

Petition – Health and Safety at Cary Park and immediate surroundings

Approximately 103 valid signatures.

We undersigned ask the honorable councillors of Torbay Council and the honourable Mayor to consider the following petition:

‘Health & Safety at Cary Park and immediate surroundings’

Cary Park, in Torquay’s St Marychurch district, is a haven of tranquillity to Torquay residents and visitors alike. The park is mostly used by children, dog walkers and elderly people (particularly given the large number of retirement homes in its immediate surrounding areas).

We, as users, feel that by addressing a few health and safety issues, Torbay Council would provide a much safer experience to users in the park, and improve life quality to all.

The areas of concern are:

- * two-way traffic without speed restrictions;
- * lack of gates to three of the entrances to the Park (East, North and West), despite the existence of original gate piers. Gate in the South entrance in poor condition.
- * Hedging in the perimeter of the park seriously deteriorated (particularly along the North/North-East perimeter).

We call the council to consider the following motions to address the issue:

- *establishing a one-way system (clockwise around the park);
- *installation of speed bumps and a 20 miles per hour speed limit all along Cary Park and Cary Avenue (i.e. all the stretch between Manor Road and Reddenhill Road). This will ensure that children and elderly people feel safer.
- * installation of new safety (self-closing) gates in all four entrances to the park, to stop children and dogs running into the street and subsequently being injured and/or causing accidents, particularly as because there is no pavement immediately outside park hedges (which in turn create ‘blind spots’ for drivers who might not see children or animals leaving the park).
- * mending of hedging all along the whole perimeter of the park as, in addition to severely destroyed section in the North/North-West perimeter, there are various other spots on the North-West, South-West, South and South-East perimeter that needs mending in order to improve safety.