

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

Brighton & Hove (Prohibition of Motor Vehicles) (Downs Junior) 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 Downs Junior School, Grantham Road will be closed to non-exempt motor vehicle traffic at its junction with Ditchling Road to its junction with Edburton Avenue 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:

- A widened footpath will be installed near the school gate on the south side of Grantham Road to include the existing widened crossing point and extend through the length of the existing School Keep Clear zone. The existing School Keep Clear zone will subsequently be relocated into carriageway along the outer edge of the new widened footpath.
- The existing mid-block widened crossing point on Grantham Road will be modified across the carriageway with high-visibility markings.
- A widened footpath will be installed near the school gate on the east side of Edburton Avenue to include the existing widened crossing point and extend through the length of the existing School Keep Clear zone. The existing School Keep Clear zone will subsequently be relocated into carriageway the outer edge of the new widened footpath.
- The existing mid-block widened crossing point on Edburton Avenue will be modified across the carriageway with high-visibility markings.
- Grantham Road between Ditchling Road and Edburton Avenue will be converted to one-way westbound operation for motor vehicles. Bi-directional access will be maintained for people using cycles.
- Edburton Avenue between Grantham Road and Rugby Road will be converted to one-way southbound operation. Bi-directional access will be maintained for people using cycles.
- A diagonal diverter will be installed at the junction of Edburton Avenue between Grantham Road. The diverter will require motor vehicles travelling westbound on Grantham Road from Ditchling Road to turn onto Edburton Avenue; this segment of Grantham Road will thus become the sole motor vehicle access point for this segment of Edburton Avenue. Bidirectional cycle access will be maintained through the diagonal diverter.

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