

Health Policies

Walking and cycling environment

Provide joined up routes for walking and cycling across Torquay and ensure new developments are fully integrated to existing networks

Manage vehicular speeds to promote safer communities

To encourage walking and cycling to schools there needs to be suitable parking arrangements, controlled crossings and mandatory speed limits for key walking and cycling routes

POLICY H1

Any Planning applications for schools must include provision for controlled crossings and mandatory 20 mph speed limits for all key walking routes adjacent to the school.

POLICY H2

Any Planning application for schools must include a travel plan for staff, parents and children that provides safe drop off zones, adequate on-site staff parking, road side controlled parent parking and phased attendance times to demonstrate and facilitate safe and effective road usage for all users.

POLICY H2

Any new Primary school to be located not more than a 10 minute walk away from 80% of the catchm

ent area

Encourage walking and cycling by ensuring all light controlled junctions are appropriate for safe pedestrian use.

Ensure key community walking and cycling routes are well lit and designed to be safe.

- Create safe and secure layouts that minimise conflicts between traffic and cyclists.
- Ensure cycle paths are maintained and well lit at night for key routes.

Local transport

- Promote sustainable public travel methods to dissuade the use of private cars.
- Ensure existing transport infrastructure, such as rail and bus services are integrated effectively and are sustainable.

Open spaces, recreation and play

- Do not build on existing open spaces, sports and recreational facilities.

POLICY H4

All community green spaces identified in the Neighbourhood Plan must be protected from development

- Require high-quality public spaces and encourage active and continual use of public areas.
- Connect places with each other and make moving through them easy.
- Ensure open spaces cater for a range of users with multiple social, health and environmental benefits.
- Ensure play spaces are easy and safe to get to by sustainable transport, and well over-looked to ensure safety.
- Ensure Schools have adequately sized open spaces, including playing fields and opportunities for food growing.
- Provide a range of sports and leisure facilities and pitches designed and maintained for use by the whole community
- Provide a wide range of high-quality play opportunities and experiences integrated into residential areas.

Food

- Ensure opportunities are provided for households to own or have access to space to grow food, for example roof/ communal gardens or allotments.

POLICY H5

The 'Old Piggeries' site Cockington to be a community food production area.

POLICY H6

No existing allotments or community food production areas will be developed unless equivalent site is substituted.

Neighbourhood spaces

- Ensure Community and healthcare facilities are provided early in the planning stage of any new development.

POLICY H7

All new green field developments to provide community hub facilities (not less than a supermarket, primary school, doctors surgery, post office and a restaurant/pub) not more than 10 minute walk from 80% of the homes

- Protect public rights of way and access.

POLICY H7

No public right of way will be closed without the express consent of the surrounding community

New Developments

- Ensure dwellings have adequate space for secure bike storage
- New developments of houses must include adequate outdoor space, such as a front or back gardens or balconies or access to public green spaces

POLICY H8

All homes on green field sites shall have not less than 20 sq m of outside space attached to the property

POLICY H9

All new developments shall include a travel plan that supports sustainable public transport.

POLICY H10

All new job creating buildings shall have cycle racks/storage and clothes changing facilities.

POLICY H11

Any Master Plan must ensure the development is on a sustainable public transport network and is linked to walking and cycling networks.

POLICY H12

All new apartments on brown field sites shall be within a 5 minute walk of a public green space or public access sea shore