



Meeting: Transport Working Party

Date: 5th September 2013

Wards Affected: Tormohun and Watcombe

Report Title: Hele and Combe Pafford Traffic Action Zone, Torquay

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1. Purpose

- 1.1 The Local Transport Plan 3 (2011 – 2016) has identified the continued provision of funding from the capital program for Traffic Action Zones.

As part of the Integrated Transport Allocation, £170,000 has been allocated in 2013/2014, to enable works to be carried out within the Hele and Combe Pafford area of Torquay under the heading of Traffic Action Zone (TAZ).

2. Proposed Decision

- 2.1 It is recommended that members approve the proposals outlined under option 6.1 in this Issues Paper for implementation as the Hele and Combe Pafford Traffic Action Zone during the current financial year.

3. Action Needed

- 3.1 That members recommend approval of the proposals outlined under option 1.

4. Summary

- 4.1 Consultation with the residents of the area, Council Ward Members, Community Partnership and Hele's Angels has being undertaken and positive feedback received.
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- 4.3 Two one day consultation events were held on 23rd August (Windmill Community Centre) and 24th August (Barton Baptist Church) 2013 and further positive feedback received.
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- 4.3 **Appendix 1** shows the boundaries of the proposed traffic action zone, **Appendix 2** shows the number of comments received during the original consultation, from each road within the boundaries of the TAZ, **Appendix 3 (plans 1 – 10)** details the proposed schemes and **Appendix 4** the proposed changes / improvements to the public transport infrastructure.

Supporting Information

5. Position

- 5.1 The Local Transport Plan 3 (2011 – 2016) has identified the continued provision of funding from the capital program for Traffic Action Zones.

As part of the Integrated Transport Allocation, £170,000 has been allocated in 2013/2014, to enable works to be carried out within the Hele & Combe Pafford area of Torquay under the heading of Traffic Action Zone (TAZ). These works will target improvements in highways safety, traffic calming, signing, lining, landscaping, parking, pedestrian safety, cycling and links to public transport.

By consulting with the key stake holders, the Council hopes to deliver the Hele & Combe Pafford TAZ using a range of innovative ideas and treatments.

- 5.2 A briefing note was presented to the members of the Transportation Working Party on 18th March 2011 and, after due consideration, approval was given to progress the scheme.

Appendix 1 shows a plan depicting the proposed area of the TAZ.

- 5.3 In April 2013 letters and questionnaires were delivered to 2,871 properties in the area, which covers the area bordered by Audley Avenue, Barton Hill Road, Fore Street and Teignmouth Road. This was to gauge local opinions on highway problems in the area, in an effort to actively seek residents views on highways safety, traffic calming, signing, lining, landscaping, parking, pedestrian safety, cycling and links to public transport.

The objective of the project is to enable communities to become involved with the re-design of their streets to reduce vehicle speeds and provide safer / better access to the schools and other facilities within the TAZ.

- 5.4 Around 250 questionnaires were returned and the information received was collated (**Appendix 2** shows the number of comments received, during the original consultation, from each road within the boundaries of the TAZ) and used to develop draft proposals for the following areas:

The list of provisional schemes is as follows:

Schemes involving construction works:

- Barton Hill Road / Isaacs Road - Junction improvements
- Barton Hill Road – Improvement to the uncontrolled crossing outside the Co-op
- Barton Hill Road - Upgrade of the zebra Crossing outside the Hyundai garage
- Clennon Lane (Western End) - Footway Improvements
- Happaway Road, / Clennon Lane Junction - Footway Improvements
- Hele Road - Pedestrian crossing alteration
- Salisbury Avenue - Improve 'No Through Road' Barrier
- Teignmouth Road / Penny's Hill - Footway Improvements

Parking Restriction Schemes:

- Audley Avenue / Pendennis Road
- Lichfield Avenue / Truro Avenue
- Salisbury Avenue / Barton Hill Road

Public Transport:

- Renewal / improvement to various public transport facilities

- 5.5 These draft proposals were displayed at two Community Consultation events, which were held on:

- Friday 23rd at the Windmill Centre, Pendennis Road
- Saturday 24th at the Baptist Church, Barton Hill Road.

Both events ran from 10am-4pm.

- 5.6 The plans have also been uploaded to the scheme web site which can be found via the following link:

<http://www.torbay.gov.uk/index/yourservices/transportandstreets/highwayimprovement/combepaffordheletaz.htm>

The draft proposals were generally well supported with some requests for minor amendments.

The proposals are enclosed as **Appendix 3**.

Schemes involving construction works:

- **Scheme No. 1** - Teignmouth Road / Penny's Hill - Footway Improvements. Extend the footway link between the steps and No.84 Teignmouth Road. There is potential for a virtual footway from the steps to the existing

pavement, however a physical pavement at the exit from the steps is required.

