

ETE SELECT
COMMITTEE
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School Streets pilots

A brief recap

Please find the October
2020 Select Committee
YouTube video [here](#)

School Streets

What is a school street?

*“A road outside a school with a ... restriction on motorised traffic at school drop-off and pick-up times. The restriction applies to school traffic and through traffic. The result is a safer, healthier and pleasant environment for everyone**”*

What does it do?

Primarily, it's about modal shift **not** road safety

- Improve air quality of roads in vicinity of schools
- Enable a greater level of active and healthy travel for children and their families
- Provide a safer and more pleasant environment locally for the whole school community
- Can assist with social distancing by reducing the street space that motor vehicles occupy
- Create safer roads to improve road safety for children, build confidence and others

Progress from October Select Committee

Working group established including ETE, Children's Services and Public Health, Legal and Insurance. The group has:

- Developed criteria for inclusion in trial
- Created a GIS map with data relevant to criteria
- Completed a longlisting exercise of schools
- Understood legal and insurance requirements
- Developed an evaluation and monitoring logic model
- Learnt from Southampton City Council's experience

Funding reallocated from HCC Active Travel Fund (ATF) award Tranche 2 - £66,000

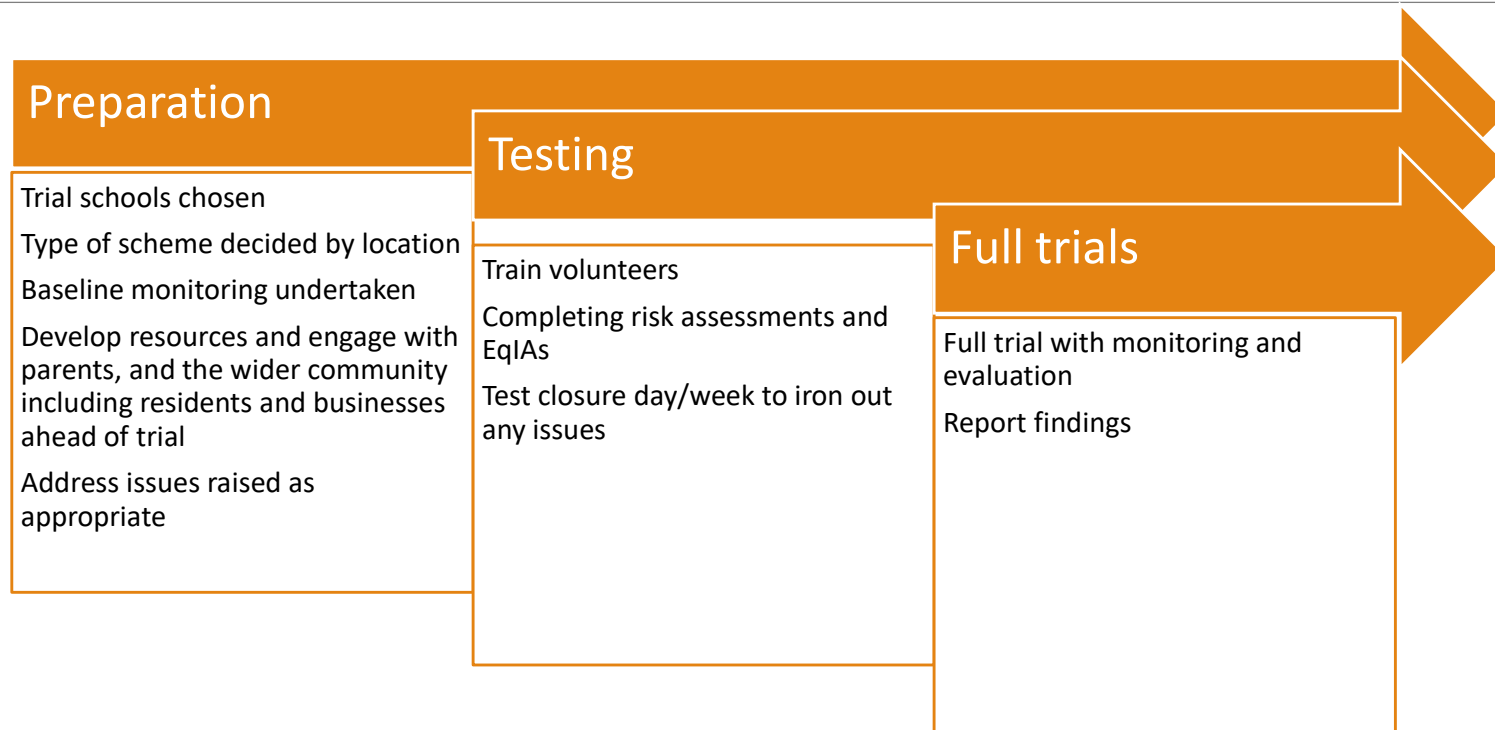
What would a trial look like?

The measure for each school street will depend on the location and be decided at the short-listing stage

Most likely that school streets will look like a temporary prohibition of motor vehicles using barriers and cones, with trained volunteers in place to manage closure and reopening, and escort vehicle access at walking pace where absolutely necessary

An alternative option could be a 24 hour/7 day a week closure e.g. where the school is at the end of a cul-de-sac. This would not require volunteers but will be limited in applicable sites

How would it work?




Criteria for Selecting Trial Schools

Given there are a large number of variables associated with each school and its suitability for the trial, a phased sifting approach has been followed with schools being filtered at each stage until a final short list is determined:

- Limited number of pass/fail criteria.
- Longer list of wider considerations.
- Deciding factors.


Criteria for Trials – Pass / Fail

- Interest from the School (head and governors) and enough staff to manage the trial.
 - School already engaged in travel planning measures including Modeshift STARS accreditation.
 - County Councillor and District/Borough Authority support (to be established).
 - An access on a suitable road (public highway, speed limit 30mph or below, access on a minor road).
 - Limited impact on schools very nearby.
 - Primary or secondary school (not colleges).
 - Hampshire County Council maintained school (for insurance purposes).
 - Not a Special School due to representativeness/application across the county, greater travel distances and complex needs of some pupils in relation to travel.
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Legal and Insurance Requirements

- Insurance broker supportive at this early stage, requires more details.
- Unstaffed sign only schemes unlikely to be supported at this stage.
- Training and PPE details to be developed and reviewed with Asset Management.
- Trials likely to be 24 hour closures or staffed closures.
- ANPR schemes not possible through this trial as not currently legal outside of London at present.

Planned Approach

- Three active school streets
 - 3-6 control groups
 - Project team established, funded by ATF Tranche 2
 - **Jan-March** – engagement with schools and wider communities to finalise shortlist. Suggested that delegated authority is given to make final decision.
 - **March – June** – preparations, traffic orders, baseline monitoring etc
 - **July** – trial day/week at each school street prior to summer break
 - **Sept until October half term** – School Streets trials for duration of the half term
 - **October** – review whilst still in place
 - **November** – initial evaluation, if successful Cabinet to consider funding sources for roll out
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Questions and the Next Step

- Criteria for School Streets.
- Duration of trial.
- Funding and funding sustainability.
- School nominations.
- Monitoring.

Following scrutiny, the February Cabinet report will be amended, and Full Council will follow.