Traffic Management Order Proposed Changes

Proposal	School Streets Experimental Traffic Order (ETO) starting March 2021 – (Holy Trinity)
Reference	
Number	
Ward	Royal Hospital
Street	Sedding Street
Title of	Experimental School Streets (March 2021)
Proposal	
Proposed	To provide a School Street pedestrian and cycle zone in Sedding Street on a permanent basis.
new	All motor vehicles will be restricted from entering the closure during 8.45 – 9.10 am and 3.20
restriction	-3.45 pm Mondays to Fridays.
Reason for	To improve the amenities of the local area by providing a pedestrian and cycle zone outside
change	the school at school drop off and pick up times, preventing the danger and obstruction caused
onango	by motor vehicles and providing space for social distancing, whilst retaining access for
	residents, traders and Blue Badge holders who will be eligible to apply for an exemption.
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Date order	26 March 2021
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from	
Number of	One objection and two indications of support prior to the launch of the scheme and nine
objections	supportive comments after the launch, referenced in 'Other Comments'
Reasons for	Responses to the consultation conducted between December 2020 and January 2021
objections	

Objector 1

I am a pedestrian user of Sedding Street twice a day nearly every day of the year. As such I have seen that due to cycle bays and doctor bays there are very few places where cars can stop or cause air pollution on this street and I have never seen such a problem. In addition, there are already enough road signs at both ends of the street never mind the cycle markings running down it. The net result of closure of this street albeit just for a short while twice each day would cause Sloane Terrace at the top of Sedding Street to become even more congested. Sloane Terrace is already a very narrow 2-way street and putting more traffic on it would definitely result in far more air pollution than is the case even now.

Other comments:

Positive responses received during the Snapshot Survey between December 2021 and January 2022

1. The school street initiative has made a massive difference to the safety of our children before and after school. We would dearly love the street to be closed permanently. We have an enormous number of children with additional needs and keeping them safe when they have limited road awareness is an ongoing challenge.

We are most grateful that this has been in place this year and the local community have been very accepting of the school enforcing it.

- 2. It is so much safer for our children to get in and out of school, and we don't have to worry about having a big crowd on a tiny pavement now that covid is a concern again.
- 3. Please keep it going it's a safe & positive scheme for all the schools that are involved
- 4. I think it would help keep the children (and adults) safer.
- 5. The street is safer for children and parents as cars are not driving on street. It makes Covid social distancing possible.
- 6. It would be great if local traffic wardens could man the School Street.
- 7. It would be fantastic if the closure of Sedding Street at the beginning and end of the school day could be made permanent, as it would really help not only to keep our pupils and families safe but also foster a sense of community at pick-up and drop-off times. When the street is open to traffic, children and families are squashed on the narrow pavements and stress levels are much higher with parents and staff having to protect children from the road.
- 8. I feel this closure has allowed the students a great deal more breathing space and much more safer during the busy entry/exit times. Therefore, would like to see it is made permanent.
- 9. This has made the area, especially to the school environmentally friendly for the public.

Council's response to objections	Officers have not observed any congestion in Sloane Terrace, nor have we received any information regarding such from local residents. Since Sedding Street was already one-way northbound to motor traffic, with no right turn permitted from the southern end, the School Street may even have had the effect of reducing some vehicle trips into Sloane Terrace via Sedding Street.
	The School Street on Sedding Street has received numerous support and positive feedback, and only one formal objection.
Decision	Officers recommend making the scheme permanent, restricting motor vehicles between the hours of 8.45 – 9.10am and 3.20 – 3.45pm Mondays to Fridays.
Date of decision	17 June 2022