



Meeting: Transport Working Party

Date: 14th March 2013

Wards Affected: Tormohun

Report Title: Provision of Increased Parking - Belgrave Road, Torquay

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1. **Purpose**

1.1 This report is in response to recent requests from businesses in the Belgrave Road area of Torquay for additional parking facilities and for members to consider comments received following consultation; prior to the possible advertising of any changes to the Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO).

2. **Proposed Decision**

2.1 It is recommended that members approve the proposals outlined under option 6.2 in this Issues Paper, to provide one extra car parking space outside the tourist office.

3. **Action Needed**

3.1 It is recommended that members approve the proposals outlined under option 6.2 in this Issues Paper for the advertising of the amended Traffic Regulation Order and implementation should no objections be forthcoming. Any objections will be referred to a forthcoming meeting of the Transport Working Party.

4. **Summary**

4.1 A safety scheme, which included revisions to the on-street parking arrangements improvements to Belgrave Road was completed during 2008. Businesses have now operated for four years with the road in its present form and whilst the improvements have been generally welcomed, there have been requests from a small number of people to see if it would be possible to increase the number of parking spaces in the area. However it should be noted that a consultation letter (a copy of which is attached as **Appendix 1**) sent to affected stakeholders, ward members, the local Community Partnership, attracted four replies including three objections and is attached as **Appendix 3**.

Supporting Information

5. Position

- 5.1 A safety scheme, which included revisions to the on-street parking arrangements improvements to Belgrave Road was completed during 2008. This brought a number of benefits to this section of Torquay, including a widened section of footway, improvements to the pedestrian crossing facilities and some dedicated bus/loading bays. Businesses have now operated for four years with the road in its present form and whilst the improvements have been generally welcomed, there have been requests from a small number of people to see if it would be possible to increase the number of parking spaces in the area.
- 5.2 Officers have investigated the feasibility of increasing areas of parking and consultation was undertaken in January 2013 when a letter and plan showing the proposed changes (a copy of which is attached as **Appendix 1**) was sent to affected stakeholders, ward members and the local Community Partnership. The closing date for correspondence was 15th February 2013 and this consultation attracted four replies including three objections and is attached as **Appendix 3**.
- 5.3 The proposals, as detailed in **Appendix 2**, were as follows:
- 5.3.1 Extend existing 3 hour limited waiting bay (8am – 6pm) by one space outside the tourist office to the south side of the Cavendish Hotel.
- 5.3.2 Extend existing 3 hour limited waiting bay (8am – 6pm) by two spaces opposite the Grosvenor Hotel, next to the footway to the Sheddon Hill car park (Klistor Place).
- 5.4 The objections, as detailed in Appendix 3, are as follows:
- 5.4.1 Concerns have been made that the proposed parking space would be directly opposite the main car park entrance to the Victoria Hotel (used by guests, delivery lorries and refuse collection vehicles) and the reduction in carriageway width would create further unnecessary congestion for vehicles using this entrance.
- 5.4.2 Concerns have been made regarding a reduction in the carriageway width opposite the Grosvenor Hotel and concerns have been raised, as it has been reported that vehicles have been hit by passing cars/coaches when parked in this area.

6 Possibilities and Options

The Working Party are requested to consider whether they wish to support amendments to traffic regulation orders in the area as detailed below:

- 6.1 Advertise and implement, should no objections be forthcoming, the proposed changes to the Traffic Regulation Orders as per the consultation letter and as detailed in **Appendix 2**. Any objections will be referred to a future meeting of the Transport Working Party.

- 6.2 Advertise and implement, should no objections be forthcoming, the reduced changes to the Traffic Regulation Orders as per the consultation letter, 5.3.1 above (extend existing 3 hour limited waiting bay 8am – 6pm by one space outside the tourist office to the south side of the Cavendish Hotel) and as detailed in **Appendix 2**. Any objections will be referred to a future meeting of the Transport Working Party.
- 6.3 In view of the relatively low number of requests for additional parking facilities and the objections received in response to the consultation letter, members may wish recommend that no changes are considered at the present time.

7 Preferred Solution/Option

- 7.1 Members are recommended that the option in 6.2 above would be the most appropriate option. This will be funded from the capital allocation to temporarily lift the moratorium of changes to parking restrictions.

8 Consultation

- 8.1 A consultation letter and plan, a copy of which is attached as **Appendix 1**, was sent to affected stakeholders, ward members and the local Community Partnership. Four letters were received, one in favour and three against the proposals, copies of which are attached as **Appendix 3**.

9 Risks

- 9.1 There is a risk that amendments to the traffic regulation orders in this area may have a detrimental effect to traffic flow and pedestrian safety.

Appendices:

Appendix 1 – Copy of the consultation letter and location plan

Appendix 2 – Copy of revised restrictions to be advertised if approved

Appendix 3 – Copy of the correspondence received

Additional Information:

None

Documents available in Members' Rooms:

None

Background Papers:

None