

Non-strategic Traffic and Highway improvement

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Location	Bird in Bush Road
Proposal	To consolidate the existing closure and introduce a timed school street closure between Commercial Way and the access to Peterchurch House enforced by ANPR camera
Ward(s) affected	Old Kent Road

Non-strategic Traffic and Highway improvement

A non-strategic traffic and highway improvement is a small project where the council proposes to modify the existing Highway layout. This may include changes to waiting and loading restrictions, traffic calming, improved crossing facilities etc.

Under Part 3D of the council's constitution, the Cabinet Member is responsible for Transport Issues: To decide to implement a traffic and highway improvement project, subject to statutory consultation.

Background / Request

- The Council's School Streets Programme has been running since April 2018. School Streets work by prohibiting motorised vehicles from accessing roads outside school entrances, on a timed or permanent basis. The aim is to improve the road safety and air quality that many schools suffer during drop-off and pick-up times, as well as encourage active travel by pupils and parents through either walking or cycling.
- The programme aims to meet the following objectives:
 - Provide more space for social distancing at pick-up and drop-off times.
 - Improve road safety outside the vicinity of the school entrance.
 - Provide a healthier environment and improve local air quality outside schools for vulnerable user groups.
 - Encourage the use of active travel, such as walking, cycling, scooting or park and stride.

Location

- Bird in Bush Road, SE15 1QP
- Bird in Bush Road is in a controlled parking zone (T), operating Mon-Fri, 8.00am-6.30pm.



Investigation and conclusions

- The closure was originally put in place on an experimental TMO in 2020, as part of Covid 19 school streets measures.
- It is currently enforced by a TTRO which expires on 29th June 2023.
- Officer's investigations showed that although the 'at any time' closure prevents through traffic, further timed measures would prevent dangerous manoeuvres during school drop off and collection times.

Recommendation

It is recommended:

- To extend and consolidate the 'at any time' closure, enforced by physical measures (West of Peterchurch House vehicular access to Green Hundred Road).
- To install a permanent timed closure on Bird in Bush Road, between Commercial Way and the vehicular access to Peterchurch House, enforced using ANPR cameras.
- Hours of operation for the closure, Monday – Friday within the hours below:
 - AM: 08:15 – 09:00
 - PM: 15:00 – 16:00

This proposal is subject to Traffic Management Order (TMO) statutory consultation. A TMO is the legal mechanism the council as traffic authority uses to control aspects of the way that the highway is used. They provide the legal backing to signs and road markings used on the highway and allow them to be enforceable.

A detailed design drawing of the proposal is provided within this document.

Next steps

Should this non-strategic Traffic and Highway improvement proposal be approved, then arrangement will be made to carryout statutory consultation.

Following the statutory consultation period, the council will make arrangements to install the restrictions (road marking and signage).

Should objections be received during the statutory consultation period, these will be presented to the Cabinet Member for determination.

Reference	17
Report author	TA
Ward members notified	Yes
Comments	None