

Brixham Town Council

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Purpose of Report

To consider the following motion from Cllr S Leach.

In line with the Government Greener Active Transport Policy, and in advance of the outcomes of the Torbay Cycling and Walking consultation, facilitated by the £2 Billion investment announced in May 2020. To consider 2 opportunities to provide secure cycle parking facilities in the Town Centre.

- a) That the Town Council purchases secure cycle parking brackets that can be affixed to existing safety bollards.
- b) That a minimum of 3 cycle brackets are installed in suitable locations to be agreed between the Town Clerk and the Lengthsmen in Fore Street, Middle Street and near the Fish Market. The locations to be considerate of existing business use, pavement cafe and emergency vehicle access.

Draft Community Recovery Plan

The above motion is consideration of the Town Council's draft community recovery plan which states:

Cycling improvements – install cycle racks & electric bicycle/electric buggy recharging points in central car parks and cycle lanes in town where appropriate, plus installing cycle lock brackets to bollards & lampposts at appropriate locations in the town - working in line with Government fitness and Environment schemes for which Torbay have funding on which they are going out for consultation.

A timeframe has been considered by the working group and it is believed that this could be achieved in the short to medium term.

Benefits of Cycling

According to the Cycling Industry News, cycling rose by up to 300% on some days during the first national lockdown. Encouraging more cycling in Brixham will help improve:

- mental well-being
- health
- physique
- carbon footprint
- the environment

Locations

Cycle parking is available in the Central Car Park close to the entrance to Union Lane. However, with the need to improve the economy in Brixham it is believed cycle parking would encourage more residents to shop local by providing parking in prominent locations.

Cycle Loops

The cycle loops can be fitted to either bollards or lamp post columns and we have identified potential sites along Fore Street, The Strand and The Quay where they could be installed on bollards. The cycle loops accommodate up to two bicycles.

It should be noted that cycling is currently not permitted in Fore Street.

The Cycle loops are made from stainless steel or mild steel. They are easy to install and ideal for retrofitting to existing street furniture, making it great for locations where normal cycle stands cannot be installed and where pavement space is limited.



They cost £250 plus vat per cycle loop.

Wall Anchors

The Wall Anchor is a secure, space-saving design for one bicycle providing a permanent bike locking point. Its sturdy design is made from stainless steel and can be bolted to brick or concrete walls. There are currently three installed at Brixham Town Hall to encourage occupiers and hirers to cycle.



Working with landlords, these could be installed in streets where there are fewer bollards, for example, Middle Street, New Road and Bolton Street. They cost £99 plus vat per wall anchor.

New Cycle Path Proposal

With the increased number of cyclists on the road the Government has made funding available to introduce improved cycleways. Torbay Council are currently considering a new cycleway on America Lane leading out to Churston. They have had a preliminary meeting with the Deputy Town Clerk and Councillor Leech where it was suggested that Torbay Council extend the cycle path to link in with the park and ride and utilise Elberry Lane. Torbay Council are due to submit a planning application very soon.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Town Council:

- a) Purchase Cycle Hoops and Wall Anchors in suitable locations to be agreed between the Town Clerk and the Lengthsmen. The locations to be considerate of existing business use, pavement cafe and emergency vehicle access.
- b) Work with landlords and businesses for the installation of Wall Anchors.
- c) Commissions the Town Lengthsmen to carry out the installation. The cost of the hire of any required equipment to be taken into consideration within the proposed budget.
- d) Allocate £3,000 from the Social Emergency Fund.
- e) Commence discussions with Torbay Council for the introduction cycle lanes in Brixham including Fore Street.