

SOMERSET COUNCIL
BIRCHFIELD SCHOOL ROAD, YEOVIL
(BIRCHFIELD COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL)
(SCHOOL STREET – PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLE ZONE)

(PROHIBITION OF MOTOR VEHICLES) EXPERIMENTAL ORDER 2025

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 26th day of September 2025 Somerset Council made an Experimental Order in exercise of its powers under Sections 1, 2, 4, 9 and 10, and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, and of all other enabling powers and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act.

The effect of this Order is to prohibit the driving of motor vehicles on Birchfield School Road, Yeovil as shown in the Schedule below.

The Order shall come into force on the 6th day of October 2025 and the restrictions will only come into effect between the hours of 08:30 and 09:10 and 14:45 and 15:30 during school term times only and will remain in force for a maximum period of 18 months.

Where may I see more information?

Full details of the scheme are contained in the experimental order. If you would like to see a copy of the experimental order, a map and a copy of the Council's Statement of Reasons for making the order, you may do so by viewing on the Somerset Council website: www.somerset.gov.uk/TRO. If you are unable to access, please contact 0300 123 2224.

What if I want to send a letter about the scheme?

Any person may object to the indefinite continuation of the experimental order within six months of the experimental order coming into operation.

If you would like to send us a letter about the scheme, please check that you:

1. Include reasons for any comments you make regarding any decision to make an Order for the indefinite continuation of this scheme. Comments in support of the scheme are also invited.
2. Send all comments in writing to Somerset Council, Traffic Management, County Hall, Taunton, TA1 4DY or by email to TROinbox@somerset.gov.uk.
3. Quote reference KT17092025.
4. Send your letter by the 6th April 2026.

Please note that all representations received may be made available for public inspection and could be included in a report that may be published on the Somerset Council website, unless the individuals concerned state, in writing, their objection to their names and address being made so available or being included in the publication.

Duncan Sharkey, Chief Executive. Dated: 1st October 2025
SCHEDULE

Birchfield Community Primary School
Prohibition of Motor Vehicles

Monday – Friday (During School Term Time Only)

Between the hours of 08.30 and 09.10 and between the hours of 14.45 and 15.30
Birchfield School Road, Yeovil - For its entire length

STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR PROPOSING TO MAKE THE ORDER

Purpose of closure

The School Street closure is part of a project delivered by Somerset Council and Somerset Activity and Sports Partnership (SASP) with Birchfield Community Primary School. The purpose of the closure is to address road safety issues in the area around the school and encourage an increase in active travel for the school commute.

Justification

The Children and families of Birchfield Community Primary School are faced with traffic problems leading to their school daily. A School Street scheme would create a safer environment for children attending school, reduce the levels of disgruntled residents having their driveways blocked and make a more pleasant and welcoming environment for active travel.