- **Scheme No. 3** - Hele Road - Pedestrian crossing alteration. Consider the possibility of changing the existing signalised pedestrian crossing to a zebra crossing to improve the flow of traffic and therefore air quality. A vehicle survey will also be undertaken to identify operators of coaches / large delivery vehicles who continue to use this route, despite the alterations to route signage. Those identified will be written to and asked to use the signed route where appropriate.
- **Scheme No. 5** - Salisbury Avenue - Improve 'No Through Road' Barrier. Redesign the existing barrier to make it more aesthetically pleasing for local residents.
- **Scheme No. 6** - Happaway Road, / Clennon Lane Junction - Footway Improvements.
Build out the footway to provide physical footway improvements and uncontrolled crossing points, whilst still maintaining parking, with an option to also provide some sections of virtual footway.
- **Scheme No. 8** - Clennon Lane (Western End) - Footway Improvements.
Extend the footway from Clennon Lane up to Fairmead Court, to allow a safe pedestrian link. Improve signage and road markings for motorists entering the lane from either direction, as they reach the 'dual carriageway' section.
- **Scheme No. 9** Barton Hill Road – Improvement to the uncontrolled crossing outside the Co-op.
Carry out changes to the crossing point to improve visibility, either by the removal or revision of vehicle parking.
- **Scheme No. 9** - Barton Hill Road - Upgrade of the zebra Crossing outside the Hyundai garage.
The proposal is to upgrade the existing zebra pedestrian crossing in the vicinity of the Hyundai Garage to improve visibility, using internally illuminated posts, 'Halo' style L.E.D beacons and buff high friction surfacing on the carriageway approaches.
- **Scheme No. 10** - Barton Hill Road / Isaacs Road - Junction improvements.
Extend build-out where currently hatched outside no.196 Barton Hill Road to remove the potential for vehicle parking and improve visibility for vehicles exiting from Suncrest.

Schemes involving changes to Parking Restrictions:

- **Scheme No. 2** - Audley Avenue / Pendennis Road
The proposal is to formalise parking by the use of access lines and double yellow lines at the various junctions, to help with the free flow of traffic.
- **Scheme No. 4** - Lichfield Avenue / Truro Avenue
The proposal is to implement two time restricted bus boxes (operating between 7am – 5pm) on Truro Avenue, between its junctions with Lichfield Avenue and Shrewsbury Avenue and a short section of single yellow line ('No Waiting 7am – 5pm) on the North Western side of Truro Avenue, South of Shrewsbury Avenue. Both proposals are to help with the free flow of traffic.
- **Scheme No. 7** - Salisbury Avenue / Barton Hill Road
The proposal is to implement double yellow lines at the junction, to help with the free flow of traffic, especially at school times where parental parking around the junction is an issue.

Public Transport:

- Renewal / improvement to various public transport facilities

Some upgrading of bus stop facilities / infrastructure, lighting and pedestrian signing will be undertaken within the area of the TAZ and the proposed list is a per **Appendix 4**.

6. Possibilities and Options

- 6.1 Implement the proposed engineering works as detailed in schemes 1, 3, 5, 6, 8 and 9 of the Hele & Combe Pafford Traffic Action Zone.

Advertise the amendments to the Traffic Regulation Orders as detailed in schemes 2, 4 and 7 of the Hele & Combe Pafford Traffic Action Zone and implement should no objections be received. Any objections will then be submitted to a forthcoming meeting of the Transport Working Party for consideration.

- 6.2 Do not implement the proposed engineering works or amendments to the Traffic Regulation Orders, as detailed in schemes 1 – 10 of the Hele & Combe Pafford Traffic Action Zone.

7. Preferred Solution/Option

Members are recommended that the option in 6.1 above would be the most appropriate option.

8. Consultation

Consultation with the residents of the area, Council Ward Members, Community Partnership and Hele's Angels has been undertaken and positive feedback received.

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9. Risks

- 9.1 There is a risk that by not implementing the proposed carriageway / footway improvements, the flow and safety of pedestrian and vehicle traffic may be compromised.

- 9.2 There is a risk that by not implementing the advertised traffic regulation orders, vehicles will continue to park at junctions, causing problems for both the flow of pedestrians and vehicle traffic.

9.3 Whilst consultation has been undertaken it is possible that when the alterations to the existing Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO) are advertised (both on site and in the local media), these will attract objections from the members of the public. Any such objections will then have to be referred back to a future meeting of the Transport Working Party for consideration.

Appendices:

Appendix 1	Shows the boundaries of the proposed review area.
Appendix 2	Shows the number of comments received, during the original consultation, from each road within the boundaries of the TAZ.
Appendix 3	Plans 1 – 10 detail scheme drawings.
Appendix 4	Lists the proposed changes / improvements to the public transport infrastructure.

Additional Information:

None

Documents available in Members' Rooms:

None.

Background Papers:

The following documents / files were used to compile this report:
The Local Transport Plan 3 (2011 – 2016)