



**BARNE LANE & PEARN ROAD –
SCHOOL STREETS**

1. INTRODUCTION

This report seeks delegated authority to implement a new Traffic Order in association with the Barne Lane & Pearn Road – School Streets Traffic Regulation Order.

2. TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS REQUIRED

2.1 The elements that need a Traffic Regulation Order are as follows:

Prohibition of Motor Vehicles except authorised vehicles

Road Name (Column 1)	Time Period (Column 2)
Barne Lane – for its entirety	Mon-Fri 8.15—9.15am and 2.45-3.45pm
Pearn Road – for its entirety	Mon-Fri 8.15-9am and 2.30-3.30pm
Pearn Gardens – for its entirety	Mon-Fri 8.15-9am and 2.30-3.30pm

3. STATUTORY CONSULTATION

Proposals

The proposals for the Experimental TRO were advertised on street, in the Herald and on the Plymouth City Council website on 17th January 2024. Details of the proposals were sent to the Councillors representing the affected wards and statutory consultees on 12th January 2024.

There have been 10 representations received relating to the proposals included in the Traffic Regulation Order.

Consultation comments	Response
<p>This week through social media, the above road closure experiment has been brought to my attention.</p> <p>I live in Briar Road which is at the bottom of Widey View, which runs parallel to Pearn Road and is the next street over from Compton Primary school.</p> <p>Firstly, can I state that any scheme to keep the local children safe is welcome. I have over many years tried to highlight the dangers faced by the children getting to school.</p>	<p>Thank you very much for your email to the traffic management inbox about the Safer School Street scheme at Compton CE Primary/Pearn Road, it is much appreciated.</p> <p>I’m very pleased to hear that you welcome our efforts to keep children safe – as a resident you’ll be aware that child road safety on Pearn Road has been a huge concern for a very long time.</p> <p>I fully understand your concerns about increased parking in Widey View and on Reservoir Road, where there already long-standing concerns about school run parking.</p>

