

Borough of Torbay (Off Street Parking Places) Amendment Order No1 2026

Equality Impact Assessment

Protected characteristics under the Equality Act and groups with increased vulnerability	Data and insight	Equality considerations (including any adverse impacts)	Mitigation activities	Responsible department and timeframe for implementing mitigation activities
Age	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18% of Torbay residents are aged under 18 years old. • 55% of Torbay residents are aged between 18 to 64 years old. • 27% of Torbay residents are aged 65 and older. 	<p>There is no differential impact as this permit provides the opportunity to park in any of the car parks specific to this permit. This provides the opportunity for residents to purchase a cheaper permit than the pay and display charges if they regularly park in these car parks to enjoy the surrounding countryside or visit the nearby amenities</p>	Not applicable.	Not applicable.
Carers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the time of the 2021 census there were 14,900 unpaid carers in Torbay. 	<p>There is no differential impact as this permit provides the opportunity to park in any of the</p>	Not applicable.	Not applicable.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5,185 of these carers provided 50 hours or more of care. 	<p>car parks specific to this permit. This provides the opportunity for residents to purchase a cheaper permit than the pay and display charges if they regularly park in these car parks to enjoy the surrounding countryside or visit the nearby amenities</p>		
Care experienced	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As of January 2026, there were 277 former care experienced young people aged 18-24 in Torbay. 	<p>There is no differential impact as this permit provides the opportunity to park in any of the car parks specific to this permit. This provides the opportunity for residents to purchase a cheaper permit than the pay and display charges if they regularly park in these car parks to enjoy the surrounding countryside or visit the nearby amenities</p>	Not applicable.	Not applicable.
Disability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the 2021 Census, 23.9% of Torbay residents answered that their day-to-day activities were limited a little or a lot by a physical or mental health condition or illness. 	<p>A number of the car parks have disabled bays for those with a Blue Badge to be able to park in a larger bay. For those with a mental health condition or illness to be able to purchase a cheaper permit for these car parks supports being able to be active and enjoy the natural environment.</p>	Not applicable.	Not applicable.

Gender reassignment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the 2021 Census, 0.4% of Torbay's community answered that their gender identity was not the same as their sex registered at birth. 	There is no differential impact as this permit provides the opportunity to park in any of the car parks specific to this permit. This provides the opportunity for residents to purchase a cheaper permit than the pay and display charges if they regularly park in these car parks to enjoy the surrounding countryside or visit the nearby amenities	Not applicable.	Not applicable.
Marriage and civil partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Of those Torbay residents aged 16 and over at the time of 2021 Census, 44.2% of people were married or in a registered civil partnership. 	There is no differential impact as this permit provides the opportunity to park in any of the car parks specific to this permit. This provides the opportunity for residents to purchase a cheaper permit than the pay and display charges if they regularly park in these car parks to enjoy the surrounding countryside or visit the nearby amenities	Not applicable.	Not applicable.
Pregnancy and maternity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Between 2013 and 2024, the rate of live births (as a proportion of females aged 15 to 44) has been slightly but significantly higher in 	This permit provides the opportunity for pregnant mothers to purchase a cheaper permit if they regularly visit these car parks to enjoy the natural environment.	Not applicable.	Not applicable.

	<p>Torbay (average of 56.0 per 1,000) than the Southwest (53.4) and broadly in line with England (56.3).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For the period 2022 to 2024, rates in Torbay (44.6) have been significantly below England (50.0). 			
Race	<p>In the 2021 Census, 96.1% of Torbay residents described their ethnicity as the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1.6% as Asian, Asian British or Asian Welsh • 0.3% as Black, Black British, Black Welsh, Caribbean or African • 1.5% as being of Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups • 96.1% as White • 0.4% described their ethnicity another way. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black, Asian and minoritised ethnic communities are more likely to live in areas of Torbay classified as being 	<p>There is no differential impact as this permit provides the opportunity to park in any of the car parks specific to this permit. This provides the opportunity for residents to purchase a cheaper permit than the pay and display charges if they regularly park in these car parks to enjoy the surrounding countryside or visit the nearby amenities</p>	Not applicable.	Not applicable.

	amongst the 20% most deprived areas in England.			
Religion and belief	<p>The 2021 Census showed that the residents in Torbay identify their religion and/or belief as the following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 48.5% are Christian • 0.4% are Buddhist • 0.2% are Hindu • 0.6% are Muslim • Less than 0.1% are Sikh • 0.1% are Jewish • 0.7% have another religion • 43.2% have no religion • 6.3% did not answer 	<p>There is no differential impact as this permit provides the opportunity to park in any of the car parks specific to this permit. This provides the opportunity for residents to purchase a cheaper permit than the pay and display charges if they regularly park in these car parks to enjoy the surrounding countryside or visit the nearby amenities</p>	Not applicable.	Not applicable.
Sex	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 51.3% of Torbay's population are female. • 48.7% of Torbay's population are male. 	<p>There is no differential impact as this permit provides the opportunity to park in any of the car parks specific to this permit. This provides the opportunity for residents to purchase a cheaper permit than the pay and display charges if they regularly park in these car parks to enjoy the surrounding countryside or visit the nearby amenities</p>	Not applicable.	Not applicable.

Sexual orientation	<p>In the 2021 Census, residents described their sexuality as follows;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 89% as Straight or Heterosexual • 1.7% as Gay or Lesbian • 1.1% as Bisexual • 0.1% as Pansexual • 0.1% described their sexuality another way • 7.4% of people didn't answer the question 	<p>There is no differential impact as this permit provides the opportunity to park in any of the car parks specific to this permit. This provides the opportunity for residents to purchase a cheaper permit than the pay and display charges if they regularly park in these car parks to enjoy the surrounding countryside or visit the nearby amenities</p>	Not applicable.	Not applicable.
Armed Forces Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 2021, 3.8% of residents in England reported that they had previously served in the UK armed forces. • In Torbay, 5.9% of the population have previously served in the UK armed forces. 	<p>There is no differential impact as this permit provides the opportunity to park in any of the car parks specific to this permit. This provides the opportunity for residents to purchase a cheaper permit than the pay and display charges if they regularly park in these car parks to enjoy the surrounding countryside or visit the nearby amenities</p>	Not applicable.	Not applicable.
Additional considerations				
Socio-economic impacts (Including impacts on child	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Torbay is ranked as the 39th most deprived upper tier local authority in 	<p>This permit provides a cheaper method of parking to ensure the natural environment of the area can be enjoyed.</p>	Not applicable.	Not applicable.

poverty and deprivation)	England in the Index of Multiple Deprivation 2025.			
Public Health impacts (Including impacts on the general health of the population of Torbay)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For the five-year period 2020 to 2024, data shows there is a 6-year life expectancy gap between males who live in Torbay's least and most deprived areas and, a 3-year gap for females. 	This permit provides a cheaper method of parking to encourage parking in these car parks where the natural environment can be enjoyed.	Not applicable.	Not applicable.
Human Rights impacts		There is no differential impact as this permit provides the opportunity to park in any of the car parks specific to this permit. This provides the opportunity for residents to purchase a cheaper permit than the pay and display charges if they regularly park in these car parks to enjoy the surrounding countryside or visit the nearby amenities	Not applicable.	Not applicable.
Child Friendly		There is no differential impact as this permit provides the opportunity to park in any of the car parks specific to this permit. This provides the opportunity for residents to purchase a cheaper permit than the pay and display charges if they regularly park in	Not applicable.	Not applicable.

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