

Statement of Reasons - School Street Closure – Dryden Road Penarth

The Vale of Glamorgan Council proposes to make the Order for Dryden Road to promote the “School Streets” project which aims to tackle the issues caused by school traffic at peak times (the start/end of the school day).

High traffic levels outside of schools creates congestion, compromises air quality, presents a problem in terms of road safety, as well as obstructing access for residents and the emergency services. Removing vehicular traffic from roads in the vicinity of school entrances at busy times will help to make children’s journeys to school safer and will make active travel to school (cycling and walking) more appealing.

The primary aim of the scheme is to make an improvement to road safety from the perspective of pedestrians and cyclists – thus helping to promote a shift to more sustainable and active modes of transport.

The road closure will be in place during the school opening and closing times, however access will still be made available for permitted residents and emergency vehicles. Whilst residents of the restricted roads will be asked to avoid entering and leaving during the closures, residents will be able to apply for a permit for use in unavoidable situations.

Reasons

The Council considers it expedient to make the Order: -

- i. For avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the roads or any other roads or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising,
- ii. For facilitating the passage on the roads of any class of traffic (including pedestrians); and
- iii. For management of the quality of air pursuant to paragraphs (a) to (c) of sub section (1) of Section 87 of the Environmental Act 1995 (air quality).