<p>But whilst I share the concerns of Pearn, I am now increasingly worried that the issue of car drop offs is just going to be moved over, to Widey View, Reservoir Road and will impact along Egguckland Road and higher Compton Road.</p> <p>Compton school is sandwiched between two blind mini roundabouts. As it stands now, there is always a snarl up at the roundabout in Egguckland Road , and you take your life in your hands trying to navigate Reservoir Road with the double parking, blind corner and footfall coming through Hartley Park and Reservoir lane.</p> <p>Widey View is a steep hill, and the junction is blind. There are yellow lines, but parents ignore these. It's compounded by street parking between Widey and the school in higher Compton Road, and the school crossing patrol, plus the pedestrian back lane in Reservoir Road.</p> <p>Cars already have to do a 3 point turn to access Widey, occasionally have to reverse out into higher Compton Road, as it's double parked and only room for a single vehicle. Once you're committed, there's nowhere to go.</p> <p>Briar Road now has yellow lines at the end, and an unmade lane. It's used as a cut through for pedestrians going to the nursery In Bainbridge from 7am.</p> <p>Overflow parking which before could use this space has now been backed up into Widey View, so there's less space already for parking.</p> <p>My concern is that parents are going to use Widey View and Reservoir more than they already do. Infact the school has given a pamphlet out suggesting it.</p> <p>Parents who drop off then go to work, have to drive. That's just a fact no matter how many bikes you put around the area.</p> <p>My main concern in this is the safety of the children. Those who live here, moved knowing there's a school. But as I live here and use</p>	<p>We are monitoring this - we'll be on site every morning and afternoon this week, and on a regular basis after that. You'll see an increased presence from parking enforcement staff and police who will be able to deal with illegal and obstructive parking.</p> <p>We have given parents some suggested places to park in 4 roads which are also in the 5 and 10 mins walking map. This is something we have been doing for several years, and we've been involved in school travel planning here for at least 20 years, where we work with schools having issues outside the school gates where the conflict with traffic and children and young people is greatest.</p> <p>We always want parents and young people to park away from the school and walk a short distance to ease the main area of conflict which is the junction of Higher Compton Road and Pearn Road. We have tried everything over the last 20 years to try and dissuade parents using Pearn Rd but it is the closest place, so they continue to use it and, in a recent traffic count over 30 mins during the school run, caused over 119 traffic movements at the junction. Pearn Road has seen near misses and some actual bodily contact between vehicles and children crossing, so an intervention there has become a matter of urgency.</p> <p>Safer School Street schemes in local authorities across the UK show that parking does spread out over time, as people change their habits on the school journey, and in Plymouth we've seen this happen at Stuart Road Primary where there has been a Safer School Streets scheme in place since September 2023.</p> <p>Displacement of cars will of course happen and we will monitor and work on this issue as the scheme settles in. Evidence shows that parents tend to park where it is most convenient, and as behaviour changes and more people accept that they will need to walk the last 5 minutes of the school journey, we expect them to avoid cul-de-sacs where it takes time in manoeuvre in and out (such as Widey View) and move towards bigger roads, which are easier to access and continue the journey from. At school run times I've seen a good amount of available parking space on Egguckland Road</p>
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<p>Widely daily, I already know how dangerous this area is at anytime.</p> <p>This scheme is laudable, but is going to put a ridiculous pressure on the roads I've stated.</p> <p>How is it going to be policed? Can the area not be made a one way with the school having a drop off area where there's a car park at the entrance- a roundabout?</p> <p>I am truly concerned that there's going to be an accident with this trial. Inconvenience we can live with, it's a small window a day, but a child's life is something not to be toyed with.</p> <p>Please look at this again. If you haven't already, come here and see for yourself what it's like here. Try accessing Reservoir Road during drop off times, try getting into higher Compton Road and from higher Compton Road into reservoir.</p> <p>Try getting into Widely view and out of it at drop off times.</p>	<p>closer to the junction with Mannamead Road, all within 5 minutes' walk from school. We'll continue to work with the school to get messages out to parents.</p> <p>You mention a possible one-way system – our Road Safety officer Suzanne Keith (copied in) can give you more information on one-way systems and the challenges around them if you wish.</p> <p>This is a trial scheme, we are keen to hear feedback on how it can be improved https://forms.office.com/e/m7n8Y6VDAQ. There are many more things that can be considered, and anything that would improve safety around the Widely View junction would be welcomed.</p>
<p>Our growing concern over the parking issue since the closure of Pearn Road. Following a FOI request to the council, I have established that there have been NO reported accidents to the police in the roads around the school</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments which have been logged as per the accordance of the TRO. We are continuing to monitor and visit the area for next few weeks. You may not have seen us, but we have been on site, As Compton is a faith school so it will attract families from around the city. We are continuing to monitor the area with traffic counts and visits. I trust the above information is useful</p>
<p>As local resident we were not consulted prior to approval being given for an eighteen-month pilot scheme.. One of my main concerns is for the children who walk through Hartley Park on their own to school and then have to cross Reservoir Road to go down the back lane to the lollipop person</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments which have been logged as per the accordance of the TRO. We are continuing to monitor and visit the area for next few weeks. Our parking enforcement officers have been out to the area as well. I can assure you that the Council will continue to monitor, assess and evaluate safety on the road around the school .</p>
<p>I'm writing to advise I have concerns about the development of the Compton school parking scheme-I appreciate the importance of keeping our children safe, my son attends this primary school. However, since this scheme has been put into place my son has continually been put</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments which have been logged as per the accordance of the TRO.</p> <p>We are continuing to monitor and visit the area for next few weeks. We are still conducting traffic and pedestrians counts in the roads around the school.</p>

<p>at risk trying to cross Widey View to walk safely to school in the morning.</p>	<p>Our parking enforcement officers have been out to the area as well. Plymouth City Council takes its road safety responsibilities very seriously as we endeavour to make the highway network as safe as possible for everyone in the city.</p>
<p>Thank you for your email and the details regarding the "Safer School Streets Scheme. Please can you also note along with my concern, that I did not receive any letter prior to this scheme being implemented to explain what was to happen. I would expect to receive details of a major road closure scheme within 50 metres of my garage / door. It begs the question as to why we were not informed</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments which have been logged as per the accordance of the TRO.</p> <p>Safer School schemes are increasingly being used across the UK as towns, cities and local authorities work to tackle congestion, air quality and road safety issues outside schools. In a school streets scheme, non-residential traffic is restricted, but residents, service vehicles and other exempt traffic (such as parents or children with disabilities) have vehicle access during the restricted times.</p> <p>At the time we had also been engaging with Compton School and their continued issue of pedestrian and vehicle conflict at the junction of Pearn Road. The closing of Pearn Road at specific times is a legal process under an Experimental Traffic Order for 18 months, with the support of the portfolio holder and local ward councillors.</p>
<p>I agree totally that safety in ALL school roads, and surrounding school roads everywhere has to be the priority. They would then assess if there were in fact safer roads nearby, therefore not just moving the issue from one problem road to other roads - as is the case around here. We feel that without doing a pilot /trial day for Compton School no one could actually see how moving the school drop offs and pickups from Pearn Road and inevitably involving the two narrow residential busy roads.</p>	<p>Firstly, thank you for your concern which has been logged and recorded At the time we had also been engaging with Compton School and their continued issue of pedestrian and vehicle conflict at the junction of Pearn Road. We discussed the option of a Safer School Street, but it has only now come to fruition. At the time in November 2021 Compton were not quite ready to proceed and the other schools in the pilot went ahead.</p> <p>The closing of Pearn Road at specific times is a legal process under an Experimental Traffic Order for 18 months, with the support of the portfolio holder and local ward councillors. Therefore they are both trails as Compton and St Pauls road closures are under a 18-month Experimental Traffic Order With the option to making them permanent following the trail after a few months of monitoring etc,</p>

