



Title: **St Michaels Traffic Action Zone**

Public Agenda Item: **Yes**

Reason for Report to be Exempt:

Wards Affected: **Clifton with Maidenway
Goodrington with Roselands
Roundham with Hyde**

To: **Transport Working Party** On: **6th October 2011**

Key Decision: **No.** How soon does the **October** decision need to be **2011** implemented

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 The Local Transport Plan 3 (2011 – 2016) has identified the continued provision of funding from the capital programme for Traffic Action Zones.
- 1.2 As part of the Integrated Transport Allocation, £200,000 has been allocated in 2011/2012, to enable works to be carried out within the St Michaels area of Paignton under the heading of Traffic Action Zone (TAZ).

2. Recommendation(s) for decision

- 2.1 It is recommended that members approve the proposals outlined under option 1 in this Issues Paper for implementation as The St Michaels Traffic Action Zone during the current financial year.

3. Key points and reasons for recommendations

- 3.1 Traffic Action Zones have been developed to provide improvements to a specific area in relation to road safety, access for pedestrians and access to essential services and public transport. The improvement can also reduce congestion, specifically in relation to parking. The improvements are developed through consultation with the residents of the area.

3.2 Consultation with the residents of the area, Council Ward Members, Paignton Town Community Partnership Steering Group has being undertaken and positive feedback received.

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

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Supporting information

A1. Introduction and history

- A1.1 The Local Transport Plan 3 (2011 – 2016) has identified the continued provision of funding from the capital programme for Traffic Action Zones.
- A1.2 As part of the Integrated Transport Allocation, £200,000 has been allocated in 2011/2012, to enable works to be carried out within the St Michaels area of Paignton under the heading of Traffic Action Zone (TAZ). These works will target improvements in highways safety, traffic calming, signing, lining, landscaping, parking, pedestrian safety, cycling and links to public transport.
- A1.3 By consulting with the key stake holders, the Council hope to deliver the St Michaels TAZ using a range of innovative ideas and treatments.

Appendix 1 shows a plan depicting the proposed area of the TAZ.

A briefing note was presented to the members of the Transportation Working Party on 18th March 2011 and, after due consideration, approval was given to progress the scheme.

- A1.4 On the 25th May 2011 the authority sent out a questionnaire to approximately 2,400 properties located within the TAZ area in an effort to actively seek residents views on highways safety, traffic calming, signing, lining, landscaping, parking, pedestrian safety, cycling and links to public transport.
- A1.5 The objective of the project is to enable communities to become involved with the re-design of their streets to reduce vehicle speeds and provide safer/better access to the schools and other facilities within the TAZ.
- A1.6 Around 200 questionnaires were returned and the information received was collated and used to develop draft proposals for the following areas:
1. Totnes Road/Hayes Road/Collingwood Road/Willicombe Road/Ebenezer Road – formalised parking.
 2. Totnes Road – zebra crossing improvements.
 3. Hayes Road/St Michaels Road – junction improvement.
 4. St Michaels Road/Corsham Road/Climsland Road/Elmbank Road – formalise parking.
 5. St Michaels Road/York Road – junction improvement.
 6. Fisher Street/Sunbury Road – junction improvement.
 7. Penwill Way/Whitley Road junction – parking restrictions.
 8. Broadlands Road/Footlands Road junction – parking restrictions.
 9. Clennon Rise – parking restrictions.

These draft proposals were displayed at a Community Consultation event, which was held in the Beesley Room, Clennon Valley Leisure Centre over the period Friday 2nd – Saturday 3rd September 2011. The event was open from 10am – 4pm on both days.

- A1.7 The plans have also been uploaded to the scheme web site which can be found via the following link:

www.torbay.gov.uk/stmichaelstrafficaactionzone.htm

The draft proposals were generally supported with some minor amendments.

The final plans are enclosed as **appendix 2**.

