



Meeting: Transport Working Party

Date: 27th March 2014

Wards Affected: Various

Report Title: Proposed Relaxation of Parking Restrictions – Torbay (various roads)

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1. Purpose

- 1.1 This report is in response to a request which The Mayor made last autumn, asking residents and businesses of Torbay to provide feedback to Highways with regard to areas of parking restrictions which they thought could be relaxed or removed entirely to make the bay more car friendly.

2. Proposed Decision

- 2.1 It is recommended that members approve the proposals outlined under option 6.2 in this Issues Paper to create areas of additional parking by relaxing a number of current parking restrictions and to advertise the proposed amendments to the existing Traffic Regulation Orders.

3. Action Needed

- 3.1 That members approve the proposals outlined under option 6.2 in this Issues Paper for the implementation of amendments to the existing Traffic Regulation Orders and the advertising of the amended Traffic Regulation Order and implementation 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 by The Mayor, a press release was issued and the story was carried in the local press, asking residents to provide feedback to Highways with regard to areas of parking restrictions which they thought could be either relaxed or removed entirely.
- 4.2 All requests received, as outlined in **APPENDIX 1**, were considered and judgement made as to whether changes were practical is as attached in **APPENDIX 2**.
- 4.3 It should be noted that there is currently no budget for these works, which are expected to cost in the region of £11,210, plus the cost of advertising and the preparation of the legal orders.

- 4.4 It should also be noted that there were 12 further requests received for the implementation of further parking restrictions, the report does not consider these.
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Supporting Information

5. Position

- 5.1 This report is in response to a request which The Mayor made last autumn, asking the residents of Torbay to provide feedback to Highways with regard to areas of parking restrictions, which they thought could be relaxed or removed entirely to make the bay more car friendly.
- 5.2 After the initial request by The Mayor, a press release was issued and the story was carried in the local press, asking residents to provide feedback to Highways with regard to areas of parking restrictions which they thought could be either relaxed or removed entirely.
- 5.3 All requests received, as summarised in **APPENDIX 1**, were considered and judgement made as to whether changes were practical.
- 5.4 An outline of each proposal is attached in **APPENDIX 2**, with plans of each scheme attached in **APPENDIX 3**.
- 5.5 Correspondence from the local bus company regarding the possibility of changes to the restrictions in St Lukes Road South, is attached in **APPENDIX 4**.
- 5.6 It should be noted that there is currently no budget for these works, which are expected to cost in the region of £11,210, plus the cost of advertising and the preparation of the legal orders.
- 5.7 It should also be noted that there were 12 further requests received for the implementation of further parking restrictions, this report does not consider these but they have been kept on file should the moratorium be lifted.

6 Possibilities and Options

- 6.1 The Working Party is requested to consider whether they wish to support the proposed amendments to the traffic regulation orders in the areas as detailed in **APPENDIX 2**.
- 6.2 Advertise and implement, should no objections be forthcoming, the proposed implementation of the Traffic Regulation Order, as detailed in **APPENDIX 2**.
- Any objections will be referred to a future meeting of the Transport Working Party.
- 6.3 Advertise and implement, should no objections be forthcoming, a selection of the proposed implementation of the Traffic Regulation Order, as detailed in **APPENDIX 2**.

Any objections will be referred to a future meeting of the Transport Working Party.

6.4 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 6.2 above would be the most appropriate option.

8 Consultation

8.1 The residents of Torbay were asked to provide feedback to Highways with regard to areas of parking restrictions which they thought could be relaxed or removed entirely. A press release was issued and the story was carried in the local press.

8.2 The proposed parking restrictions will be advertised, both on site and in the local media. Any comments or objections received will be referred back to a future meeting of the Transport Working Party for consideration.

9 Risks

If the proposed changes to the existing Traffic Regulation Orders are not approved, therefore not taking the opportunity to increase the levels of on street car parking, there will be a greater risk of residents / visitors parking inappropriately and causing delays to other road users due to the possibility of carriageway width and visibility being restricted by inconsiderate parking.

Appendices:

Appendix 1 – Summary of the feedback received from residents regarding areas of parking restrictions which they thought could be either relaxed or removed entirely.

Appendix 2 – Summary of the proposals to implement changes to the existing Traffic regulation Orders.

Appendix 3 – Plans showing the proposals to implement changes to the existing Traffic Regulation Orders.

Appendix 4 – Correspondence regarding St Lukes Road South

Additional Information:

None

Documents available in Members' Rooms:

None.

Background Papers:

None