

Road Closures for Play Streets

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5. What effects could your policy have on different equality groups and on cohesion and good relations?

5.1 Age (select all that apply)

- Positive

Play Streets would be community led initiative with local residents/children of all ages. There will be an opportunity for children to socially interact, make new friends and play with children of different ages, abilities and ethnic backgrounds. It will also make Brent a safe borough where children can play together in a safe environment. This will further promote community cohesion, healthier lifestyle and will encourage more community events.

5.2 Disability (select all that apply)

- Neutral
- Negative

The Play Streets initiative has the potential to have negative or neutral impact on people with disability. The negative effects resulting from the Play Streets initiative can only be judged on a case by case basis depending on the location of the road closure and if/where a designated disabled persons parking place exists within the closure. However, access will be maintained at all times throughout the duration of the closure and stewards will be located at either end of it.

5.3 Gender identity and expression (select all that apply)

- Neutral

The Play Streets initiative are not considered to have any positive or negative impact on people's gender identity and expression.

5.4 Marriage and civil partnership (select all that apply)

- Neutral

The Play Streets initiative are not considered to have any positive or negative impact on marriage and civil partnership.

5.5 Pregnancy and maternity (select all that apply)

- Neutral

The Play Streets initiative are not considered to have any positive or negative impact on pregnancy and maternity.

5.6 Race (select all that apply)

- Positive
- Neutral

The Play Streets initiative are not considered to have any negative impact on race.

5.7 Religion or belief (select all that apply)

- Neutral

The Play Streets initiative are not considered to have any positive or negative impact on different religions or beliefs.

5.8 Sex (select all that apply)

- Neutral

The Play Streets initiative are not considered to have any positive or negative impact on sexuality.

5.9 Sexual orientation (select all that apply)

- Neutral

The Play Streets initiative are not considered to have any positive or negative impact on sexual orientation.

5.10 Other (please specify) (select all that apply)

- Unknown

The closure of roads and the impact on traffic is unknown at this point in time and further information will need to be provided by the organisers on the number of vehicles that had to be diverted or turned away during the Play Street session. It is perceived that there will be a moderate impact on traffic as Play Streets would not be acceptable on traffic sensitive streets, i.e. bus routes, Principal classified (A) roads or non-Principal Classified (B and C) roads.

6. Please provide a brief summary of any research or engagement initiatives that have been carried out to formulate your proposal.

What did you find out from consultation or data analysis?

Were the participants in any engagement initiatives representative of the people who will be affected by your proposal?

How did your findings and the wider evidence base inform the proposal?

Play Streets is a community led initiative with local residents in collaboration with London Play which is a grant funded organisation (established in 1998) to be a catalyst for the cohesive, strategic and rational development of play provision across London.

A meeting was held on 18th May 2015 with London Play to learn from their experiences and those of other Local Authorities that they have worked with, on how Play Streets can be successfully introduced in Brent. London Play initially contacted the Council in support of a request from residents of Kempe Road to operate a Play Street. It was agreed that a trial Play Street in Kempe Road would be beneficial in developing the process/initiative. Guidance Notes and an application form was produced and through completing the application form, residents have to prove that they have the support of the local community and provide a list of supporters for the closure of a road.

7. Could any of the impacts you have identified be unlawful under the Equality Act 2010?

- No

This is a community led initiative with local residents arranging for stewards to be provided at each end of the closure and whereby access for traffic will be maintained at all times.

8. What actions will you take to enhance any potential positive impacts that you have identified?

The Play Streets initiative has the aim of bringing together communities of all ages and races to promote and encourage children to play in a safe environment. The initiative will built an effective partnership between Brent and the local residents/community of all ages, race, backgrounds and encourage a strong consensus amongst organisers about the perceived benefits of the initiative for people of all ages and races getting together.

9. What actions will you take to remove or reduce any potential negative impacts that you have identified?

Play Streets will be a community led initiative where traffic for the purpose of access will be maintained at all times. The closure of the highway does take note of the special requirements of various disabilities. Organisers will have to adhere to strict guidance notes and residents will need to make arrangements to provide stewards at each end of the closure which would allow people to access their disabled persons parking place at all times or for people with a disability to have access as usual.

10. Please explain the justification for any remaining negative impacts.

No other negative impacts were identified.