To – Resident & Visitor services, Highways Management, Torbay Council, 4th floor, Roebuck House, Abbey Road, Torquay, TQ2 5TF From – The residents of Lower St. Lukes Road, Torquay TQ2.

22/7/12

Dear Sir/Madam

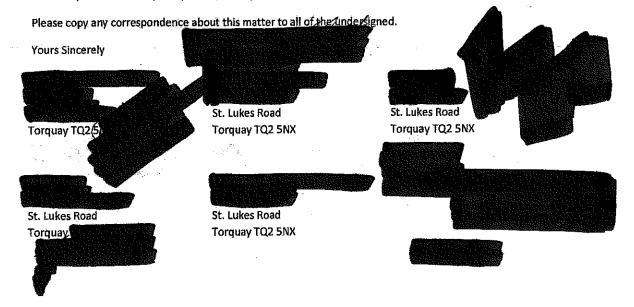
We, the residents of lower St. Lukes Road are writing to object to the recent changes to parking restrictions in the area where we live at the entrance to St. Lukes Road.

Our objection relates only to the area designated in the Public Notice as 'No Waiting 8am – 6pm' located on the North side of St. Lukes Road between the boundary of Nos. 6/7 and Nos. 7/8.

As a group of residents, most of us have limited or no off-road parking so the new restrictions, coupled with the reduced parking allocation in St. Lukes Road North and St. Lukes Road South have made it very difficult for us to park anywhere near our homes. The availability of this area as a restricted parking zone from 6pm to 8am is not particularly helpful to those of us who are retired or work from home and need to find local parking outside of these hours. Whilst we can appreciate the need for the new bus services to circulate easily, the loss of these few parking spaces has made a big difference to parking available to us.

In the days before the restrictions, buses, coaches and heavy goods vehicles regularly passed the single line of parked cars in lower St. Lukes Road, en-route to St. Lukes Road North and South with little issue as the road is generally very quiet during the day. The restricted area remains in use by disabled drivers for periods of up to three hours, so these cars are parked in exactly the same places that were unrestricted before the restriction was applied.

We are therefore asking for you to consider removing the restrictions at the entrance to St. Lukes Road before the end of the trial period. If this could be done it would almost double the parking spaces available to us to ease our problem and hopefully enable us to park within a reasonable range of our homes.



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