

Totnes Town Centre Traffic Management Scheme

Following the advertisement of the Traffic Regulation Orders to make this long standing experimental scheme into a permanent scheme, the County Council received a challenge to its procedures to make such an order, from a local representative group. This challenge has now been heard in High Court and unfortunately ruled that the counties processes were found wanting in two areas.

These two areas centre around the requirement to mention specific subsections of legislation and the definition of 'restricting' a public service vehicle. These new rulings set new national legal precedent, which has meant DCC has received wide spread interest from other local authorities whose procedures are similar to ours and have been surprised by the ruling and express support for an appeal. DCC is now seeking approval to appeal this judgement.

Change in Traffic Order

The parking restrictions in the Spitchwick area have been altered from seasonal timings to 'No Parking 24/7 all year round'.

This is something that should be taken into account when visiting the area as this will have a heavy impact on tourists.



'10 Minutes' Grace Period



You may have seen in the National Press ([see attached article](#)) over the last few weeks that Civil Enforcement Officers must provide a grace period of 10 minutes before issuing a Penalty Charge Notice.

What may have not been clear is that the 10 minute grace period should only be adhered to when vehicles are parked in 'Pay and Display' spaces or 'Limited Waiting' bays and are in danger of over-running on time, I have been informed that the Civil Enforcement Officers already adhere to this rule.

This period of grace will not be applicable to vehicles parked on double yellow lines, loading bays, taxi bays etc.

Signing/Lining

As we approach the end of the financial year the signing and lining teams are busy finishing up and completing work programmes. Paperwork needs to be complete and with finance in time for billing.

It was agreed that a process needs to be created for the new 'No Parking' signs that are replacing the cones. An issue has arisen due to the limited space the sign has for information to be placed.

Staffing

Paul Marshall has had his temporary contract extended. Following the departure of Sia Mahmoodshahi, all Disabled Bay queries/issues will be dealt with by Paul Minshull.