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Broadcast to all Statutory Consultees  
Including Emergency Services and  
Local Authority Network

Dear Sir/Madam

**School Streets Initiative – Beaconside School, Penrith  
Proposed Experimental Traffic Regulation Order**

I am writing to introduce the School Streets initiative.

A School Street is the name given to a closure of a road/s immediately outside a School by way of a temporary restriction imposed on motorised traffic at school drop-off and pick-up times. This signed restriction would apply to all motorised traffic, but residents with properties on the road/s affected would be exempt, together with the emergency services and necessary school transport.

Traffic would be restricted for a period between 30 minutes and 1 hour at either end of the School day and the Street would effectively then become a Walking and Cycling zone.

A School Street implies a safer school, but it also creates a more pleasant traffic-free environment for everyone and encourages families to participate in active travel to School.

We are now seeking your comments on the proposed School Street above, prior to seeking formal approval to introduce an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO) from the Local Committee of the County Council.

An ETRO would allow a School Street to be put into place for a period of 6 months whilst we monitor and capture any views and findings relating to the School Street. Once the 6 months have expired a report would then be presented to the Eden Local Committee to either recommend making the School Street permanent, or to discontinue with it and return the traffic restrictions to the previous state.

Please see the proposed attached School Street extent plan and signage diagram for more information and the anticipated operation times will be Morning (0815 – 0915) and Afternoon (1445 – 1545).

## Next steps

We are aiming to report to the Eden Local Committee at their September meeting to request approval to introduce the ETRO, implement the traffic restriction variations and begin the 6 month monitoring period. Should this be approved we will then contact you again regarding the next steps that we will be taking.

We would therefore welcome any comments on this School Street proposal by contacting Cumbria Highways at the above address by **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2021 marking your correspondence with reference School Streets Beaconside.**

Yours faithfully



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