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Date: 20 December 2021

Dear Councillor

**Notification of a Decision taken by the Cabinet Member for Housing,
Regeneration and the Climate Emergency**

The attached non-key decision has been taken by the Cabinet Member for Housing, Regeneration and the Climate Emergency with regards to:

- **School Streets – EMTO results – St Teresa’s RC Primary School**

and will be implemented at **noon** on **Thursday 23 December 2021** unless a call-in request is received.

The [call-in](#) form is attached for your use if needed and refers to the relevant sections of the constitution.

Yours sincerely

Democracy Services

NON-KEY DECISION TAKEN BY A CABINET MEMBER UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

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Title of report: School Streets – EMTO results- St Teresa's RC Primary School

Reason for exemption (if any) -- NIA

Decision maker

Councillor Martin Whelton, Cabinet Member for Housing, Regeneration & the Climate Emergency

Date of Decision

16 December, 2021

Date report made available to decision maker

13 December 2021

Decision

Having considered the officer's recommendations and all the representations, I agree to the recommendations as set out in the report in making the school street permanent and for a statutory consultation to be undertaken to change the hours of operation to 8.15–9.00am and 2.45 --3.45pm Mon-Fri term times only

Reason for decision

To maintain and further improve on reducing congestion, risk, pollution outside school gate and continue to encourage active travel and bring about a change in behaviour.

Alternative options considered and why rejected

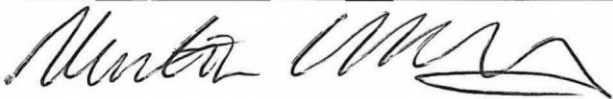
To remove the restrictions. This would be against the Council's objectives in improving the environment in terms of safety, access, air quality and increase in active travel and use of sustainable transport. It will do nothing to address localised congestion and bring about a change in behaviour.

Documents relied on in addition to officer report

NIA

Declarations of Interest

N/A



Cllr Martin Whelton

16 December 2021

Cabinet member for housing, regeneration, and the climate emergency

Committee: Cabinet Member Report

Date: 13th December 2021

Agenda item: N/A

Wards: Ravensbury

Subject: School Streets – EMTO results- St Teresa’s RC Primary School

Lead officer: Chris Lee, Director of Environment & Regeneration.

Lead member: Councillor Martin Whelton, Cabinet Member for Housing, Regeneration and the Climate Emergency

Forward Plan reference number: N/A

Contact Officer: Mitra Dubet, email: mitra.dubet@merton.gov.uk

Recommendations:

That the Cabinet Member considers the issues detailed in this report and:

- A) Notes the results of the Experimental Traffic Management Order used to implement the School Street and its associated restrictions as shown below and on plan in Appendix 1.

School	Restricted Roads	Restricted periods Mon-Fri Term times only
St Teresa’s RC Primary	Montacute Rd (between Middleton Rd & Lillishall Rd)	8.00 – 9.15am 2.45 - 4.00pm

- B) To consider all the representations received as set out in Appendix 2 and agrees to proceed with making the existing Experimental Traffic Management permanent.
- C) Agrees to the undertaking of a statutory consultation to change the hours of operation to 8.15– 9.00am and 2.45 – 3.45pm Mon-Fri term times only (to reflect the schools’ new hours).
- D) Agrees to exercise his discretion not to hold a public inquiry on the consultation process.

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report details the result of the Experimental Traffic Management Order used to introduce the School Street restrictions in September 2020.
- 1.2 It seeks approval to proceed with making the Experimental Traffic Management Order (ETMO) permanent and retain the School Street. This will ensure that the objectives associated with school streets are met and retained.
- 1.4 This report also seek approval to undertake a statutory consultation to change the hours of operation to 8.15– 9.00am and 2.45 – 3.45pm Mon-Fri term times only.

2.0 DETAILS

2.1 As part of the Council's objective to reduce congestion, pollution, collisions, risk and provide a safe environment within the vicinity of schools, the Council has a rolling road safety and accessibility programme. Measures that are often implemented include 'school keep clear' zig-zag road markings to prevent drivers parking close to the school gates and to improve sightlines; 20mph speed limits with accompanying traffic calming measures and road safety education. These measures have been very successful in most areas, as there has been an improvement in perception of safety with a reduction in risk of injury. Although these measures have been successful in ensuring access and safety, the level of congestion, risk and air quality outside the schools remain a concern. The contributing factor is the high localised volume of vehicular traffic and obstructive parking within the vicinity of schools often generated by parents / carers of pupils attending the school.

Air Quality

2.2 To assess the level of air quality around schools, in January 2017 the Mayor of London commissioned an assessment of air quality outside 50 London schools. A report was published in May 2018 (the Mayor of London on School Air Quality Programme) detailing its findings of unacceptable levels of air quality during the school opening and closing periods of the day. One of the contributing factor to this poor air quality within London is road transport, of which the Mayor of London has introduced a series of measures to improve the air quality especially around schools, however this still remains a concern. It is considered that without significant intervention, as the Capital grows rapidly with increasing congestion, adverse health and safety implications are set to continue.

