



Title: **Torbay Road, Torquay - Consideration of Objections to proposed Traffic Regulation Order**

Public Agenda Item: **Yes**

Reason for Report to be Exempt:

Wards Affected: **Tormohun**

To: **Transport Working Party** On: **5th January 2012**

Key Decision: **No** **Implemented following legal procedures.**

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 Provide additional parking on the Torquay Sea Front area and to simplify the restrictions within the area.
- 1.2 To encourage a turnover of spaces in an area of high demand through the use of on-street pay and display parking.

2. Recommendation(s) for decision

- 2.1 Implement the scheme as per the advertised Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) and outlined in Appendix 1 to this report.

3. Key points and reasons for recommendations

- 3.1 Members of the Transport Working Party of the 18 October 2011 considered a report to remove the peak hour restrictions on Torbay Road adjacent to Torre Abbey Meadows. The current restrictions remove the parking between 8am and

10am and 4pm and 6pm. Members recommended that a TRO be advertised to remove these restrictions so that better access can be provided to the Torquay Sea Front area. In order to ensure a turnover of spaces the Working Party recommended that on-street pay and display be used to more efficiently manage the spaces.

- 3.2 The Council received two objections to the proposed TRO and Councillors are asked to consider these objections

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 Torbay Road, Torre Abbey Meadows has been identified as an area where an above average number of Penalty Charge Notices are issued. 1256 Penalty Charge Notices were issued in this area in 2010/11. Despite additional advisory signage being erected by the Council motorists appear to not understand that they can not park between 8am and 10am and 4pm and 6pm Monday to Saturday. The no parking times were originally implemented to ease congestion at commuter times.
- A1.2 Following feedback from the public and to increase access to the beach and amenity areas the removal of the no parking times from Monday to Saturday have been considered. To create a turnover of vehicles the parking restrictions would match Torbay Road, Rock Walk in Torquay where 4 hours maximum stay is in place. There would therefore be an additional 61 parking bays available for the motorist to use between 8am to 10am and 4pm to 6pm Monday to Friday. The issue of congestion will be monitored by the Highways Team.
- A1.3 The initial on street parking meters proposals specifically considered a number of new locations which included shopping areas, commuter zones and seafront parking sites. As a result of the extensive consultation a number of proposed locations were withdrawn completely, replaced by alternatives, or deferred for further investigation following a meeting of the Transport Working Party on the 18th October 2011. At the meeting of the Full Council on the 31st October 2011 Members decided to advertise proposals for a number of new on street pay and display areas including Torbay Road in Torquay by Torre Abbey Meadows

A2. Risk assessment of preferred option

A2.1 Outline of significant key risks

- A2.2 The public are aware of the plans to extend on street pay and display locations which have generated many objections to the schemes – these have been included in determining these proposals which have been assessed along with other budget pressures.

A2.2 Remaining risks

- A2.2.1 The removal of the peak time parking restrictions will lead to a reduction in the road capacity and may affect journey times.

A3. Other Options

- A3.1 Not to implement the advertised TRO.

A4. Summary of resource implications

A4.1 In order to implement the new restrictions resources will be required from the Business Services Business Unit and the Residents and Visitors Services Business Unit.

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

A5.1 An initial overview equality impact assessment (EIA) for the overall project has been completed.

A6. Consultation and Customer Focus

A6.1 Extensive consultation has taken place by officers and members of the Transport Working Party. This process has included an open meeting on 5th September 2011 and 18th October 2011 for all interested members of the public to attend including verbal representations from community leaders and businesses. There has also been consultation with a local traders group and the Community Partnership relating to Torbay Road.

A7. Are there any implications for other Business Units?

A7.1 Commercial Services Business Unit and Procurement will be required to assist with the implementation of the new on street pay and display areas.

Appendices

Appendix 1 Summary of scheme in Torbay Road

Appendix 2 Summary of on-street Pay and Display tariff

Appendix 3 Objections to proposed Traffic Regulation Order

Documents available in members' rooms

None

Background Papers:

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

None