



Meeting: Transport Working Party

Date: 23rd January 2014

Wards Affected: Babbacombe

Report Title: Babbacombe Downs Road, Torquay – Creation of Bus Stand and additional on-street parking spaces

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1. **Purpose**

- 1.1 This report is in response to a request from 'English Riviera Sight Seeing Tours', made via the Public Transport Officer, for the provision of a seasonal bus stand on Babbacombe Downs Road, Torquay.
- 1.2 The extent of the proposed parking restrictions are as attached in **Appendix 1**.

2. **Proposed Decision**

- 2.1 It is recommended that members approve the proposals outlined under option 6.1 in this Issues Paper, to advertise the proposed Traffic Regulation Order, and if no objections received to implement.

3. **Action Needed**

- 3.1 That the proposals outlined under option 6.1 in this Issues Paper are advertised and implemented, should no objections be forthcoming. Any objections will be referred to a forthcoming meeting of the Transport Working Party.

4. **Summary**

- 4.1 This report is in response to a request from English Riviera Sighting Seeing Tours, made via the Public Transport Officer, for the provision of a seasonal bus stand on Babbacombe Downs Road, Torquay.
- 4.2 It is proposed to implement the bus stand in a small area of existing unrestricted parking and will require a 2m section of 'No Waiting At Any Time' restriction to be revoked.

The bus stand will only be in operation between the hours of 10am – 6pm, between

May to September, outside of these hours it will continue to allow unrestricted parking.

- 4.3 At the same time, in an effort to counteract the loss of day time parking spaces, it is proposed to revoke a 16.5m section of 'No Waiting At Any Time' restriction opposite 'The Old Coach House' public house. This will create an additional 3 car parking spaces.
- 4.4 It should be noted that whilst there is a budget in place to advertise the proposed restrictions, there is no funding to implement the restrictions in the current financial year. It is therefore hoped to carry out implementation in April / May in readiness for the start of the tourist season.

Supporting Information

5. Position

- 5.1 This report is in response to a request from English Riviera Sight Seeing Tours, made via the Public Transport Officer, for the provision of a seasonal bus stand on Babbacombe Downs Road, Torquay.
- 5.2 It is proposed to implement the bus stand within a small area of existing unrestricted parking and to obtain the required length of bay, will require a 2m section of 'No Waiting At Any Time' restriction to be revoked.
- 5.3 The bus stand will only be in operation between the hours of 10am – 6pm, between May to September, outside of these hours it will continue to allow unrestricted parking.
- 5.4 At the same time, in an effort to counteract the loss of a number of unrestricted day time parking spaces, it is proposed to revoke a 16.5m section of 'No Waiting At Any Time' restriction opposite 'The Old Coach House' public house. This will create an additional 3 car parking spaces.
- 5.5 The extent of the proposed parking restrictions are as attached in **Appendix 1**.
- 5.6 It should be noted that whilst there is a budget in place to advertise the proposed restrictions, there is no funding to implement the restrictions in the current financial year. It is therefore hoped to carry out implementation in April / May in readiness for the start of the tourist season.

6 Possibilities and Options

The Working Party are requested to consider whether they wish to support the implementation of a new traffic regulation order in the area as detailed above in 5.5.

- 6.1 Advertise and implement, should no objections be forthcoming, the proposed Traffic Regulation Order, as per 5.5 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 has been undertaken with the occupiers of 63 Babbacombe Downs Road, which is the property fronted by the proposed bus stand.

9 Risks

No significant risks identified.

Appendices:

Appendix 1 – Shows the proposed changes to the existing Traffic Regulation Order.

Additional Information:

None

Documents available in Members' Rooms:

None

Background Papers:

None