2.3 The Mayor's Air Quality report also identified that school travel in some areas often does not contribute substantially to local emissions, as many walk, scoot, cycle or travel by public transport, with much of the road transport emissions emanating from the nearby busy main roads. However, seeking to manage and reduce school related car travel still has an important role to play. Cars picking up and dropping off children near the school gates result in a concentration of emissions amongst larger numbers of children, worsening exposure including the increase in risk of collisions. The recommendations also often focus on delivering broader improvements to the environment around the schools for walking and cycling, and the promotion of sustainable transport including footway widening, kerb build-outs, improved crossing facilities on desire lines and traffic calming.

2.4 The Mayor's Air Quality report highlights that without significant intervention, as the capital grows rapidly with increasing congestion, the air quality levels are forecast to rise considerably, which will impact on adverse health and safety implications. Health implications include triggering or exacerbating chronic diseases such as asthma, hearth attack, bronchitis and other respiratory problems.

2.5 Recommendations in the Mayor's report is for local authorities to try and minimise the level of pollution outside schools by introducing measures to minimise vehicular traffic outside school gates. Due to the pandemic, since May 2020, all local authorities have been encouraged to expedite such improvements.

2.6 In addition to the above, in response to a green recovery, DfT / TfL provided funding (subject to a bid process) for boroughs to consider, consult and implement School Streets so as to reduce congestion, remove the obstructive parking that is often associated with schools; promote active and sustainable modes of travel; improve safety and air quality particularly outside schools. Further information is available on the Council's website www.merton.gov.uk/schoolstreets

2.7 During tranche 1 of the funding process, the Council was successful in its bid to DfT/TfL in securing funding to design and implement a number of school streets throughout the borough. However, due to extremely tight deadlines set by TfL/DfT, the programme was introduced under an Experimental

Order. As per legislation, the Council does need to make a decision no later than 18th month of the ETMO coming in to effect.

2.8 As part of Merton's commitment, a report dated 3rd August 2020 titled School Streets–Restricted Vehicular Access -Experimental Traffic Management was submitted to the Cabinet Member for approval to implement a number of school streets. Cabinet Member decision was made to implement the school street under an Experimental Order.

2.9 Although it is normal practice to undertake before and after surveys that can be used for an impact assessment, particularly on the neighbouring roads, due to the pandemic / lock down and a general change in traffic pattern and behavior, any survey at the time would not have yielded a true reflection.

3.0 SCHEME

3.1 To achieve a number of objectives such as improving safety and air quality and encourage active travel, the Council introduced a school street within the following road. The school street restricts motorised traffic during specific times based on schools' starting and finishing times. The restrictions only apply during school term periods.

School	Restricted Roads	Restricted periods Mon-Fri Term times only
St Teresa's RC Primary	Montacute Rd (between Middleton Rd & Lillishall Rd)	8.00 – 9.15am 2.45 - 4.00pm

3.2 Initially the Council intended to use a default period of 08.15 - 09.15am and 15.00-16.00hrs. However, the restricted hours were based on the schools' then adopted opening / closing hours. Being mindful of the fact that parents often arrive earlier than the starting and finishing times, it was considered necessary to extend the initial proposed hours by at least 15 minutes. However, since then, feedback and observations have revealed that across the board many parents are arriving just prior to the restricted times.

3.3 During these periods, the road as set out within the above table is predominately 'pedestrian and cycle only' zone. Residents who live in the affected road are allowed vehicular access as are teachers and those with special needs children who need to be driven to school. This is via an on-line exemption process. Others who may also qualify for an exemption can also register with the Council; exemptions are subject to meeting the appropriate criteria. Location plan and exemption catchment area are attached as appendix 1.

4. CONSULTATION

Statutory Consultation

4.1 Due to extremely tight deadlines set by TfL/DfT, the programme was introduced under an Experimental Order. This type of Order enables the implementation of a scheme during the statutory consultation stage. An Experimental Order allows the restrictions and the Order to be in place for a maximum of 18 months before a final decision is made. Anyone can make a representation within the first six months (the statutory/formal consultation period) of the Experimental Order coming into force. The EMTO allowed the Council to meet its extremely tight deadlines but more importantly, it enabled the school, residents and other road users to experience the restrictions, thereby allowing them to make an informed decision prior to responding to the consultation. It also allows the Council to make minor adjustments. Consultees had in excess of 6 months to respond to the consultation and residents were

encouraged to allow sufficient time to experience the scheme before making a representation.

