



Meeting: Transport Working Party

Date: 12th December 2013

Wards Affected: Tormohun

Report Title: Higher Union Street – Removal of build out and reinstatement of metered car parking

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1. Purpose

1.1 This report is in response to a request from the mayor to investigate the possibility of removing the footway build-out fronting 180 Higher Union Street, Torquay and reinstating car parking to create two extra spaces. See plan as attached in **Appendix 1**.

2. Proposed Decision

2.1 It is recommended that members do not approve the changes to the current parking arrangements.

3. Action Needed

3.1 No further action required.

4. Summary

4.1 Parking Services report that that this area is currently under utilised by customers and has no capacity issues. Therefore to create two extra parking spaces in this area will draw customers from further up Union Street and, whilst this change may be of benefit to the businesses located around Castle Circus, it is expected to generate very little extra income.

4.2 To reinstate car parking in this area, would also require the removal of a well used uncontrolled pedestrian crossing point.

Supporting Information

5. Position

5.1 This report is in response to a request from the mayor to investigate the possibility of removing the footway build-out fronting 180 Higher Union Street, Torquay and reinstating car parking to create two extra spaces in the pay and display area. See plan as attached in **Appendix 1**.

- 5.2 However, Parking Services report that the current situation is that this area is under utilised by customers and has no capacity issues. Therefore to create two extra parking spaces in this area is only likely to draw customers from further up Union Street, leaving vacant spaces closer to Torre. This may be of benefit to the businesses located around Castle Circus, but is expected to generate very little extra income.
- 5.3 To reinstate car parking in this area, would also require the loss of a well used uncontrolled pedestrian crossing point in the area of St Mary Magdalene's church and the magistrates' court.
- 5.4 The cost to relocate the pay and display machine would be £400, whilst the engineering costs of reinstating the carriageway on the South side of Union Street and the footway on the North side is estimated at £3,600. Making a total cost of £4,000.
- 5.5 Therefore it is not felt to be financially viable to carry out these works.

6. Possibilities and Options

- 6.1 The members of the Transport Working Party are recommended not to approve the removal of the footway build-out on Union Street, Torquay and reinstatement of pay and display parking.
- 6.2 The members of the Transport Working Party may wish to recommend the removal of the footway build-out on Union Street, Torquay and reinstatement of pay and display parking.

7. Preferred Solution/Option

- 7.1 Members are recommended that the option in 6.1 above would be the most appropriate action.

8. Consultation

- 8.1 No consultation has been undertaken.

9. Risks

- 9.1 There are no risks identified.

Appendices:

Appendix 1 – Plan of the review area.

Additional Information:

None

Documents available in Members' Rooms:

None

Background Papers:

None