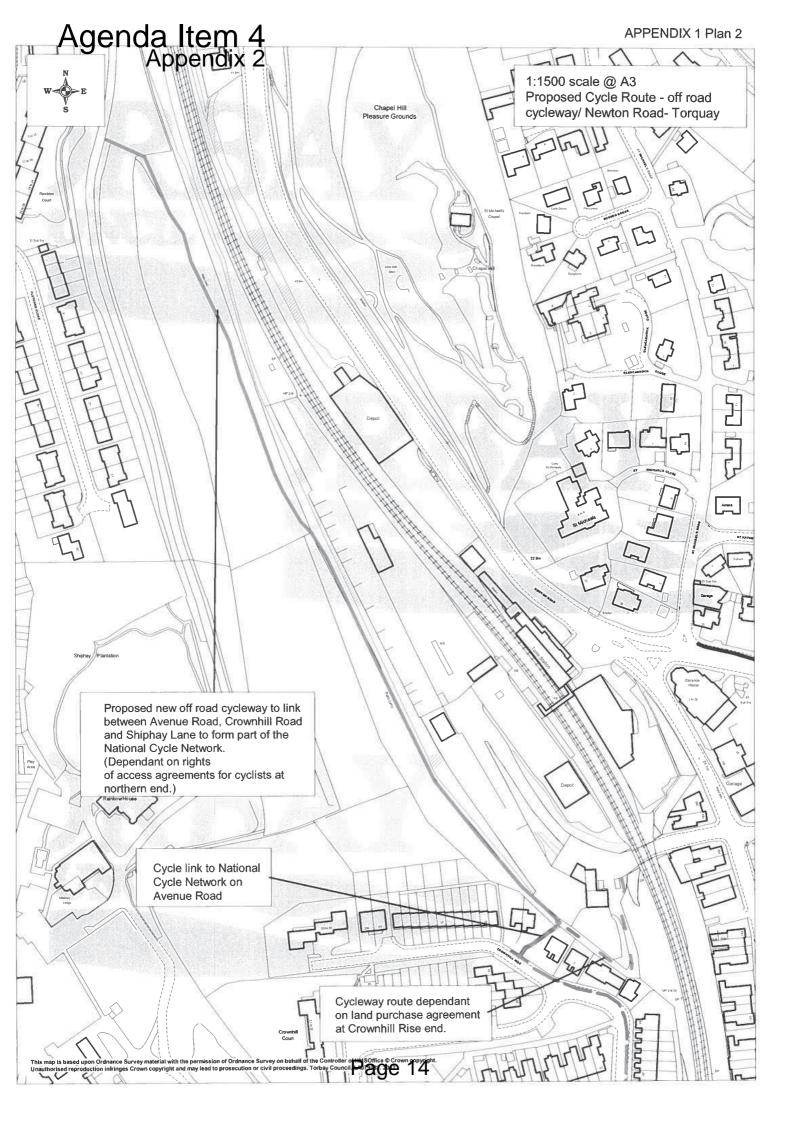
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