



Meeting: Transport Working Party

Date: 23rd January 2014

Wards Affected: Ellacombe

Report Title: Queen Street, Torquay – Residents Parking

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1. **Purpose**

1.1 This report is in response to correspondence received from residents of Queen Street, Torquay requesting the introduction of residents parking.

2. **Proposed Decision**

2.1 It is recommended that members approve the proposals outlined under option 6.2 in this Issues Paper to create an area of residents parking and to advertise the proposed amendments to the existing Traffic Regulation Orders.

3. **Action Needed**

3.1 That the proposals outlined under option 6.2 in this Issues Paper for the implementation of amendments to the existing Traffic Regulation Orders 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 After the initial request, the residents were asked to undertake a consultation exercise to gauge the support of the community. This has now been carried out with a favourable response.

4.2 It should be noted that there is currently no budget for these works and therefore residents would have to pay an increased fee of £80 for the first three years to cover the capital costs of implementing the scheme, before the permit fee would reduce to the current figure of £30 per year.

Supporting Information

5. Position

- 5.1 This report is in response to ongoing correspondence received from residents of Queens Street, Torquay, requesting the provision of an on-street residents parking scheme.
- 5.2 After the initial request, the residents were asked to undertake a consultation exercise to gauge the support of the community, given that as there is no available funding in the current budget, residents requiring a permit would have to purchase one at a cost of £80 per year for the first three years in order to fund the implementation of the scheme.
- 5.3** This exercise has now been undertaken and the results are as attached in **Appendix 1**.
- 5.4 A total of 70 properties were identified and 48 replies were noted, a response rate of 69%, of which 15 were vehicle owners and 33 were not. Of those who replied, 100% of the car owners and 85% of the non-car owners were in favour, an average of 90%
- 5.5 The response rate of 69%, with 90% of those replying in favour, is greater than the figures of 40% and 50% specified in the Parking Policy for the introduction of Controlled Parking Zones.
- 5.6 Highways agree that these changes, if funded by the residents, would be appropriate and this report is to gain the support of members for the introduction of residents parking in Queens Street as detailed below and any objections to be referred to a future meeting of the Transport Working Party.
- Introduce a section of residents parking on Queens Street.

Create residents only parking bays, as shown in **Appendix 2**. These bays, for which a permit will have to be paid for, will be available for use by the properties in Controlled Zone D.
- 5.7 It should be noted that whilst the available kerb length for parking is 90m, there are two access lines covering an entrance and garage respectively, along with three disabled bays. Therefore the number of parking spaces which can be implemented will be reduced; highways have written to local residents to ensure that the disabled bays are still required and if not, will have them removed to create additional on-street parking.
- 5.8 Once implemented Queens Street will become part of Controlled Zone D, allowing permit holders to park within other areas of the zone including Braddons Hill Road East.

6. Possibilities and Options

- 6.1 The Working Party are requested to consider whether they wish to support the

proposed amendments to traffic regulation orders in the area as detailed above in 5.6

6.2 Advertise and implement, should no objections be forthcoming, the proposed implementation of the Traffic Regulation Order, as per 5.6 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 by the residents themselves and the feedback received for the introduction of residents parking, at a cost of £80 per year for the first three years, has been favourable. Copies of the consultation documentation are attached as Appendix 1.

9. Risks

If these changes to the existing Traffic Regulation Orders are not approved due to objections, there will be a greater risk of residents parking inappropriately causing delays to other road users due to the possibility of carriageway width and visibility being restricted by inconsiderate parking.

Appendices:

Appendix 1 - Copies of the consultation documentation.

Appendix 2 - Shows the proposals to implement the new Traffic Regulation Order.

Additional Information:

None

Documents available in Members' Rooms:

None

Background Papers:

None