

THE KING'S CORONATION BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND, SATURDAY 6th TO MONDAY 8th MAY 2023

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES FOR STREET PARTIES: GUIDANCE TO STREET PARTY ORGANISERS

Introduction

Middlesbrough Council wants all of the residents of the town to be able to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III in May. The Council has, therefore, adopted a simplified application and approval process for temporary road closures required to allow Street Parties celebrating this historic event to be held in a safe, traffic-free environment.

The Application and Approval Process

Applications will be accepted for Street Party road closures on any single day during the Coronation Bank Holiday weekend – i.e. Saturday 6th, Sunday 7th and Monday 8th May 2023. Applications for road closures for a period of more than one day, or on any day before or after the Bank Holiday weekend, will **not** be accepted.

The 'default' position will be to approve all such applications, **provided that** they involve the closure of a road with little or no traffic value (for example a cul-de-sac within a residential estate), where closing the road would have no material impact on the operation of the surrounding highway network. Applications to close roads with a higher traffic value (such as main roads, distributor roads or bus routes) will be refused. Other relevant factors – such as programmed highway maintenance and utility works, and scheduled refuse collections – will also be taken into account as part of the approval process.

Consideration of any application received will be based on the assumption that the event organiser has consulted **all** of the residents affected by the proposed road closure. Council officers do not have either the time or the resources to deal with any neighbour disputes that may arise, so it is the responsibility of the event organiser to make sure that **everyone** affected by the closure is in agreement with it before submitting their application.

Organisers of Street Parties to celebrate the Coronation will **not** be required to obtain public liability insurance to cover their event. This removes a potential financial burden for event organisers. The Council will not, however, discourage event organisers from obtaining public liability insurance should they wish to do so. Relevant guidance can be found on the Street Party website: [Insurance for Street Parties \(streetparty.org.uk\)](https://streetparty.org.uk).

All of the approved temporary road closures for Street Parties will be covered by a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO) made under Section 21 of the Town Police Clauses Act 1847. The TTRO is particularly important, as it gives the legal authority for each of the roads to be closed to traffic. There will be **no** cost to event organisers associated with the TTRO.

The responsibility for providing all temporary traffic management measures required to physically close the road – for example ‘ROAD CLOSED’ signs and barriers – will rest with the event organiser, and **not** the Council. The Street Party website ([Road Closures \(streetparty.org.uk\)](http://streetparty.org.uk)) includes guidance for event organisers on this aspect of holding a Street Party.

How do I Apply for a Street Party Road Closure?

If you are the Street Party organiser, you can apply for a temporary road closure by completing the online form on the Council website: [Road closure for an event application - Section 1 - My Middlesbrough](#). Don't worry if you're unable to provide all of the information requested – just supply as much as you can.

Once you have submitted your application, including your contact details, a member of the Council's Transport and Infrastructure Team will be in touch to acknowledge receipt of your application and, if necessary, discuss the proposed road closure in more detail. The decision on whether to approve your application will normally follow shortly afterwards, although the process could take a little longer depending on the circumstances in each case.

The Council's decision to either approve or refuse your road closure request will be final and binding. You **must not** close a road for a Street Party without the Council's written permission. Doing so is illegal – and, as the event organiser, you could be liable should an incident occur.

If you have any queries about the application and approval process set out above, please contact us at trafficmanagement@middlesbrough.gov.uk.