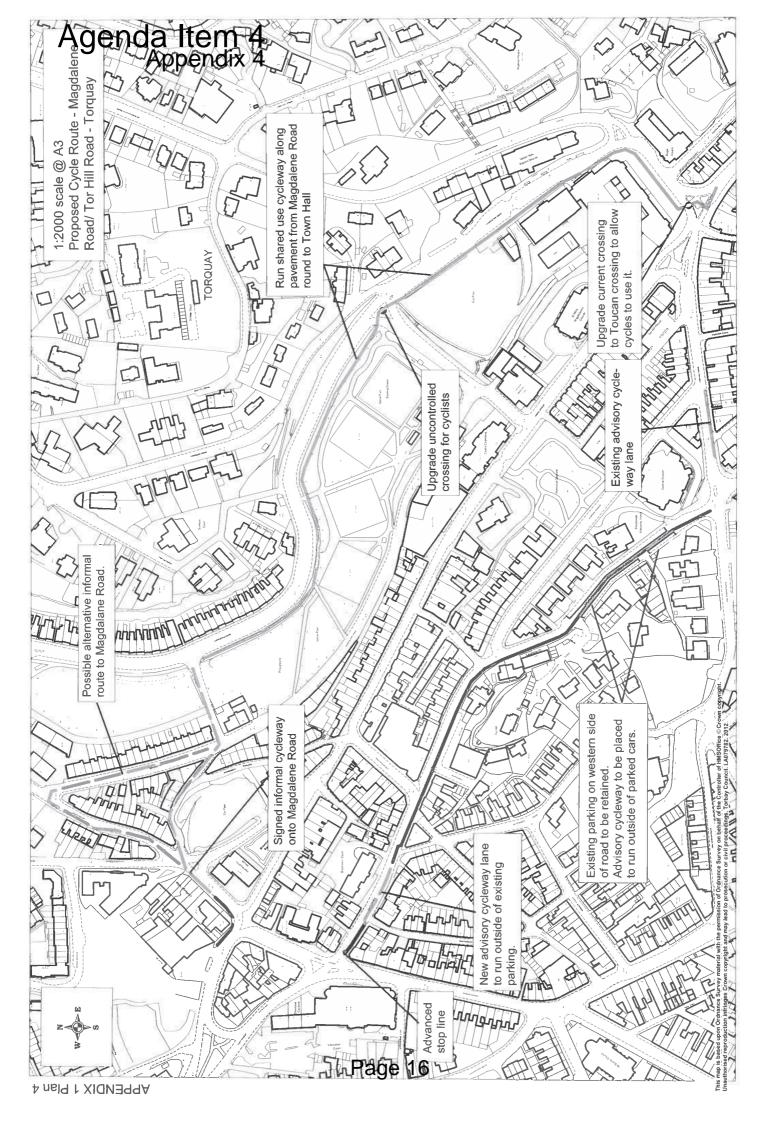
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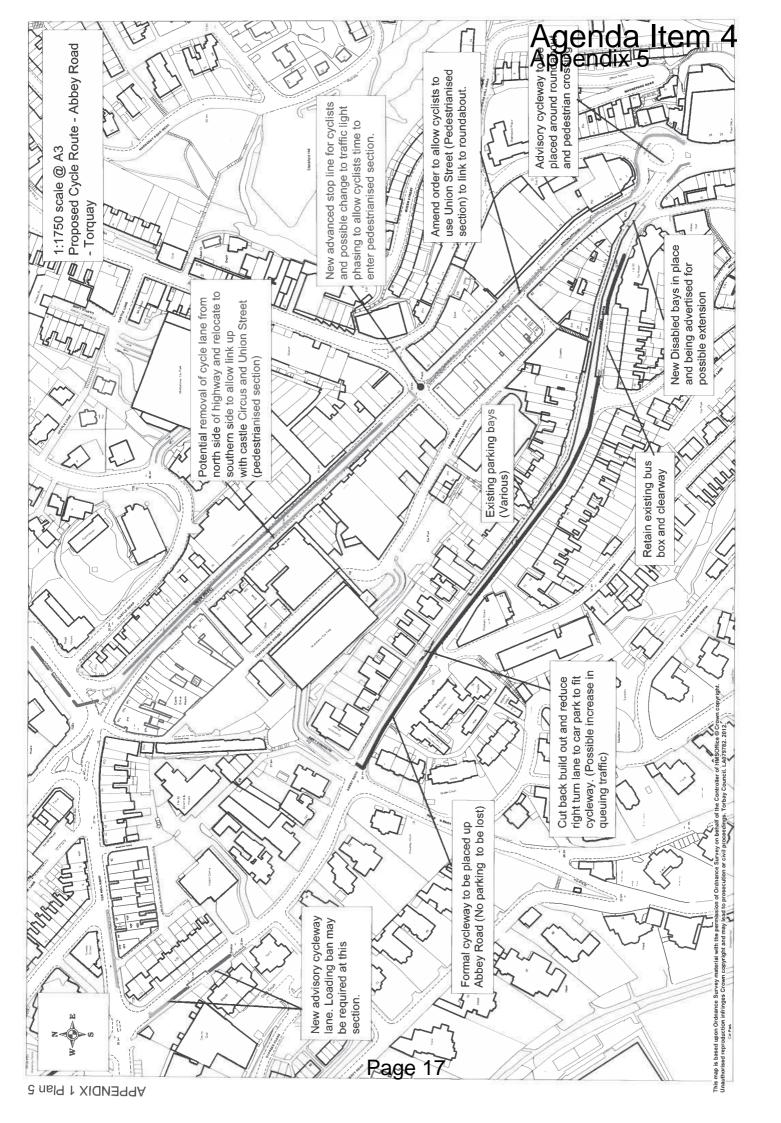
