

# **BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL**

## **ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**

### **Brighton & Hove (Prohibition of Motor Vehicles) (Westdene) Experimental Order 2022 (TRO-30-2022)**

#### **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 Westdene Primary School, Barn Rise will be closed to non-exempt motor vehicle traffic at its north-western junction with Dene Vale to its junction with Bankside 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:

- Bankside will be converted in its entirety to one-way eastbound operation for motor vehicles. Bi-directional cycles access will be maintained for people using cycles.
- Barn Rise will be converted to one-way north-and-east-bound operation from its north-western junction with Dene Vale to the southern boundary of No.14 Barn Rise. Bi-directional cycle access will be maintained for people using cycles.
- The three existing mid-block widened crossing points on Bankside near to the access points to the school and Westdene Library will be extended across the carriageway and raised to form raised tables. These raised tables will be marked with high-visibility markings.
- The westbound slip road at the junction of Barn Rise and Bankside will be closed to all vehicle movement and reclaimed as useable public space.
- A widened footpath will be installed near the school gate on the west side of Barn Rise 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 the carriageway along the outer edge of the new widened footpath.
- The kerblines of Barn Rise at the south-eastern junction of Dene Vale will be extended along and into the carriageway to reduce the width of the carriageway of Barn Rise at the junction to a single lane.
- The northern kerblines of Dene Vale at the existing dropped crossing point to the west of its junction with Barn Rise will be extended along and into the carriageway to reduce the width of the carriageway to a single lane and provide a widened crossing point. Vehicle

movements shall remain bi-directional through the crossing point with east bound traffic giving way to west bound traffic through the give-way point.

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