

Title: **Cary Road, St Lukes Road, St Lukes Road North and St Lukes Road South, Torquay – Consideration of the objections regarding the provision of parking restrictions**

Public Agenda Item: **Yes**

Reason for Report to be Exempt:

Wards Affected: **Tormohun**

To: **Transport Working Party** On: **13th September 2012**

Key Decision: **No** How soon does the decision need to be implemented: **September 2012**

Change to Budget: **No** Change to Policy Framework: **No**

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1. What we are trying to achieve and the impact on our customers

- 1.1 Following a request from Chelston Leisure Services / Local Link, Residents and Visitor Services were asked to consider the implementation of parking restrictions in Cary Road, St Lukes Road, St Lukes Road North and St Lukes Road South.

The proposal was to implement sections of 'No waiting at any time' and 'No Waiting 8am – 6pm' restrictions as shown in **Appendix 1**. This will restrict on-street parking and help to maintain the free passage of bus traffic.

These restrictions were advertised on 9th February 2012 and came into force as an experimental Traffic Regulation Order on 17th February 2012. This order has now been in operation for over six months and the Council are now in a position to make it permanent. However an objection to one section of restrictions in St Lukes Road South has been received which requires consideration by Members.

2. Recommendation(s) for decision

- 2.1 It is recommended that the proposed Traffic Regulation Order for Cary Road, St Lukes Road, St Lukes Road North and St Lukes Road South (**Appendix 1**) is implemented as advertised, except for the section of St Lukes Road 'No Waiting 8am – 6pm' restrictions fronting property no. 7 as shown in **Appendix 1**
- 2.2 It is recommended that the proposed Traffic Regulation Order for St Lukes Road South (**Appendix 3**) is implemented as advertised.

3. Key points and reasons for recommendations

- 3.1 The proposal will enable the bus company, Chelston Leisure Services / Local Link, to operate their service safely and without disruption. The implementation of parking restrictions will prevent the presence of parked vehicles obstructing the free flow of traffic.

For more detailed information on this proposal please refer to the supporting information attached.

Patrick Carney
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Supporting information

A1. Introduction and history

- A1.1 Chelston Leisure Services / Local Link began the operation of the No. 60/61 bus service on the 28th November 2011, servicing the properties (both residential and hotels) in the St Lukes area of Torquay.

Unfortunately the bus service was often disrupted due to the free passage of the bus being blocked due to inappropriate parking of vehicles. Therefore a request was made by Chelston Leisure Services / Local Link to Residents and Visitor Services to consider the implementation of parking restrictions in Cary Road, St Lukes Road, St Lukes Road North and St Lukes Road South.

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These restrictions were advertised on 9th February 2012 and came into force as an experimental Traffic Regulation Order on 17th February 2012. This order has now been in operation for over six months and we are now in a position to make it permanent. However an objection to one section of restrictions in St Lukes Road has been received and is attached as **Appendix 2** for consideration by members.

The objection is signed by the residents of five residences in the vicinity of the restrictions fronting property no. 7 St Lukes Road and states that 'the restricted area remains in use by disabled drivers for periods of up to three hours, so there are cars parked in exactly the same places that were unrestricted before the restriction was applied.'

Having consulted with the operator of the bus service regarding cars parked in this area, he feels that they are not causing his drivers a problem and therefore Highways are happy to uphold the objection and not make the restriction fronting property no. 7 St Lukes Road permanent.

Following feedback from the bus operator an additional section of 'No Waiting 8am – 6pm' restrictions (as shown in **Appendix 3**) was advertised between 2nd – 23rd August 2012. One objection was received and is attached as **Appendix 4** for consideration by members.

Option 1

- Implement as advertised the amendments to the Traffic Regulation Orders as detailed in **Appendix 1 (except the limited waiting bay fronting property no.7 St Lukes Road)**.
- Implement as advertised the amendments to the Traffic Regulation Order as detailed in **Appendix 3**.

Option 2

- Do not implement as advertised the proposed amendments to the Traffic Regulation Orders, as detailed in **Appendix 1 and 3**.

Option 3

- Implement as advertised a selection of the proposed amendments to the Traffic

Regulation Orders, as detailed in **Appendices 1 and 2.**

A2. Risk assessment of preferred option

A2.1 Outline of significant key risks

A2.1.1 To not implement the change in restrictions on Cary Road, St Lukes Road, St Lukes Road North and St Lukes Road South would restrict the ability of the bus operator Chelston Leisure Services / Local Link to maintain a regular service due to the presence of parked vehicles obstructing the free flow of traffic.

A2.2 Remaining risks

A2.2.1 None

A3. Other Options

A3.1 That the proposed amendments to the existing Traffic Regulation Orders are not advertised.

A4. Summary of resource implications

A4.1 Implementation of the proposed Traffic Regulation Orders will be carried out by the Street Scene & Place Group. Enforcement of the waiting restrictions will be provided by staff from within the Residents & Visitor Services Business Unit. Budget for these works will come from Public Transport (Capital) funds.

A5. What impact will there be on equalities, environmental sustainability and crime and disorder?

A5.1 None

A6. Consultation and Customer Focus

A6.1 The proposed parking restrictions were advertised, both on site and in the local media, during the period 9th – 16th February 2012 and 2nd – 23rd August 2012. Correspondence as shown in **appendix 2** has been received.

A7. Are there any implications for other Business Units?

A7.1 Amendments to the existing Traffic Regulation Orders will require legal orders which have to be sealed by the Legal Services team.

Appendices

Appendix 1 A plan showing the location of the proposed parking restrictions.

Appendix 2 A copy of the letter of objection.

Appendix 3 A plan showing the location of the proposed parking restrictions.

Appendix 4 A copy of the letter of objection.

Documents available in members' rooms

None.