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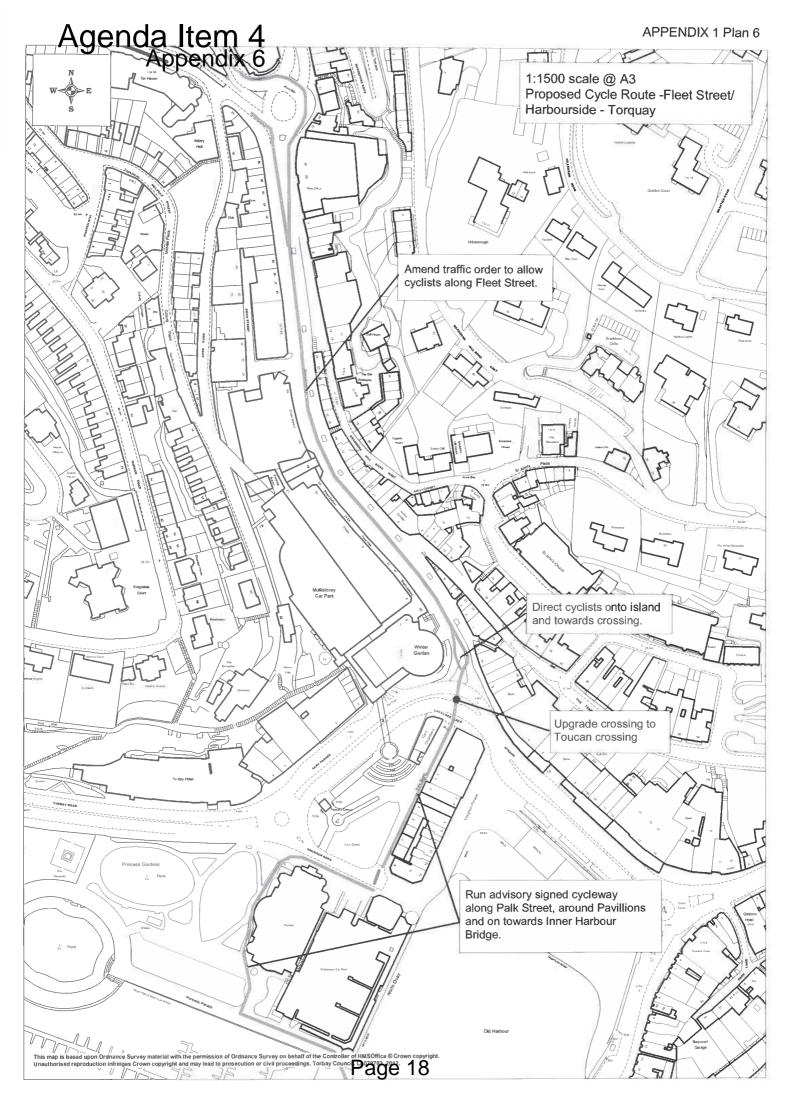