- 4.2 The consultation began on 29th September 2020 and concluded on 31st July 2021. Newsletters were delivered to all those properties directly affected (see plan in appendix 1). The newsletter detailed the consultation process; the proposed measures and a location plan. A copy of the newsletter with the plan is attached in Appendix 1.
- 4.3 Residents were encouraged to submit their feedback on the Council's website using specific on-line feedback link. All available information was also posted on the website. [Introducing new school streets 2020 \(merton.gov.uk\)](#). Street notices were erected on lamp columns and published in the local papers and the London Gazette.
- 4.3.1 In terms of publicising the school streets programme there was an article on School Streets in My Merton magazine [the Winter 2020 edition](#). This copy was distributed to all households in Merton from 19 November 2020. There was also a news article about it in [the Spring 2021 edition](#) which was published on 25 March 2021.
- 4.3.2 The school was provided with a banner to be attached to the school gate. The banner set out the details of the restrictions and affected road. The school was also asked to inform and remind parents of the restrictions.
- 4.4 After removing blanks and those without an address and combining multiple entries from the same person, the statutory consultation resulted in 21 representations.

There are 8 representations from the residential properties within the newsletter postal area, of which 4 object and 4 are supportive. In percentage terms, only 3.6% object to the scheme. It should be noted that those who have objected, have based their objections on a misunderstanding regarding the provisions of the exemption that can facilitate many of the residents' needs.

Additionally there are 13 representations from outside the restricted road, of which 4 are in support, 1 unsure and 8 objections.

All responses are detailed in Appendix 2.

It should be noted that unlike an informal consultation, with a statutory consultation, objections are invited and consideration is given to the nature and validity of the objection rather than the number of objections. Consideration is also given to the objectives of the scheme.

- 4.5 Given the low response rate and objections, it can be considered that the majority of the residents do not object to the scheme.
- 4.6 One of the objective is to deter car trips for 'the school run', which is a major source of congestion and poor air quality outside schools as well as on route to and from schools. In the past the Council has attempted to address school related traffic and parking issues through School's travel plan, Road safety Education and parking management. However, it has become very clear that a more stringent action is required to change the behavior of parents and motorists in general. A school street can be an effective method of bringing about this change.
- 4.7 It is appreciated that some parents continue to resist the change and have found their way into neighbouring roads or else / and stop on the boundary of the restriction causing a nuisance. In the absence of a CPZ enforcement is proving difficult as currently only obstructive parking can be enforced. Although due to the number of schools and limited staff it is not possible to provide daily enforcement for every school, routine enforcement is carried out on a rota basis with targeted

enforcement in some areas. With continued enforcement, it is considered that there will be a change in behavior albeit at a slower pace than expected. In this particular instance, many parents park along Middleton Rd and in some cases very close to the signalled junction and within the bus stop (despite the waiting and loading restriction that is in place). Regardless of the decision regarding the school street, the Council will be undertaking a statutory consultation to change the existing single yellow line and loading restrictions to 'At Any time' restrictions and a bus stop clearway at the bus stop.

- 4.8 Due to the pandemic and various guidelines, at the time of the implementation of the scheme, many schools had to establish some form of staggered hours, which had to be accommodated within the restrictions. However, the school has advised the Council of its new hours and if the scheme is made permanent, a statutory consultation will be undertaken to reflect the new school hours. The hours will allow additional periods to capture the many parents who arrive early particularly during afternoon pick up periods.
- 4.9 The legal signs plus advance signs have been in place since Sept / Oct 2020 and are clearly visible. The signs at the entrance to the restricted road fully comply with the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions (TRSGD) (2016) and are also included in the Highway Code. School street signs and restrictions are no different to any other moving contravention signs that motorists are obligated to abide by. These signs are used across London and motorists should be familiar with them and abide by them accordingly.
- 4.9.1 A full assessment of all school street signage across the borough has been carried out and arrangements have been made to further improve the signage in terms of numbers, position and visibility across the borough. This would be over and above of is actually required and considered as necessary. If the scheme is made permanent, 'Term Time only' supplementary plates will be added to the main entry signs. All advance signs which already include this text are being redesigned as more of a pictorial sign, thereby making it easier for drivers to observe.
- 4.10 All the residents who are directly affected by the restrictions were informed of the restrictions and they are exempt by undergoing the registration process. All vehicles registered to the address can be registered for exemption. In terms of *affected* residents, only those who have no alternative vehicular access to their homes are classed as directly affected; all others who have an alternative vehicular route are classed as indirectly affected and cannot be exempt. To meet the objectives of the school street, it is necessary to minimise volume of traffic and it would not be possible to provide an exemption to anyone who has an alternative route. By facilitating non-essential traffic, it will do nothing to encourage a change in behavior. Notwithstanding, in light of issues that have been raised by some residents, the Council has been reviewing exemptions; for example, there are already provisions within the system for residents to enter the vehicle registrations of taxis that are being used to transport them for medical reasons. There are also provisions for carers.
- 4.11 The purpose of the school street is to improve safety, reduce risk and improve air quality in the restricted road as well as reduce traffic in general; after all, if parents or other visitors are discouraged to drive during the peak periods, there will be reduced traffic on route to and from the restricted roads. Another objective is to improve road safety and perception of road safety not only for pupils attending the school, but also for the residents and their visitors. This can be achieved by minimising volume of traffic past the school and remove the associated parking whilst pupils are arriving or leaving. For a school street to remain effective and to meet its objectives, it is necessary to reduce volume of traffic by reducing number of exemptions. Many delivery services can be made aware of the restricted periods when placing an order and deliveries can be made outside these hours. Trade personnel and other visitors can also enter the road either before or after the restricted periods. Emergencies can be exempt after the event as long as evidence of emergency is provided. Every effort is made to minimise inconvenience but it simply is not possible to accommodate every scenario or eventuality.

