



Meeting: Transport Working Party

Date: 25th April 2013

Wards Affected: Cockington with Chelston

Report Title: Cockington – Residents Parking

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1. Purpose

- 1.1 This report is in response to correspondence received from residents of Cockington Lane and from comments made at the meeting of the Cockington Forum (4th December 2012) to introduce a section of residents parking on Cockington Lane, to the North side of the village centre.

2. Proposed Decision

- 2.1 It is recommended that members approve the proposals outlined under option 6.1 in this Issues Paper, to amend the existing Traffic Regulation Orders.

3. Action Needed

- 3.1 It is recommended that members approve the proposals outlined under option 6.1 in this Issues Paper for the implementation of amendments to the existing Traffic Regulation Orders and 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 Due to the nature of the Cockington village environment it has always been agreed that the implementation of carriageway markings would not be appropriate and therefore the current level of signing parking restrictions has always been subject to Department for Transport approval.
- 4.2 In an effort to reduce the number of street signs currently in place, the members of the Cockington Forum have agreed that carriageway markings are acceptable on the approach to and exit from the village centre.
- 4.3 The Cockington Forum also supported the idea of an area of Residents Parking to the North of the village centre which, with the relaxation of restrictions on carriageway markings, may be implemented without seeking Department for Transport approval.

- 4.4 It should be noted that there is currently no budget for these works and therefore residents would have to pay an increased fee for the first couple of years to cover the capital costs of the scheme, expected to be in the region of £1,000, before the permit fee would reduce to the current fee of £30 per year.

Supporting Information

5. Position

- 5.1 This report is in response to correspondence received from residents of Cockington Lane requesting better facilities for on-road parking and from comments made at the meeting of the Cockington Forum (4th December 2012) to introduce a section of residents parking on Cockington Lane.
- 5.2 The Cockington Forum supports the idea of implementing an area of Residents Parking to the North of the village centre and Highways have subsequently carried out a written consultation with sixteen properties, located in the area of Meadow Farm Stables and Rosery Grange. Seven replies were received, of which four were in favour of the implementation of a residents parking zone. This was a response rate of 44%, with 57% of those replying in favour, which is greater than the figures of 40% and 50% specified in the Parking Policy for the introduction of Controlled Parking Zones.
- 5.3 Highways agree that these changes would be appropriate and this report is to gain the support of members for the introduction of residents parking in Cockington Lane as detailed below and any objections to be referred to a future meeting of the Transport Working Party.
- Introduce a section of residents parking on Cockington Lane
- Create 6 no. residents only parking bays in the vicinity of Rosery Grange. These bays, for which a permit will have to be paid for, will be available for use by the properties shown in **Appendix 1, Plan1**.

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 above in 5.6

- 6.1 Advertise and implement, should no objections be forthcoming, the proposed changes to the Traffic Regulation Orders, as per 5.6 above. Any objections will be referred to a future meeting of the Transport Working Party.
- 6.2 Members may wish to 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.

8 Consultation

Consultation letters were sent out to sixteen properties regarding the possibility of a residents parking zone in the area of Cockington Lane, located in the area of Meadow Farm Stables and Rosery Grange. Seven replies were received, of which four were in favour of the implementation of a residents parking zone.

9 Risks

If these changes to the existing Traffic Regulation Orders are not approved due to objections, there will be a greater risk of residents parking inappropriately causing delays to other road users due to the possibility of carriageway width and visibility being restricted by inconsiderate parking.

Appendices:

Appendix 1 – Plan 1 showing the proposals to alter the existing Traffic Regulation Orders.

Additional Information:

None

Documents available in Members' Rooms:

None

Background Papers:

Torbay Council Parking Policy 2012 - 2015

None