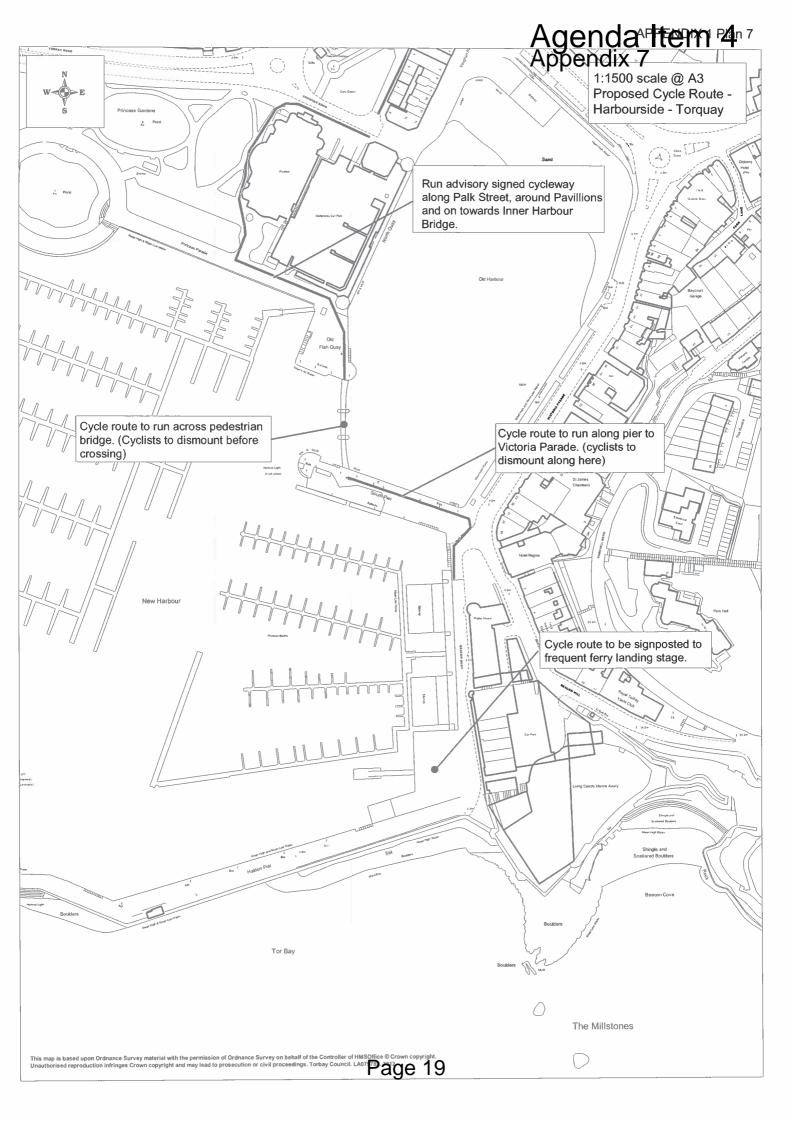


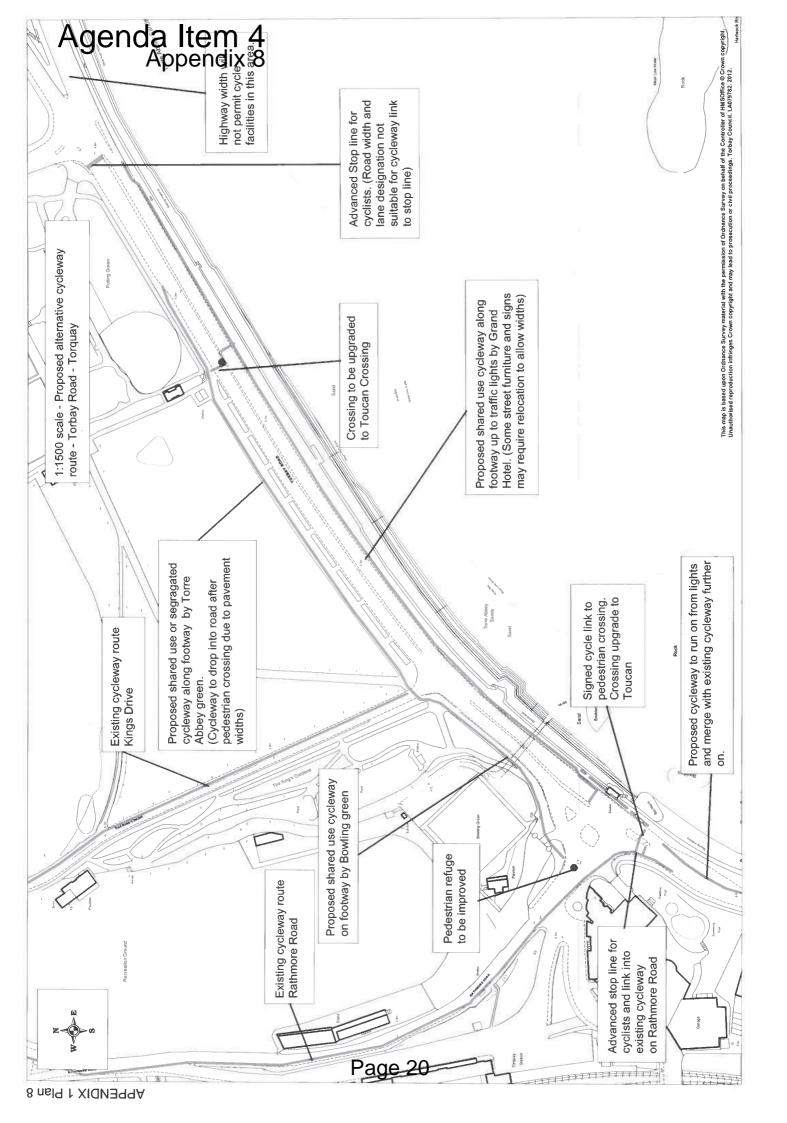


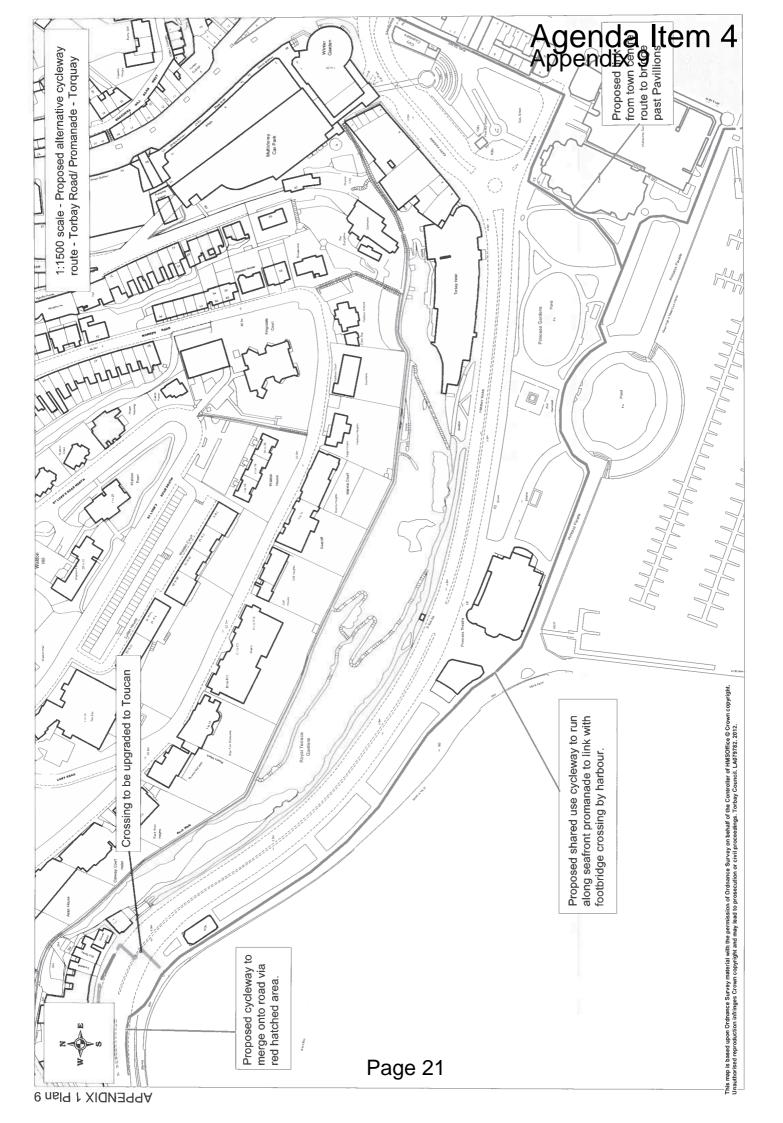














Meeting: Transport Working Party Date: 13th December 2012

Wards Affected: All

Report Title: On Street Pay and Display – Six month review

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Supporting Officer Contact Details: Richard.brown@torbay.gov.uk

1. Purpose

1.1 To review the first six months operation of the new on street pay and display areas introduced in June 2012.

2. Proposed Decision

- 2.1 Highways Team to review the additional effect of nearby roads adjacent to the new on street pay and display areas with changes being reported to a future meeting of the Transport Working Party
- 2.2 Some changes to the current tariffs will be recommended as part of the 'Parking Review' due to be completed in December 2012. These changes also take into consideration the times of operation.

3. Action Needed

3.1 Changes suggested in Section 7.1 below to be advertised in January 2013 with any objections reported back to the Transport Working Party in March 2013.

