

TORBAY COUNCIL – ENVIRONMENT SERVICES

DELEGATED DECISION – No. 3/2013

Petitions Relating to Streetscene

Decision

Petition requesting uncontrolled pedestrian crossing, adjacent Big Tree, Dartmouth Road, Paignton

That the bottom branches will be removed to improve visibility and the tree will be reviewed again in a year's time.

Reason for Decision

The petition and supporting information was referred to the Service Manager (Streetscene & Place) for decision, in consultation with the Executive Lead Member. The decision was made after consideration of the issues set out in the petitions.

Information

The species of the tree is a Wellingtonia which is a conifer of similar variety to a number of large conifers planted in the Goodrington area. The tree is planted on the grass verge of the highway at the junction of Dartmouth Road and Fisher Street. The tree does not prevent visibility of vehicles when crossing from the designated crossing points but does restrict visibility at the centre of the road. The highways Engineers do not believe it presents a significant risk to pedestrians.

The tree is, however, highly tolerant to pruning and over the next few years the branches can be raised to further improve visibility. The first stage of this pruning can be carried out now which will significantly improve visibility and the next stage carried out in year's time.

Alternative options considered at the time of the decision

- Proceed
- Not to proceed

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Patrick Carney
Service Manager (Streetscene & Place)



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In consultation with Councillor Ray Hill,
Executive Lead for Transport

Date: 8th May 2013

Rec'd 10.30am
20/03/13

Via Comino

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Date: 19th March 2013

Dear Mr Carroll,

Uncontrolled Pedestrian Crossing – Dartmouth Road / Fisher Street, Paignton

I write to you with reference to our ongoing correspondence concerning the uncontrolled pedestrian crossing at the junction of Dartmouth Road / Fisher Street, Paignton.

Thank you sending in all of the signatures you have gathered and I can confirm that, due to the number collected, I have accepted them as a petition. I have therefore forwarded it to Democratic Services, who will be in touch with you in the near future, as to whether you wish to meet with the decision maker (Mr Patrick Carney – Service Manager, Street Scene and Place) or have it presented to full council. I hope this will allow you to present your concerns and get this matter brought to a satisfactory conclusion.

Thank you for continuing to take an interest in the road safety issues currently affecting your area. However, should you require any further information on the points discussed above, then please do not hesitate to contact me on 01803 207665.

Yours sincerely

John Clewer
Senior Engineer

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If you require this in a different format or language, please contact me.



The Highways Department of Torbay council reckon the tree adjacent to our scheme on Dartmouth Road (Pictured) does not cause an obstacle to pedestrians crossing Fisher Street from the Big tree island.

But the problem is obvious and often it is impossible to see if traffic is indicating whether to turn left making it unsafe for those of us who have difficulty as it is crossing this dangerous junction.

The following list of those who disagree will be forwarded to the Council and your support would be welcome.

SIGNATURES:-

Peter Barrell
 Daphne Lamb
 BERNICE GREGORY
 V H O'Leary
 MA Booth
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