



**Meeting: Transport Working Party**

**Date: 6<sup>th</sup> June 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 an objection received following the advertising of additional parking restrictions in Oak Hill Road, Torquay.

**2. Proposed Decision**

2.1 It is recommended that members approve the proposals outlined in **Appendix 1** and officers implement the advertised parking restrictions.

**3. Action Needed**

3.1 It is recommended that members approve for implementation the proposals outlined in **Appendix 1**.

**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.

4.4 Comments have also been made to the developer, Barratt Homes, who 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 2**.
- 5.4 Comments have also been made to the developer, Barratt Homes, who are happy to fund the implementation of the additional parking restrictions.
- 5.5 The proposal, as approved by the members of the Transport Working Party at their meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> March 2013 and advertised both on site and in the local media (Herald Express) during the period 18<sup>th</sup> April – 9<sup>th</sup> May 2013 as detailed in **Appendix 1**, 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 members of the Transport Working Party are requested to review the objection, a copy of which is attached as **Appendix 2** and consider the following options:-

- 6.1 Reject the objection and implement the changes to the Traffic Regulation Orders as detailed in **Appendix 1**.
- 6.2 Members may wish uphold the objection and 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

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 by not implementing the advertised amendments to the existing traffic regulation orders, vehicles which park on the footway will continue to obstruct the safe passage of pedestrians, especially parents with buggies and the mobility impaired.

### **Appendices:**

Appendix 1 – Copy of revised restrictions as advertised.

Appendix 2 – Correspondence received both in favour of and against the proposal

### **Additional Information:**

None

### **Documents available in Members' Rooms:**

None

### **Background Papers:**

None