



Title: **PETITION REQUESTING REMOVAL OF TREE AT DARTMOUTH ROAD**

Wards Affected: **Roundham with Hyde**

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1. Key points and Summary

- 1.1 This report outlines the process followed in the consideration of the petition submitted to Torbay Council requesting the removal of the tree at the junction of Fisher Street and Dartmouth Road. The outcome of the review was that the tree would remain but pruning would take place to improve visibility with further pruning taking place next year.

2. Introduction

- 2.1 A petition was submitted to Torbay Council on the 20 March 2013 which contained 39 signatures requesting the removal of a tree at the junction of Fisher Street and Dartmouth Road.
- 2.2 The petition was referred to the Group Service Manager (Streetscene and Place) as the decision maker in consultation with the Executive Lead for Transport. The petition was reported to the Full Council meeting on 15th May 2013 and the petition organiser was invited to present the petition to the Transport Working Party on 25th April 2013.
- 2.3 In considering the petition, the views of the Highways Road Safety Engineer were considered and advice sought from the Council's Arboriculturalist. The Council's Tree and Woodland Framework was also considered.
- 2.4 The species of the tree is a Wellingtonia which is a conifer of similar variety to a number of 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.
- 2.5 In considering all of the evidence, the final decision was made on 8th May 2013

as follows:-

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

The first stage of the pruning has been carried out which has improved visibility.

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Appendices

None

Documents available in members' rooms

None

Background Papers:

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

Tree and Woodland Framework for Torbay – April 2012