<p>I walk to school and I'm concerned about the length I'll have to walk if I can no longer park on Pearn Road considering I have mobility issues. Apparently there are some exemptions and I believe I fall into this category Could you let me know please where I stand with this issue</p>	<p>Any exemptions to the road closure will be at the discretion of the school, so please contact the school office and explain your situation. I would expect the school to have a list of car registrations who will be exempt due to mobility or other issues. However, if you do have an exemption, please enter the road closure at 10 mph and keep to this speed as more young people and their families will be found inside the road closure.</p>
<p>My children go to Compton School and I pick them up on the way home from work . I don't have time to go home then walk up to school. I Have no problem with parking away from the school but it's a shame that the small percentage of people who park on the yellow lines and make it dangerous to cross the road has caused this to happen. Instead of shutting the road to everyone just get the council to send out a parking warden and give them all tickets.</p>	<p>Thank you for your email its much appreciated. This road closure is a trial that begins on Monday 29 January. The trial period can run for up to 18 months and will involve a consultation with residents, parents and other stakeholders. Changes can be made to the scheme during the trial period in response to the consultation and feedback from school staff and stewards. If the trial is successful and the consultation shows that residents and parents are in favour, the Safer School Street can become permanent. Please look out for further information regarding further consultation on this scheme</p>
<p>I am writing to you with regard to the 'Safer Streets' parking initiative that is currently in its trial period in the streets surrounding Compton Primary School. Whilst we understand the philosophy behind the scheme to keep children safe on their journey to and from school, we do not feel that the unintended consequences are being considered and managed appropriately so as to satisfy the objectives of the scheme. We note there are two volunteers placed at the barriers to Pearn Road and we politely request these volunteers are spread further across the surrounding area and, in particular, are deployed close to our site to assist with managing families using our site as a drop off/pick up point for the school</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments regarding the safer school street. We are still monitoring the area currently. The staff stewarding the barriers have no authority to manage families dropping off children to your site, their role is to manage the barriers and ensure residents or workers can access Pearn Road during the road closure.</p>
<p>I've just been sent an email by our school - Compton CofE - about the closure of Pearn Rd during school drop off and pickup which is great news. Another road that has been historically quite dangerous when we walk to school - and I think is likely to get worse with the volume of traffic moved away from Pearn Rd - is Reservoir Rd.. Would it be possible to make this road one way? There's an easy route round , particularly if it was one way towards the school for local residents.</p>	<p>Thank you for your email its much appreciated. We are aware of the nature of Reservoir Road, and we are continuing to monitor this area especially now we will be closing Pearn Road Roads are normally only considered for a one-way system as part of a road safety scheme.. At present cars parked on this road act as natural traffic calming within a two-way system, so drivers should be cautious of vehicles coming in the opposite direction. A one-way system would remove</p>

	this need for caution of oncoming traffic. The concern would be increased speeds along the road, which also increases risk for vulnerable road users (e.g. pedestrians crossing
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4. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Experimental Order is implemented in its entirety as a permanent Order as advertised.

5. LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

The lawful implications and consequences of the proposal have been considered and taken into account in the preparation of this report.

When considering whether to make a traffic order it is the Council's responsibility to ensure that all relevant legislation is complied with. This includes Section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended) that sets out that it is the duty of a local authority, so far as practicable subject to certain matters, to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including pedestrians) and the provision of suitable and adequate parking facilities on and off the highway. It is considered that the proposals comply with Section 122 of the Act as they practically secure the safe and expeditious movement of traffic in and around Plymouth and provide for suitable and adequate associated parking facilities.