- 4.12 The school street restrictions do not prevent residents from accessing their homes, and the system makes provision for exemptions under certain circumstances. Anyone within the restricted road can leave at any time. The contravention is for entering the road. In terms of visitors, there is nothing preventing visitors arriving within the restricted periods as long as it is not in a motorised vehicle. The Council has a number of initiatives that encourages those travelling within the borough to use active and / or sustainable modes of transport and not be so reliant on the use of private motorised vehicles. If the scheme becomes permanent, a newsletter detailing these points will be sent to all the residents.
- 4.13 All statutory bodies have been consulted and no objections have been raised.
- 4.14 The local Ward Councillors have been engaged during the consultation process. The results of the consultation and officer's recommendations were presented to the Ward Councillors prior to preparing this report.

5. OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

- 5.1 When considering the outcome of the statutory consultation, consideration must be given to the nature and validity of the comments / representations and the Council's objectives. A statutory consultation invites objections to the scheme and since only 3.6% of those directly affected have chosen to object, it could be considered that 96.4% of those directly affected do not object to the scheme.
- 5.2 It is clear that there are no strong objections from the residents who are directly affected. It is considered that the benefits outweigh some of the inconveniences some residents / motorists may experience. School streets are in line with other policies and initiatives across the Borough and London, and believed to be the right step toward changing behavior as well as achieving the various benefits. Benefits include improved safety / perception of safety; the removal of the school-associated obstructive parking; reduced risk to all road users; reduced pollution, including noise pollution; improved air quality in the restricted road as well as reduced traffic in general; after all if parents or other visitors are discouraged to drive during the peak periods, there will be reduced traffic on route to and from the restricted roads.
- 5.3 It is recommended that the permanent Order is made to retain the school street.
- 5.4 To reflect the change in the school's hours, it is recommended that a statutory consultation is undertaken to change (reduce) the existing restricted hours to 8.15– 9.00am and 2.45 – 3.45pm.

6. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 6.1 To remove the restrictions. This would compromise if not totally undo all the benefits that have been gained thus far and it would do nothing to encourage a change in behaviour. It would be contrary to the various objectives the Council is trying to achieve.

7. TIMETABLE

- 7.1 A newsletter detailing the results of the consultation and Cabinet Member decision will be distributed to all consultees soon after a Cabinet Member decision is made and published. The permanent Traffic Management Order will be made and published soon after.
- 7.2 The statutory consultation to reduce the restricted hours will be undertaken soon after Cabinet Member decision is made and residents will be informed accordingly.

8. FINANCIAL RESOURCE AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS

8.1 All the associated costs are covered by the LSP funding provided by DfT / TfL.

9. LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

9.1 The Traffic Management Orders would be made under Section 6 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended). The Council is required by the Local Authorities Traffic Order (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 to give notice of its intention to make a Traffic Order (by publishing a draft traffic order). These regulations also require the Council to consider any representations received as a result of publishing the experimental order.

9.2 The Council has discretion as to whether or not to hold a public inquiry before deciding whether or not to make a traffic management order or to modify the published ETMO. A public inquiry should be held where it would provide further information, which would assist the Council in reaching a decision.

9.3 The Council's powers to make Traffic Management Orders arise mainly under sections 6, 45, 46, 122 and 124 and schedules 1 and 9 of the RTRA 1984.

10. HUMAN RIGHTS & EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY COHENSION IMPLICATIONS

10.1 The Council carries out careful consultation to ensure that all road users are given a fair opportunity to air their views and express their needs. The design of the scheme includes special consideration for the needs of people with blue badges, local residents, school children and businesses without prejudice toward charitable and religious facilities.

10.2 Bodies representing motorists, including commuters are included in the statutory consultation required for draft traffic management and similar orders published in the local paper and London Gazette.

10.3 The retention of the restrictions / improvements affects all sections of the community especially the young and assists in ensuring improved road environment and air quality for all road users and achieves the transport planning policies of the government, the Mayor for London and the Borough.

11. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

11.1 None

12. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

12.1 There may be some dissatisfaction amongst the objectors but the benefits of the scheme outweigh majority of the comments made against the scheme.

12.2 The risk of not retaining the improvements / restrictions would be a step backward in terms of Council's objectives and will not be in line with the Council's various strategies and projects.

13. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

13.1 When determining the type of schemes to be designated on the highway, section 45(3) requires the Council to consider both the interests of traffic and those of the owners and occupiers of adjoining properties. In particular, the Council must have regard to: (a) the need for maintaining improved movement of traffic, (b) the need for maintaining reasonable access to premises, and (c) the need to reduce road collisions.

13.2 The restrictions removes traffic from this section of the road that makes it safer and more environmental friendly for residents and visitors.

14. Public Health Implications

14.1 School Streets and Low Traffic Neighbourhoods (LTNs) have important implications for public health in terms of physical activity, air quality and safety by creating healthy and secure neighbourhoods.

14.2 The implementation of School Streets and LTNs encourage the use of active travel options such as walking and cycling and build physical activity into daily routines. The removal or reduction of traffic from certain roads may encourage residents (particularly children) who would not usually consider active travel options to take these up in a quieter and safer environment ([Aldred, R. and Verlinghieri, E. 2020](#)).

14.3 Traffic is a key contributor to poor air quality in the borough which can have important health implications. The reduction of traffic in primarily residential areas or streets with schools can improve air quality in local areas and reduce the risk of developing cardiovascular disease and other health conditions. Studies from Waltham Forest found that in particular, there was a reduction in the amount of pollution caused during the school run where these schemes were in place ([Dajnak, 2018](#))

14.4 Implementation of these schemes have an important role to play in improving our local areas in terms of road safety. Reducing the flow of traffic in residential areas or in areas close to schools can reduce the risk of residents being involved in a serious collision with a vehicle.

15. APPENDICES

15.1 The following documents are to be published with this report and form part of the report.

- Appendix 1 - Newsletter & Plan
- Appendix 2 - Representations to statutory consultation

SCHOOL STREETS
Restricted Vehicular access
St Teresa R C Primary School



ISSUE DATE : 25 AUGUST 2020

INTRODUCTION

As part of the Council's objective to reduce congestion, pollution, risk of collisions and provide a safe environment within the vicinity of schools, the Council has a rolling road safety and accessibility programme. Measures that are often implemented include 'school keep clear' zig-zag road markings to prevent drivers parking close to the school gates and to improve sightlines; localised 20mph speed zones with accompanying traffic calming measures and road safety education. These measures have been very successful in most areas, as there has been an improvement in perception of safety. Although these measures have been successful in ensuring access and safety, the level of congestion, risk and air quality outside the schools remain a concern. The contributing factor is the high localised volume of vehicular traffic within the vicinity of schools often generated by parents / carers of pupils attending the school.

PROPOSAL

To improve safety, active travel and air quality, and in response to Covid-19 pandemic, the Council intends to restrict motorised access in and out of the identified roads that accommodate school pedestrian gates during the morning school opening and afternoon school closing periods under an Experimental Traffic Management Order (ETMO). During these periods, the road will be predominately 'pedestrian and cycle only' zone. Residents who live in the affected roads will be allowed access as will staff who are based at the school; those with special needs children who need to be driven to school would also be exempt. Those who are exempt must register with the Council; exemptions would be subject to meeting the appropriate criteria.

The appropriate signs will be in place to inform all motorists of the hours of closure.

The restrictions will be enforced by a camera

The surrounding roads will be enforced against obstructive / illegal parking

This measure is introduced to protect children and we would appreciate your assistance and support

It is appreciated that this may cause some inconvenience and where possible the Council will endeavour to accommodate residents; however, for the scheme to be a success, the Council would require the cooperation of the school, parents and residents. We ask that the school and residents support our proposals and rearrange certain activities such as deliveries and receiving visitors outside the identified hours during each school term.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

The proposed measure is being introduced at the start of September term and will operate term times only during the published hours under an Experimental Traffic Management Order.

The Experimental Traffic Management Order will allow the Council to implement the restrictions during the consultation period.

- It allows the Council to assess and monitor the restriction and its impact.
- It will enable the residents and other road users to experience the restrictions thereby allowing them to make informed comments.

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The restrictions and the Order will be in place for a maximum of 18 months. Anyone can object and make representations within the first six months (the statutory/formal consultation period) of the experimental Order coming into force and the implementation of the works. Consultees (mainly residents) are encouraged to make their comments at least 3 months after implementation. Consultees will have 6 months to respond to the consultation. All representations will be considered prior to making a final decision which could include its removal, making some modifications or making it permanent.

Additional notices will also be erected within the vicinity of the proposals to inform residents and road users of the start of the restrictions and the statutory consultation

All available information including updates will be posted on the website.

<https://www.merton.gov.uk/covid-19-transport-projects>

All representations must be made on line using the above link. Please note that you may not be able to submit any comments until November 2020. A response will not be made until the consultation is concluded and a final decision is made. The Council will monitor the situation and will make the appropriate adjustments if and when necessary.

To APPLY FOR EXEMPTIONS

Exemptions will be given to residents, teachers and special needs children. Residents and teachers MUST register with the Council to qualify for the exemption. Carers visiting residents who live in the road will also be exempt if their registration are logged with the Council. However, we respectfully request that, if possible, visitors arrange their visits outside the restricted hours.

