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Dear Sir

We would like to oppose the proposed new parking meters that you wish to install, particularly those on the Torbay Road seafront. This is one of the last areas in Torquay where there is both free parking and easy access to level ground and as such is invaluable to many residents, particularly the elderly or those who find walking difficult.

We are sure that the Council wishes to encourage visitors to Torquay and wants to encourage residents to use the Bay for leisure and exercise. Many of the people who park in this area visit regularly, but for fairly short periods of time (although not as short as the proposed ten minutes charge, which seems useless in the context of a seaside location). They will certainly be put off by parking charges and this will have a negative effect on local business as well as reducing the amenity value of the area.

We hope that you will not implement these proposals, or at the very least include a free element for short visits of an hour or so, particularly outside high season.

We were very disappointed to find no information about these proposals on the council website and no contact details other than general ones. We had intended to email this objection but instead had to return to Torbay Road in order to obtain the address for submission of objections and the deadline and then post this letter. I would suggest that when you review the number of objections received you bear in mind the difficulties people may have had in responding.

This letter refers to parking on Torbay Road. However, a newspaper reference online mentioned other areas discussed as possible sites at the policy development group meeting on August 16<sup>th</sup>. These included parts of Babbacombe Downs Road and Meadfoot Sea Road – areas which people use in much the same way as Torbay Road (and, if anything more used by local residents). We have been unable to confirm if these made it onto your final proposals, but if they did, we would like to register opposition to these proposals too, for the reasons above.



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| Subject: re. Street Parking Torbay Road                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| I am writing in response to the letter regarding the proposed parking changes to be introduced on Torbay Road.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| I would like to officially lodge the concerns of the state of the concerns of the significant traffic congestion during the peak summer months and for this reason we would ask for the decision to be reconsidered.                                                                                                                                                           |
| The existing parking restrictions were introduced in response to peak hour traffic congestion and since then the traffic movement has improved significantly. We believe the introduction of limited waiting for up to 3 hours between 8am and 6pm will reintroduce congestion at peak times and thus cause problems for traffic wishing to use the Torbay Road, including our |
| Thank you for taking the time to read and consider our concerns.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Yours sincerely                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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