

**Petition for Debate – Covenant for Cary Green (Mayoral Decision) – Council 26  
February 2015**

**1336 paper signatures  
90 e-petition signatures**

As freehold land owner, Torbay Council is asked to covenant with the residents of Torquay not to allow any development of Cary Green without first obtaining the agreement of the majority of the residents of Torquay at a referendum.

In 2012, Torbay Council made a covenant with the residents of Paignton promising not to allow any development of Paignton Green without the agreement of the residents of the Paignton Ward. In July 2014, the Council then made a covenant with that the residents of St Marychurch & Babbacombe promising not to allow any development of Babbacombe downs without the agreement of the majority of residents. In September 2014, the Mayor agreed to make a covenant with the residents of Churston and Galmpton not to allow any development of Churston Golf Course.

The residents of Torquay ask to be treated equally.

For the residents of Torbay, Cary Green is a highly valued 'open green space' at the centre of Torquay town. It provides an oasis of green between the Torquay town and the harbour area. Its unique environment is greatly enjoyed as a community space where families can gather and play, and is visited throughout the year by the local and wider communities of Torbay and visitors alike.

**Submitted by Patricia Bishop**