The quickest and easiest way to apply for School

Street exemption is to use our self-service website which we are in the process of setting up. Please check the website for updates.

ENFORCEMENT

During the restrictions, enforcement will be carried out using cameras. However, please note that full enforcement will not be carried out until residents are given the opportunity to apply for exemptions.

We do apologise for the short notification and the fact that the exemption process will not be available immediately but we believe that starting the process will have some benefits.

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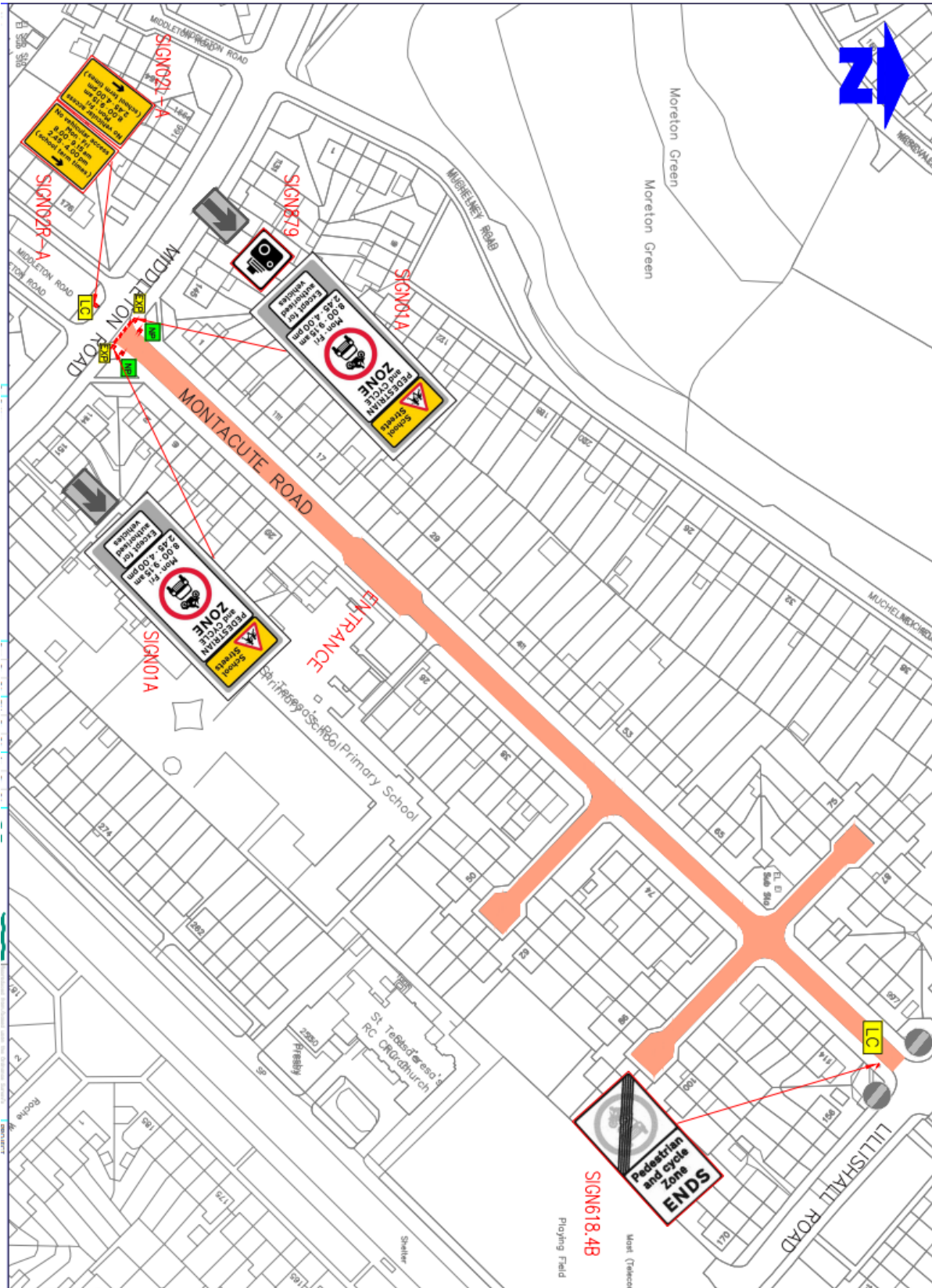
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School Streets

PEDESTRIAN and CYCLE ZONE

Mon - Fri
8.00 - 9.15 am
2.45 - 4.00 pm

Except for authorised vehicles

- KEY**
- EX LAMP COLUMN
 - EX SIGN POST
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- NOTES**
1. ALL POSTS FOR SIGN RETS SIGN02* TO BE 89MM DIA, GALVANISED, 4MM THK, 5.0M LONG, C/W BASE PLATE & CAPS.
 2. ALL POSTS FOR SIGN RETS SIGN02* TO BE 76MM DIA, GALVANISED, 3.2MM THK, 3.5M LONG, C/W BASE PLATE & CAPS
 3. ALL ZONE ENTRY SIGNS TO BE ROTATED/TWISTED AS INDICATED.

