



Meeting: Transport Working Party

Date: 14th March 2013

Wards Affected: Tormohun

Report Title: Parking Restrictions – Oak Hill Road, Torquay

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1. Purpose

1.1 This report is in response to recent requests from residents in the Oak Hill Road area of Torquay for additional parking restrictions and for members to consider the possible advertising of changes to the current Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO).

2. Proposed Decision

2.1 It is recommended that members approve the proposals outlined under in **Appendix 2** to advertise and implement, should no objections be forthcoming.

3. Action Needed

3.1 It is recommended that members approve the proposals outlined in **Appendix 2** for advertising and implementation should no objections be forthcoming. Any objections will be referred to a future meeting of the Transport Working Party.

4. Summary

4.1 Following completion of Phase One of the Torre Marine development, in Torquay, the parking restrictions, as per the existing traffic regulation order were reinstated.

4.2 Due to the changes in lay-out, the current restrictions do not reflect the requirements of the new estate roads. Residents have taken to parking their vehicles on the footway, obstructing the safe passage of pedestrians, especially parents with buggies and the mobility impaired.

4.3 There have been requests from a number of residents, including representatives of the Residents Association, for an increase in parking restrictions and comments have also been received from the local ward members and Devon & Cornwall Police. Correspondence received is attached as Appendix 1.

4.4 Comments have also been made to the developer, Barratt Homes, who are actively looking to install some bollards to prevent vehicles mounting the kerb and are

happy to fund the implementation of the additional parking restrictions.

Supporting Information

5. Position

- 5.1 Following completion of Phase One of the Torre Marine development, in Torquay, the parking restrictions, as per the existing traffic regulation order were reinstated.
- 5.2 However there are sections of carriageway which have no parking restrictions and due to the narrow nature of the carriageway residents have taken to mounting the kerb and parking their vehicles with two wheels on the footway. Whilst this allows for a single lane of traffic to travel along Oak hill Road, vehicles parked on the footway are obstructing the safe passage of pedestrians, especially parents with buggies and the mobility impaired. On occasions, vehicles have been noted fully parked on the footway and garage entrances have been obstructed.
- 5.3 There have been requests from a number of residents for an increase in parking restrictions and comments have also been received from the local ward members and Devon & Cornwall Police. Correspondence received is attached as **Appendix 1**.
- 5.4 Comments have also been made to the developer, Barratt Homes, who are actively looking to install some bollards to prevent vehicles mounting the kerb and are happy to fund the implementation of the additional parking restrictions.
- 5.5 The proposal, as detailed in **Appendix 2**, is as follows:

Implement 107m of 'No Waiting At Any Time' restrictions and revoke 20m of existing 'No Waiting At Any Time' restrictions, to allow use of the parking bay, as detailed in **Appendix 2**.

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 changes to the Traffic Regulation Orders as detailed in **Appendix 2**. Any objections will be referred to a future meeting of the Transport Working Party.
- 6.2 Members may wish recommend that no changes are considered at the present time.

7 Preferred Solution/Option

Members are recommended that the option in 6.1 above would be the most appropriate option. However, members should be aware that advertising amendments to the existing traffic regulation orders may attract objections, which will have to be presented to a future meeting of the Transport Working Party.

8 Consultation

No consultation has been undertaken, however local ward members have visited the development and been in conversation with local residents.

9 Risks

- 9.1 There is a risk that advertising amendments to the existing traffic regulation orders may attract objections, which will have to be presented to a future meeting of the Transport Working Party.

Appendices:

Appendix 1 – Copy of the correspondence received.

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

Additional Information:

None

Documents available in Members' Rooms:

None

Background Papers:

None