



20<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Dear Resident,

## RE: LIVERPOOL SCHOOL STREET PROJECT

Liverpool City Council have previously contacted primary schools about taking part in the Liverpool School Street Project. The aim of this project is to introduce car free areas, on sections of the highway outside of the school, during the school opening and closing times.

This project is a pioneering approach to transforming road safety and air quality outside schools, whereby the road is closed to traffic at the start and end of the school day. This helps to reduce congestion and improve air quality at the school gates, making it easier and safer to walk or cycle to school and creating a more pleasant environment for everyone.

Initially we had 4 schools indicate that they wanted to take part in this project. The City Council erected signage outside of these schools to inform drivers that access was restricted between the times of 8.30am to 9.00am and 2.30pm to 3.30pm. We also provided barriers and training courses to enable volunteers to physically close the road during the operational hours of the restriction.

Although this has been successful, over time this has proved challenging for the volunteers and school staff, making enforcement of the restrictions unsustainable in its current form.

I am pleased to inform you that the Government on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2023 granted Liverpool City Council powers to enforce moving traffic contraventions with Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras. The contraventions that can now be enforced with the use of ANPR cameras include but are not limited to:

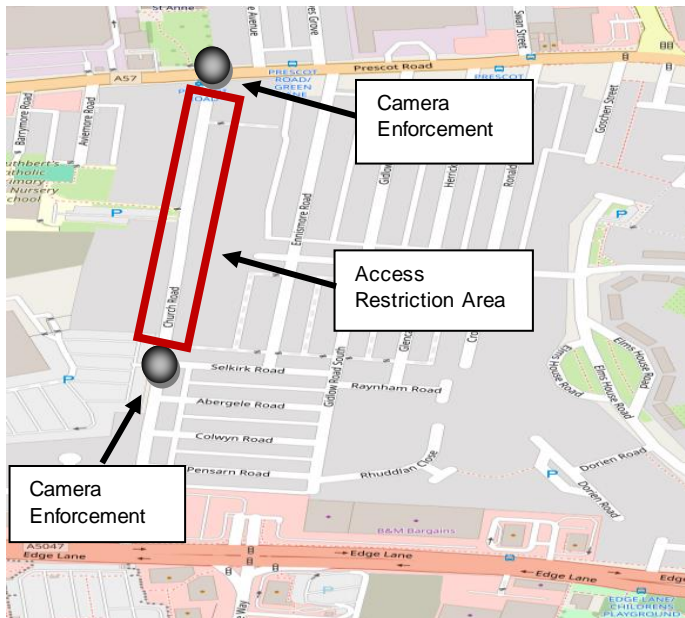
- Yellow Box Junctions / Banned turns / 'U' turns
- Bus Lanes / Bus Gates / Bus Links
- Mandatory Cycle Lanes / One-Way Systems
- School Streets

Of the 4 schools initially identified, 2 schools have now had ANPR cameras installed to enforce the access restriction. This removes the need to find volunteers to erect barriers on the highway to close the road.

I am now writing to you to confirm that we have identified **St Cuthbert Catholic Primary School on Church Road** to be included in Phase 2 of the Liverpool School Street Project. This scheme proposes to introduce an access restriction along Church Road between its junctions with Prescot Road and Selkirk Road (see plan overleaf) and enforcement of this restriction being carried out via a ANPR camera.

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**When does the enforcement apply?**

The enforcement will only apply during the school opening and closing times 8:30am–9:00am and 2:30pm–3:30pm, during school term time only.

**What does this mean for you?**

Access for residents, carers and guardians, disabled badge holders, delivery vehicles and school staff will be permitted during the operational times of the restriction. However, vehicles that do not meet the above criteria, will not be permitted in this area during the above restriction times.

If the scheme is taken forward onto the next stage, details on how to apply for your vehicle to be on the exemption list, will be included on the next letter you receive in early Spring 2024.

**Consultation:**

Members of the public are being invited to provide comments to the scheme proposals.

If you have any comments to make over this scheme or if you have some additional questions regarding the camera enforcement, please email [schoolstreets@liverpool.gov.uk](mailto:schoolstreets@liverpool.gov.uk).

You can also submit any comments via post at the following address:

- Lee Welsh,
- Liverpool City Council - Traffic Management Team,
- 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Cunard Building, Water Street, Liverpool, L3 1AH

We would request that all comments are received to the above email address no later than **29<sup>th</sup> March 2024**. Following this date, the scheme will be reviewed, and a further letter will be delivered to the area advising residents of the next steps.

I hope the above information gives assurance that the City Council is doing all it can to improve road safety around schools.

Yours Sincerely,

**Lee Welsh**

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