Within the restricted road		
Montacute Road 6246508 6269209	Agree	Same person - I do agree with the scheme but I strongly disagree with teachers being able to park in the road as this has been an issue for many years taking up parking spaces both for residents and those vehicles needing to drop off children ----- I think its a good idea, not great but OK as for many years we have had the struggle of parents parking across driveways when dropping off or collecting children from school due to the lack of parking spaces along the road. The reason there is no parking spaces along the road during the day is that these are taken up by teachers who start parking from 7am till 5pm. If the teachers didn't take up all the free spaces whilst the residents are at work then the road would be safer for parents to drop off or collect their children. Why can't the teachers park in neighboring roads thus freeing up much needed spaces or use the car park within the church grounds? One simple solution could make this scheme so much better.
Montacute Road 6260196	Agree	This is a good decision for the Children who is studying at this school because i have seen a lots of vehicles on the main entrance in and out times. it is not safety for Children. However, people who live on this Montacute Road will be allowed to access.
Montacute Road 6260044	Agree	I'm very pleased that this has happened on my road, the road is much more quieter and free of school traffic.
Montacute Road 6246753	Agree	Need to add family members vehicles i.e. grandparents or close family in case of emergency during the times
Montacute Road 6339057	Disagree	There are time we may need to go in and out of streets for other purposes i feel this is also penalising pupils and parent that have disabilities. it is unfair in inclement weather to expect children to walk from streets away, they then have to sit in wet clothing. This also impacts on nearby roads as people are parking nearby. I feel this is just another way the council is trying to make money by punishing parents and residents of the school and street.
Montacute Road 6250328	Disagree	I have had problems with getting a taxi/Uber in the morning as drivers will not come to our street for fear of getting fined. This will also impact our deliveries and family visiting or collecting us for lifts to hospitals etc
Montacute Road 6342325	Disagree	I am caring for one parent of 80 with end stage dementia at home (mother) the other parent is 90 (father). Life is difficult enough for someone in my situation, it got a whole lot more difficult when you decided (without any prior consultation) to make my road (Montacute Road) a school street. THANKS A BUNCH MERTON COUNCIL, BUT AS LONG AS YOU CAN GIVE YOURSELF A PAT ON THE BACK IN THE MEDIA WITH A FEW PHOTOS OF KIDS ON SCOOTERS WHO CARES.....
Montacute Road 6252792	Disagree	It will just surrounding areas more congested as it had done in Sutton. Being a teacher in Sutton I have had trouble getting cabs at that time from my house to my school where This has been implemented. No cabs want to come because of charges. This makes it hard to go on public transport with all my books etc.
Outside the restricted road		
Cranleigh Road 6343866	Agree	No comments provided
Egleston Road 6341744	Agree	Just don't like the amount of evidence we have to provide to be exempt, my husband is registered disabled and has a blue badge and my daughter lives down one of these roads
Glastonbury Road 6268172	Agree	For us who walk and cycle for school is very good with less traffic by the main school entrance. I hope it'll stay like this forever.