A1.8 The details of the final proposals are as follows:

Schemes involving construction works:

2. Totnes Road – Zebra crossing improvements.
The proposal is to upgrade the existing zebra pedestrian crossing in the vicinity of the junction with Elmbank Road to improve visibility, using internally illuminated posts, 'Halo' style L.E.D beacons and buff high friction surfacing on the carriageway approaches.
3. Hayes Road/St Michaels Road – junction improvement.
The proposal is to implement low level traffic calming, 'Slow' road markings, kerb realignment, a combination of new physical and virtual footways and lining works in an effort to improve pedestrian access, visibility and reduce vehicle speeds.
5. St Michaels Road/York Road – junction improvement.
The proposal is to implement low level traffic calming, 'Slow' road markings, the provision of a new virtual pedestrian footway (using buff coloured high friction surfacing), provision of an uncontrolled pedestrian crossing point and lining works to improve pedestrian access, visibility and reduce vehicle speeds.
6. Fisher Street/Sunbury Road – junction improvement.
The proposal is to realign the junction by constructing a footway build out to reduce the possibility of left turning vehicles striking the Torbay Inn Public House

These schemes may also entail some improvement/upgrade work to the existing street lighting.

Schemes involving some alteration to the carriageway markings/waiting restrictions:

1. Totnes Road/Hayes Road/Collingwood Road/Willicombe Road/Ebenezer Road – formalised parking.
The proposal is to implement 'No Loading' restrictions on Totnes Road to improve vehicle flow and safety by preventing footway parking at school times. Formalise parking in Hayes Road/Collingwood Road/Willicombe Road/Ebenezer Road by the use of access lines, box markings, bus boxes and double yellow lines at the various junctions.
4. St Michaels Road/Corsham Road/Climsland Road/Elmbank Road – formalise parking.
The proposal is to formalise parking by the use of access lines, box markings, bus boxes and double yellow lines at the various junctions.
7. Penwill Way/Whitley Road junction – parking restrictions.
The proposal is to introduce new 'no parking at any time' restrictions at the junction to aid visibility.
8. Broadlands Road/Footlands Road junctions – parking restrictions.
The proposal is to implement new 'no parking at any time' restrictions at the junctions of Broadlands Road/Derrell Road and Footland Road/Elsdale Road to aid visibility.
9. Clennon Rise – parking restrictions.
The proposal is to implement new 'no parking at any time' and 'no parking 8am – 6pm' restrictions to aid vehicle access.

Some upgrading of bus stop facilities/infrastructure, lighting and pedestrian signing will be undertaken within the area of the TAZ.

A2. Risk assessment of preferred option

A2.1 Outline of significant key risks

A2.1.1 Whilst consultation has been undertaken with major stakeholders, it is possible that when the alterations to the existing Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO) are advertised (both on site and in the local media), these will attract objections from the members of the public. Any such objections will then have to be referred back to a future meeting of the Transport Working Party.

A2.2 Remaining risks

A2.2.1 By making the best use of the available road space we will be able to formalise parking and therefore reduce the number of wasted journeys made by drivers as they search for on-street parking spaces. If these changes to the existing Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO) are not approved due to objections, these wasted journeys may increase with the resultant rise in both traffic movements and vehicle emissions.

A3. Other Options

The following options are considered:

A3.1 Option 1

Implement the proposed engineering works as detailed in schemes 2, 3, 5 and 6 of the St Michaels Traffic Action Zone.

Advertise the amendments to the Traffic Regulation Orders as detailed in schemes 1, 4, 7, 8 and 9 of the St Michaels Traffic Action Zone and implement should no objections be received. Any objections will then be submitted to a forthcoming meeting of the Transport Working Party.

A3.2 Option 2

Do not implement the proposed engineering works or amendments to the Traffic Regulation Orders, as detailed in schemes 1 – 9 of the St Michaels Traffic Action Zone.

A4. Summary of resource implications

A4.1 Advertising of the proposed Traffic Regulation Orders will be carried out by staff from within the Residents and Visitor Services Business Unit using existing resources. 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.

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

A5.1 None

A6. Consultation and Customer Focus

A6.1 Consultation with the residents, Council Ward Members and the Paignton Town Community Partnership Steering Group has been undertaken and positive feedback received.

A7. Are there any implications for other Business Units?

A7.1 None.

Appendices

Appendix 1 Shows the boundaries of the proposed review area.

Appendix 2 Plans 1 – 9 detail scheme drawings.

Documents available in members' rooms

Appendix 2, large scale versions of these plans will be available for members to view in the committee rooms prior to the meeting.

Background Papers:

The following documents/files were used to compile this report:

The Local Transport Plan 3 (2011 – 2016)