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Summary

Torbay Council (TC) are currently upgrading the festoon lights in Paignton and Torquay. Brixham Town Council (BTC) has asked TC when the festoon lights in Brixham are scheduled for upgrading. TC has asked the Town Council to consider its aspirations for the harbour lighting.

This report will identify the condition of the current festoon lighting at the harbour and make suggestions for improvements.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Community Environment Committee requests Torbay Council:

1. As a minimum, replaces the existing festoon lighting and extend the lights around the harbour bowl as far as the Man & Boy Statue (see page 2)
2. Installation of permanent festoon lights around the Old Fish Market in January 2023.
3. Subject to funding, extends the festoon lights along Marina walkway to the Breakwater car park.

Current Festoon lights

Brixham has a short stretch of festoon lighting located along The Quay. The current festoon lights, as shown in Annex 1 at the end of this report, are in poor condition and have become detached in several places. The lights begin opposite the Crown and Anchor public house and continue as far as the Old Fish Market, approximately 53 metres in total.

In 2021 the Town Council facilitated the installation of festoon lights around the Old Fish Market structure. The lights were sponsored by four businesses, The Bay Coffee Company, Liberty's, Quay 57 and The Harbour Diner. The lights were installed by BTC's existing seasonal display contractor during the removal of the *Christmas display in January 2021. The festoon lights are currently rented on an annual basis and will be removed in October/ November 2021 when the Christmas display is installed. Re-installation of the lights in January 2022 is dependent on continued sponsorship from businesses.

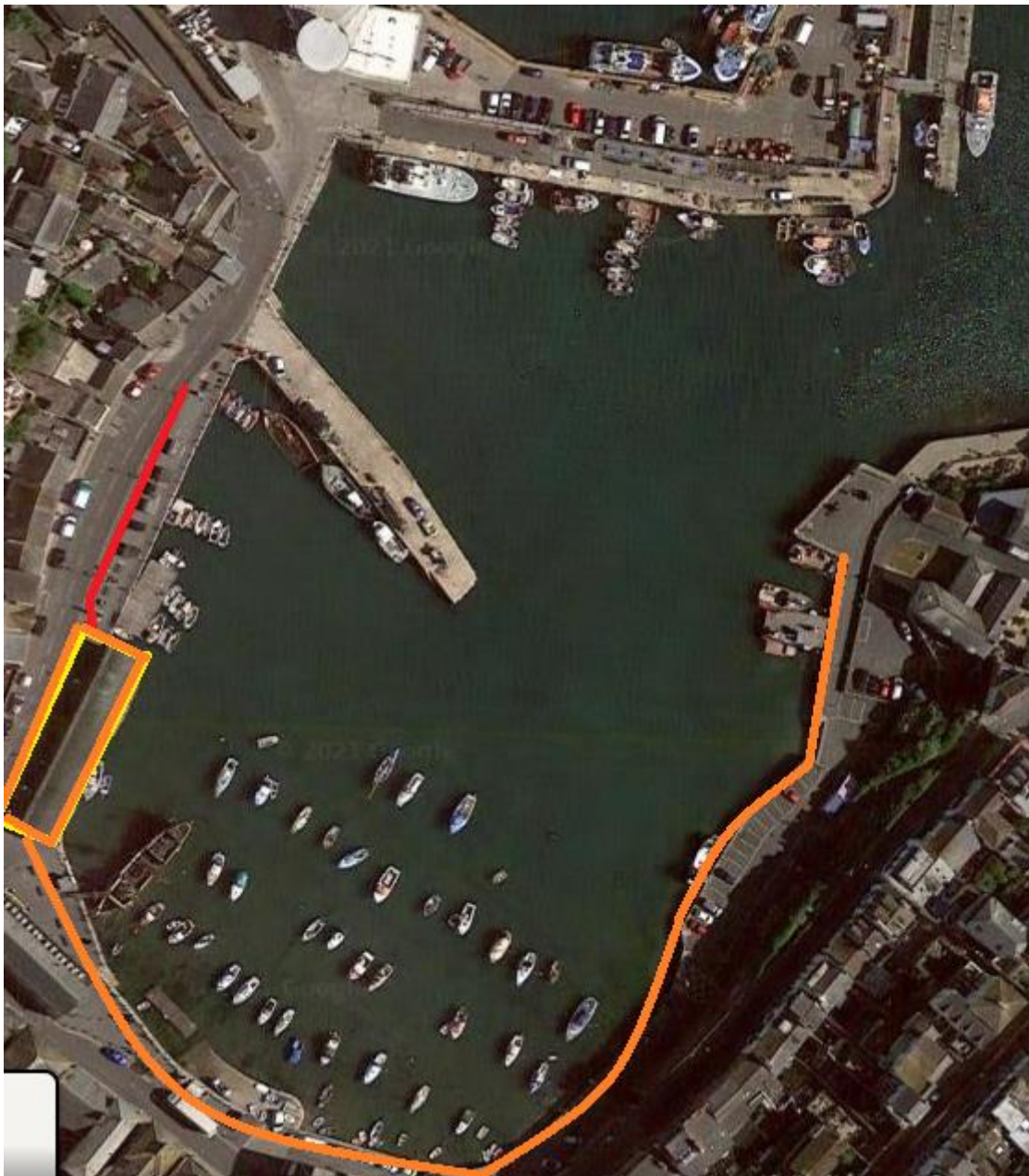
*Note due to contractual commitments the Old Fish Market festoon lighting needs to be removed to make way for the Christmas display in 2022 and 2023. After the contract has expired it is suggested that permanent festoon lighting is installed.

The natural shape of the Harbour bowl provides an ideal setting for festoon lights.

Suggested location of Festoon lights

Red line shows the existing festoon lights provided by Torbay Council, approximately 53 metres.

Orange line indicates where the festoon lights should be extended, approximately an additional 372 metres.



Annex 1. Brixham current festoon lighting



Image from Google Maps (accessed 15.07.21). Festoon Lights, first section.



Image from Google Maps (accessed 15.07.21). Festoon Lights, second section.



Image from Google Maps (accessed 15.07.21). Lights connecting the end of the Festoon lights to the Old Fish Market.



Image taken by L McGuirk, January 2021. Festoon lights along the Quay hanging quite low.