Torquay

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Residents and Tourist Services
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Dear Sir

Proposed Parking Restrictions --- Cary Avenue

We wish to register our objection to the parking restrictions proposed for Cary Avenue in Babbacombe. We understand that they have been introduced for two reasons, firstly to remove the coaches and secondly to prevent accidents to any child exiting from the playpark.

The coaches do not present a problem and it must be remembered that they carry much needed visitors to the area. They are only parked overnight and for some hours during the day and are only present some weeks of the year and whilst there they are screened from nearby properties by the trees.

Closing the gate in Cary Avenue that gives access to the park would be the sensible solution to the other road safety problem. The other two entrances to the park would still enable all those who wish to enter and exit the playpark with no road hazards for the children.

Other disadvantages of imposing these restrictions are:-

1. Greatly increase the speed of the traffic using Cary Avenue. At present with the parking drivers need to exercise due caution and reduce speed.
2. The vehicles that are displaced will park in other residential streets in the area causing a considerable detrimental impact on the environment at present enjoyed by the residents.
3. The need to provide parking for the Tennis Courts, Bowling Club, football matches at Plainmoor and the events that take place on Coronation Park has not been considered. Without doubt the planned restrictions could affect the viability of these popular attractions.

Any restrictions such as these that are proposed need to be based on the results of a Parking Survey of the whole area bounded by Manor Road, Babbacombe Road , Reddenhill Road and Warboro Road which would identify any problems that exist, the conflicting uses and parking needs and provide the data on which a proper scheme can be based.

Yours faithfully