



Meeting: Transport Working Party

Date: 23rd January 2014

Wards Affected: Preston

Report Title: Preston Down Road / Ocombe Farm – Parking Restrictions

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1. Purpose

- 1.1 This report is in response to a decision made by the Torbay Coast and Countryside Trust to introduce charges for the use of the car park at their Ocombe Farm site on Preston Down Road.
- 1.2 The introduction of charges increases the possibility of inappropriate parking on Preston Down Road causing delays to other road users due to the possibility of the carriageway width and visibility being restricted.

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 are received to implement.

3. Action Needed

- 3.1 It is recommended 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 Due to a decision made by the Torbay Coast and Countryside Trust to introduce charges for the use of the car park at Ocombe Farm, it is possible that inappropriate car parking will take place on Preston Down Road.
- 4.2 The introduction of charges increases the possibility of such parking causing delays to other road users, due to the possibility of the carriageway width and visibility being restricted. Therefore it is felt that new parking restrictions are required to control vehicle parking in this area.
- 4.3 Pedestrian movements may also increase, as drivers / passengers cross Preston

Down Road to gain access to the Occombe Farm site.

- 4.4 The boundary between Devon County and Torbay is situated just to the West of the entrance to the farm and therefore discussions have taken place with Devon to agree the extent of the proposed restriction.
- 4.5 It should be noted that the budget for these works will be provided by the Torbay Coast and Countryside Trust.

Supporting Information

5. Position

- 5.1 This report is in response to a decision made by the Torbay Coast and Countryside Trust to introduce charges for the use of their car park at Occombe Farm..
- 5.2 It is possible that this change will lead to displaced vehicles parking inappropriately on Preston Down Road, which is a strategic route between Northern Paignton and the Torbay Ring Road. The current speed limit is 40 mph.
- 5.3 The introduction of charges increases the possibility of such parking causing delays to other road users, due to the possibility of the carriageway width and visibility being restricted.
- 5.4 Pedestrian movements may also increase, as drivers / passengers cross Preston Down Road to gain access to the Occombe Farm site.
- 5.5 It should be noted that temporary restrictions are put in place during large events at Occombe Farm and therefore it is felt that, following the introduction of charges, new permanent restrictions are required to control vehicle parking in this area.
- 5.6 The boundary between Devon County and Torbay is situated just to the West of the entrance to the farm and therefore discussions have taken place with Devon to agree the extent of the proposed restriction.
- 5.7 The extent of the proposed parking restrictions are as attached in **Appendix 1**.
- 5.8 Funding for the implementation of the proposed restrictions will be provided by the Torbay Coast and Countryside Trust.

6 Possibilities and Options

- 6.1 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 5.7.
- 6.2 Advertise and implement, should no objections be forthcoming, the proposed Traffic Regulation Order, as per 5.7 above. Any objections will be referred to a future meeting of the Transport Working Party.
- 6.3 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 Highways Department of Devon County Council and Torbay Coast and Countryside Trust, as the operators of Occombe Farm.

9 Risks

If the changes to the existing Traffic Regulation Orders are not approved due to objections, there will be a risk of an increase in inappropriate parking causing delays to other road users due to the possibility of carriageway width and visibility being restricted. Also pedestrian movements may increase, as drivers / passengers cross Preston Down Road to gain access to the Occombe Farm site.

Appendices:

Appendix 1 – Shows the proposals to implement parking restrictions.

Additional Information:

None

Documents available in Members' Rooms:

None

Background Papers:

None