Tolverne Road 6347952	Agree	This response is on behalf of Merton Residents Transport Group (MRTG). We strongly support the school street at St Theresa RC Primary School. School streets such as this one play a critical role in reducing road danger to children, improving air quality and enabling walking, cycling and scooting for a wider range of people of different ages doing the school run. They additionally reduce the number of motor vehicle journeys, lower pollution near the school, and reduce congestion. Additionally, we would encourage Merton to take further measures to enhance the visibility and effectiveness of the school street: - Ensure consistent enforcement with the use of permanent cameras; these could pay for themselves and provide funds to further enhance the school street - Install planters at the entrance to the school street to narrow the road width and create a gateway into the school street, enhancing its presence - Provide signage at a lower height, and more clearly delineate the zone - Create new areas of trees and soft landscaping into the carriageway space - these could be parklets, pocket parks or planters to improve the air quality, sustainable drainage to reduce risk of flooding. We look forward to the continued safety and health benefits arising from the school street, and encourage Merton to further expand the scheme to schools not currently covered. Sincerely, MRTG
Middleton Road 6255037	Unsure	I feel that the good intentions of providing safe school streets near where I live are negated because traffic and parents, driving and parking, are pushed out into other nearby roads. Both St Teresa's and Malmesbury have entrances for their younger children in roads other than those made 'safe' by the scheme which means these roads, where younger children enter and leave, may be less safe and more polluted. In both cases there is only a short stretch of road where families can walk safely to one of the school gates, but a much wider area outside that they have to travel through that will be less safe in my view. I feel that the timings are wrong. The large majority of families arrive from 8:30am - 8:50am. The majority of parents have cleared the area by 8:50am in the morning and by 3:30pm in the afternoon. Why are local residents inconvenienced from 8:00am - 9:15am in the morning and up to 4:00pm in the afternoon? The scheme at St Teresa's will most likely affect my community because more parents will park on the green where we live and ruin the grass, where our children play, by turning it into something like Glastonbury festival, as has been done in the past. The grass has only just recovered from March when schools closed. Despite asking, and Siobhain McDonagh approaching the council, Merton Council do nothing to support us with this. There is also more traffic along Middleton Road due to the bridge closure. I think it is deceiving that it says on the plans that this scheme is to do with Covid 19, when school streets were actually decided last July
Middleton Road 6257953	Disagree	No one I have spoken to wants the school zones. This includes residents, parents and the schools. They make the roads outside the zone less safe and more polluted and congested. Parents are parking on the pavement and grassed areas where I live and are ruining the grassed areas and are putting mud from their tyres on the pavement and road. We are forced to walk in the road and have to weave our way through cars. It says in the letter to residents that enforcements will be made against illegal parking but I have yet to see this. This must be a nightmare for residents of the streets that are closed when they cannot get deliveries etc. For the short distance that children can walk in Montacute Road it is not worth it and it has increased the danger for them outside the zone. The younger children at St Teresa's enter from Middleton Road and you can't expect them to go through the other entrance because of social distancing. It was the wrong time to do this when everyone is struggling with the pandemic. Having said all of that I think this is a money making strategy for the parking services RingGo who I understand wanted it in the first place. The congestion is made worse in the area because the Bishopsford Road bridge is still closed after 19 months. You are slow to do anything about that but quick to find a way of fining people. Leave the roads alone. Disgraceful.
Hillfield Avenue 6268102	Disagree	I feel it's making the main road more dangerous having seen already a few near misses. I also feel that in the current situation we are trying to limit contact with others would be more beneficial to stop to drop children off instead of having to park to walk them in.

Lindores Road 6339017	Disagree	This scheme is a an over reach by local government in local people's lives and stinks of a big brother mentality. It has increased danger to children by creating an arrival bottleneck and pushing motorists into unsuitable nearby roads for access and parking.
Montgomery Close 6343221	Disagree	It's already near impossible to find parking near schools and this will make it 100% more difficult for the people
Morden Way Sutton 6343789	Disagree	This has caused chaos and as I see it has become a money making scheme for the Government.
Reynolds Close 6268085	Disagree	It has just displaced the traffic. Making it difficult for drivers will not magically make them stop using cars. Parents are on tight timelines and need to move on as quickly as possible from dropping children off. This is now creating further issues on Middleton road, which is delaying the bus we get. So overall, not helpful.
Wolseley Road 6343790	Disagree	I have a permit for this road to park and have access during school hours and have still received PCN's in the post therefore I don't think they are being checked properly as if they was I would not be receiving charges.
Wolseley Road 6343785	Disagree	For someone that starts work at 8:30 as an oppose to 8 like my colleagues I am unable to come down the school road in my car and am forced to park elsewhere when there is spaces , It is then hard to find a space because the harris children are all going to school so it's busy with drop offs , i think it would just help if the road was open to all at all times

Merton Council - call-in request form

1. Decision to be called in: (required)

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2. Which of the principles of decision making in Article 13 of the constitution has not been applied? (required)

Required by part 4E Section 16(c)(a)(ii) of the constitution - tick all that apply:

(a) proportionality (i.e. the action must be proportionate to the desired outcome);	
(b) due consultation and the taking of professional advice from officers;	
(c) respect for human rights and equalities;	
(d) a presumption in favour of openness;	
(e) clarity of aims and desired outcomes;	
(f) consideration and evaluation of alternatives;	
(g) irrelevant matters must be ignored.	

3. Desired outcome

Part 4E Section 16(f) of the constitution- select one:

(a) The Panel/Commission to refer the decision back to the decision making person or body for reconsideration, setting out in writing the nature of its concerns.	
(b) To refer the matter to full Council where the Commission/Panel determines that the decision is contrary to the Policy and/or Budget Framework	
(c) The Panel/Commission to decide not to refer the matter back to the decision making person or body *	
* If you select (c) please explain the purpose of calling in the decision.	

4. Evidence which demonstrates the alleged breach(es) indicated in 2 above (required)

Required by part 4E Section 16(c)(a)(ii) of the constitution:

5. Documents requested

6. Witnesses requested

7. Signed (not required if sent by email):

8. Notes – see part 4E section 16 of the constitution

Call-ins must be supported by at least three members of the Council.

The call in form and supporting requests must be received by 12 Noon on the third working day following the publication of the decision.

The form and/or supporting requests must be sent:

- **EITHER** by email from a Councillor’s email account (no signature required) to democratic.services@merton.gov.uk
- **OR** as a signed paper copy to the Head of Democracy and Electoral Services, 1st floor, Civic Centre, London Road, Morden SM4 5DX.

For further information or advice contact the Head of Democracy and Electoral Services on 020 8545 3409