

School Streets requirements for Church Green

– residents, businesses and schools views

These are the requirements for Church Green to conform to the Schools Streets initiative. They cover the needs of all three schools rather than one, and state what the residents, pedestrians, and schools want. They would make Church Green a more beautiful, safe and enjoyable environment for all. We need to improve Church Green to reduce pollution, noise, and discourage vehicle traffic, while encouraging walking. This all fits very well with the School Streets plan. The requirements are a live document, created and approved by the residents, schools, schoolparents, and businesses of Church Green.

Nobody expects all of these requirements to be met, and even those that are possible may be implemented in several phases. But they express what people want and so planners should use them to drive design work.

The requirements were updated following a residents' Zoom meeting (9th May). If you have any additions or changes to suggest, please email them to Rae Cather – they will be reviewed at a follow-up Zoom meeting.

Current School Street Requirements for Church Green

Version 5 - 11th May

Through traffic to Station Lane from Church Green shall be blocked (minority disagreement).

OR, IF NOT

No through traffic shall be permitted through Church Green to Station Lane during school hours and at night.

The western Church Green road shall be used for parking only (not as a through route) and the central road shall flow north one-way to become the exit for all Church Green cars.

If the central road is northbound one-way then the east road shall also be one way (southbound or northbound)

No parking shall be allowed on the east side of Church Green.

Safe, local and legal parking for residents on the west side of Church Green shall be available.

Church Green shall be a pedestrian priority zone i.e. cars must slow down or stop for pedestrians on the road

The shall be double yellow line around the grass part of Church Green (some disagreement)

Vehicle traffic flow in every Church Green street shall be reduced by at least 60% and measured.

School children shall be able to be dropped off and picked up by buses and cars only at several dedicated points.

An entry to Henry Box school from the Leys shall be available for pupils and staff (Note: This gate already exists but is currently unused)

The space in Market Square between the estate agents Scott Frazer and Merrifield shall be used as a drop-off and pick up point.

School buses shall have priority over other vehicles at the drop off and pick-up points.

Waiting in a vehicle (e.g. whether idling the engine or not) on Church Green shall be forbidden.

School children shall be able to walk between their particular school and all drop-off and pick-up points without any need to cross a road with traffic.

There shall be a 20 mph speed limit on Church Green roads enforced and monitored by cameras.

The vehicle traffic numbers, speed, pollution level and noise level shall be monitored to evaluate the results of the changes.

Hotel guests shall be able to use the drop-off and pick-up points.

Hotels and pubs outdoor dining space shall be restricted to pre-pandemic levels when the temporary measures to increase outdoor dining areas ceases.

Sufficient bins shall be provided and maintenance improved in areas that are regularly littered (e.g. Weatherspoons and the North end of Church Green)

The licenses of business premises shall be changed to make them clearly responsible for both eliminating pavement drinking and reducing litter associated with it.

Access shall be available for employers, employees, residents, people with disability parking permits and their vehicles., school buses, carers, emergency services and deliveries.

Post and other deliveries shall be possible to all places on the Green.

The pavements on Church Green shall be repaired, widened and upgraded to cope with the current and predicted pedestrian footfall (including mobility scooters and pushchairs).

A footpath to the Nursery School entrance shall be made.

The Green shall be improved to correct existing damage and prevent future damage caused by vehicles e.g. to verges.

Parking on verges and pavements shall not be allowed and this shall be enforced rigorously.

Current change suggestions for Zoom meeting: