

Appeal against the Council's response to a petition

Uncontrolled pedestrian crossing, Dartmouth Road/Fisher Street, Paignton

Torbay Council's Petition Scheme sets out how the Council will respond to petitions it receives.

(A copy of the Petition Scheme is attached as Appendix 1.)

As part of the Scheme, if a petitioner does not feel that their petition has been dealt with properly, they have the right to appeal and request the Overview and Scrutiny Board to review the steps that the Council has taken in response to the petition.

A petition regarding the visibility at the uncontrolled pedestrian crossing at the junction of Dartmouth Road and Fisher Street in Paignton was considered by the Service Manager (Streetscene and Place) in May 2013.

A copy of petition and the associated decision is attached as Appendix 2.

The petitioner (Peter Carroll) has requested that the Overview and Scrutiny Board review this decision for the following reasons:

1. Although the bottom branches have now been removed there is still an obvious blind spot, when crossing via the designated crossing point, as my picture attached clearly shows.

I would like to express my concern regarding the safe crossing of the elderly and disabled, who cannot cross quickly. I feel this is not fully understood by the engineers who state they believe the crossing is now safe.

Maybe a meeting could be arranged in order for me to explain this more clearly on site?

2. Although a review will be made in a year's time, no mention is made regarding the undermining of the wall surrounding our scheme when the Wellingtonia grows fully. It surely would be better to remove the tree now to another place, more suitable.



A response to the appeal has been received from the Service Manager (Streetscene and Place) and is attached as Appendix 3.

In accordance with the Petition Scheme, the Overview and Scrutiny Board is asked to determine whether the Council has dealt with the petition adequately. If it feels that it has not, the Board could determine to:

- Instigate an investigation
- Make a recommendation to the Mayor; or
- Arrange for the request to be considered at a meeting of the Council (if the Board feels that the Council has seriously neglected its responsibility to listen to local people)