4. Summary

4.1 The new on street pay and display areas have proven successful with the sale of nearly 60,000 tickets since their introduction with an amendment being made to Magdalene Road to encourage further use of the street by commuters.

Supporting Information

5. **Position**

5.1 In October 2011 at a meeting of the Transport Working Party Members considered a number of roads to be converted to on street pay and display areas.

The below table also states the instructions to Officers at the meeting regarding all the roads considered.

On Street Parking										
Torquay	Location	Spaces	Tariff	Instruction						
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Torbay Road	Between King's Drive and Belgrave Road – both sides of	33 28	3	Agreed. Currently being Advertised.						
01111	carriageway.	_								
Old Newton Road	Between Rougemont Ave & Orchard Way	45	2	Agreed.						
Torre: Lymington Road	Jct Trematon Ave to Sunbury Hill	40	2	Up to houses only, to allow residents parking for the remainder of the area. Proposed 9am-5pm charging period, Commuter rate, no return.						
Torre: Trematon				Rejected due to the cost of implementation.						
Torre: Magdalene Road	Jct Trematon Ave	17	2	Proposed 9am-5pm charging period, Commuter rate, no return.						
Babbacombe Road	Between Torwood Gardens Road & Braddons Hill Road East	29	3	Agreed. 8am – 6pm with loading bay. Free on Sundays.						
Pimlico	Outside Madrepore Place	5	3	Agreed.						
St Marychurch Road, Chilcote Close, and Manor Road				Rejected as considered secondary shopping area.						
Paignton										
Preston Marine				Deferred – subject to Public Meeting on 27 th October 2011						
Preston Marine Drive				Deferred – subject to Public Meeting on 27 th October 2011						
Roundham Road				No meters agreed – implement limited parking all year.						
Beach Road				Rejected: Other roads were put forward for consideration.						
Kernou Road				Rejected: Other roads were put forward for consideration.						
Garfield Road				Rejected: Other roads were put forward for consideration.						

