

# PAIGNTON NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

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Dear David and Adam

## **Torbay Future Transport Projects Consultation**

Our thanks to you and your team for agreeing to take into account the views of the Neighbourhood Forum on the above consultation.

The Forum's views were agreed at our meeting last night:

1. There is growing concern that works completed, underway, and planned for the Western Corridor are gradually removing local 'identity'. Examples are the works at Tweenaway Cross where local features were replaced with harsh retaining walls, tarmac areas and unattractive fencing in key places. Along Brixham Road more recent construction of brick retaining wall has replaced soft landscaping that gave the route a distinctive and much softer appearance.

Concern exists that design issues are becoming of growing importance for any further works to this corridor, for example along the Kings Ash Hill section, and that might also emerge along the A385.

The need to retain local 'identity' is one of the 4 key objectives the community have said they wish to see in the emerging Neighbourhood Plan we are producing. In conclusion, we see it as very important that the budget for any further schemes are sufficient to ensure the inclusion of natural / soft landscaping and use of local materials, for example such as red sandstone and lime stone where engineered solutions are unavoidable.

2. The Forum remains opposed to the Paignton Town Centre Masterplan SPD that includes a 'quick win' traffic scheme to make Hyde Road/ Great Western Road a two way route. In the absence of any traffic information or supportable justification we still consider the network change proposed overall to be not workable and a waste of scarce transport resources to take further.

3. Another of our 4 key Objectives the community expect to see in the Neighbourhood Plan is making more of the tourism offer in Paignton. As part of this, there is need to maintain car parking capacity for growth of tourism as well as local use.
4. For the same reason as 3 above, there is inadequate provision for long distance coaches (parking especially).
5. Following on from 4 above, the need remains to make inter-connection of transport modes in station area a priority.

We hope these comments are of assistance. Should you require any further clarification or information, please let me know.

Yours sincerely

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