

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

Brighton & Hove (Prohibition of Motor Vehicles) (Freshfield Place) Experimental Order 2022

STATEMENT OF REASONS

In a “School Streets” scheme, all non-exempt motor vehicle access to streets near school entrances is restricted during school drop off and pick up times, principally to reduce vehicle congestion around the school gates and improve road safety. This also encourages and better enables active and sustainable travel by children and their parents/carers on the school journey.

In October 2021 the Council mandated the delivery of a School Streets programme within the prevailing national and local policy context. Nationally, the Government released their ‘Gear Change’ vision document in July 2020 which sets out the national ambition to make walking and bicycle riding the natural choice for short journeys, or as part of a longer journey. Locally, the new Local Transport Plan 5 (LTP5) is being developed to help everyone move around the City more safely, sustainably, and easily. School Streets will further support the vision, outcomes and principles of the new LTP5, as agreed by the ETS Committee on 22 June 2021. One of the key principles is shifting how people travel – prioritising walking and bicycle riding for shorter journeys and public transport for longer journeys.

In service of the fulfilment of a School Streets scheme at Queens Park Primary School, Freshfield Place will be closed to non-exempt motor vehicle traffic at its junction with Park Street to its junction with Freshfield Road at school drop off and pick up times. The enforcement hours for this School Street will be Monday to Friday 8.15am to 9.15am and 2.45pm to 3.45pm -Term Time Only.

In support of the mission and aims of this School Streets scheme, the existing widened footpath near the school gate on the south side of Freshfield Place will be extended both along and into the carriageway. This extension will require the discontinuation of four parking bays on the south side of the street and the installation of a new guardrail to cover the widened perimeter of the extension. While the carriageway will remain bidirectional, a one-way give-way point will be created where the extended crossings meet on both sides of the carriageway.

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