Suggested alterna	atives			
Steartfield Road	Esplanade Road to Leighon Road	12	3	Agreed. 8am – 6pm
Adelphi Road	South Side	22	3	Agreed. 8am – 6pm
Sands Road	O/S Queen's Park	7	3	Agreed. 8am – 6pm
	Between Adelphi Lane & Queens Road	7	3	Agreed. 8am – 6pm
Tariff				
1. Seasonal				
1st May - 30th Sept	1st Oct - 30th Apr			
10 Mins - 20p	10 Mins - 20p			
30 Mins - 60p	30 Mins - 30p			
1 Hour - £1.00	1 Hour - 60p			
2 Hours - £2.00	2 Hours - £1.20			
3 Hours - £3.00	3 Hours - £1.80			
2. Commuter				
Maximum 4 hours stay - 4 hours = £1.00				
3. Standard				
10 Mins - 20p				
30 Mins - 60p				
1 Hour - £1.00				
2 Hours - £2.00				
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5.2 Roads that were considered but not progressed were:

Torquay-Trematon Ave

St Marychurch - Manor Road, Chilcote Close

Preston - Marine Drive and Marine Parade

Paignton - Roundham Road, Beach Road, Kernou Road, Garfield Road

Members may wish to reconsider some of these areas or other areas for future expansion of the scheme.

5.3 Following a meeting of the Transport Working Party in March 2012 and extensive consultation, Members recommended that the below roads to be converted to on street pay and display areas following a period of extensive consultation.

Lymington Road

Implement scheme as advertised but offer free parking on Sundays

Magdalene Road

Implement scheme as advertised but offer free parking on Sundays

Babbacombe Road

Implement scheme as advertised

Newton Road

Defer scheme until the Autumn to ensure the review of Shiphay CPZ has been completed

Sands Road

Implement scheme as advertised

Steartfield Road

Implement scheme as advertised

Adelphi Road

Implement scheme as advertised

The below table shows the income and usage to date this year following the implementation date. The income is at least covering the cost of installation for all areas.

Site	Start Date	Income to 25/11	Tickets to 25/11
Adelphi Road (19 spaces)	03-May	£8,525.70	3651
Babbacombe Road (25 spaces)	04-May	£16,026.15	7956
Lymington Road (37 spaces)	04-May	£12,929.00	10410
Magdalene Road (32 spaces)	04-May	£2,694.70	2409
Pimlico (3 spaces)	24-Apr	£4,882.65	4256
Sands Road (16 spaces)	03-May	£8,291.40	3397
Steartfield Road (10 spaces)	03-May	£8,546.15	3855
Torre Abbey (56 spaces)	18-Jan	£48,369.55	23546
	Total	£110,265.30	59480
Site	Start Date	Income to 25/11	Tickets to 25/11

The low usage of Magdalene Road has already been addressed by offering all day parking for £1 to target commuters to use this area.

6. Possibilities and Options

- 6.1 Continue with all current on street pay and display areas and re-advertise Newton Road with a view to implement 45 pay and display spaces to be shared use with residents in Newton Road.
- 6.2 As above but re-consider the roads listed in 5.2.
- 6.3 Introduce disabled parking bays at Torre Abbey Meadows, Torquay Seafront following feedback from disabled customers unable to park during the summer months in this area.
- Review the adjacent roads to on street pay and display areas as there has been some displacement of parking in particular near Sands Road and Lymington Road.

7. Preferred Solution/Option

7.1 Continue with all current on street pay and display areas and re-advertise Newton Road with a view to implement 45 pay and display spaces to be shared use with residents in Newton Road. Also implement disabled parking bays at Torre Abbey Meadows. Review the adjacent roads and report back to Members with recommendations. Any alterations regarding tariffs will be included in the 'Parking Review' due to be completed in December 2012.

8. Consultation

- 8.1 During the process of implementing the new on street pay and display areas extensive consultation took place including meetings with Community Partnerships and Traders.
- 9. Risks
- 9.1 By considering any new on street pay and display areas may cause concern to local residents and traders during the current economic climate.

Appendices:N/A

Additional Information:N/A

Documents available in Members' Rooms:N/A

Background Papers:N/A