

Covid 19 High Street Response locations

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Bishops Stortford, Station Road	Hertfordshire County Council, East Herts District Council	Traffic lane removal on bridge to widen footway for social distancing	Scheme retained	Locally supported trial that remains in place.
Bishops Stortford, Town Centre	Hertfordshire County Council, East Herts District Council	Traffic management to limit vehicle access and through traffic	Removed	The project was initiated to provide more space for those walking and cycling and outside trading. Further to discussions with Town Council the scheme was removed. Further options are being considered.
Borehamwood, Shenley Road	Hertfordshire County Council, Hertsmere Borough Council	Removal of parking in service road between Clarendon Road and Grosvenor Road	Removed	The project was initiated to create space for those walking and wheeling; and provide outside trading opportunities. Further to the review of the measures and local engagement the scheme was removed.
Harpenden Bowers Parade	Hertfordshire County Council, St Albans City & District Council	Traffic management & removal of short stay parking in service road to limit vehicle access and through traffic	Removed	The project was initiated to create space for those walking and wheeling; and provide outside trading opportunities. Majority support for a High Street Recovery trial in public engagement, but town council opposed, and it was abandoned.
Hertford Fore Street	Hertfordshire County Council, East Herts District Council	Removal of short stay parking and revised loading arrangements	Progressing with permanent traffic regulation order (PTRO)	<p>Pending a project board final decision, steps are being taken in towards the “future vision” for Fore Street which has been reviewed in conjunction with the East Herts Parking Team and a final layout is agreed. New parking place orders and changes to the size of the Restricted Parking Zone will assist the parking team with enforcement and will make it easier for customers to understand the parking restrictions.</p> <p>Plans are being prepared for potential footway widening works which could be constructed in the near future and will make the area easier to move through for those with accessibility issues and enable street trading in front of some of the popular hospitality units.</p>
Hertford, Parliament Square	Hertfordshire County Council, East Herts District Council	Traffic management to limit vehicle access and removal of through traffic	Progressing with PTRO	The closure of the western end of Fore Street is progressing to a permanent TRO following consultation that demonstrated local support.

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Hitchin High Street and Market Place	Hertfordshire County Council, North Herts Council, Hitchin BID	Pedestrian Zone – 10am 4 pm Monday to Saturday	PTRO implemented	Following positive feedback via the consultation the trial has been made permanent. The change sees the High Street and Market Place being maintained as a pedestrian and cycle zone from 10am to 4pm each day (except Sundays) when levels of people walking, wheeling and cycling are at their highest. Building on the already fantastic use of tables and chairs Market Place is already seeing, HCC Officers are working with councillors, the district and Hitchin BID on a concept to optimise this flexible space in the historic town centre and address drainage and accessibility issues. The project will hopefully tie in with the NHC's regeneration of the Churchgate Shopping Centre.
Knebworth, London Road	Hertfordshire County Council, North Herts Council	Removal of parking on London Road	Removed	The project was initiated to widen footways and create space for social distancing and outside trading. The Knebworth scheme was a temporary, emergency measure aligned with government guidelines to support social distancing following the relaxation of Covid-19 restrictions. It was removed following local consultation that supported a return to pre-Covid layout.
Radlett, Watling Street	Hertfordshire County Council, Hertsmere Borough Council	Removal of parking from sections of the service road	Removed	The project was initiated to provide additional space for people walking and outside trading. Planters and various highway measures as part of a semi-permanent arrangement were introduced to enable social distancing within Radlett town centre. There was not support for the trial measures to be retained and it was removed.
Rickmansworth High Street	Hertfordshire County Council, Three Rivers District Council	Closure to traffic between 10am Saturday and 6am Monday. Removal of short stay parking	Awaiting approval of board decision	Rickmansworth High Street has had people walking and wheeling prioritised during the day when footfalls are at their highest for the last few years while data has been collected and the public engaged with. The project is in the final stages of the decision-making process following lengthy engagement and consultation reviews. The project board have recently decided to progress towards a hybrid weekend-only closure of Rickmansworth High Street, which is likely to come into force in the New Year subject to committee approval at Three Rivers District Council.
Royston High Street	Hertfordshire County Council, North Herts Council	Removal of short stay parking	PTRO implemented	The trial in Royston has been made permanent very recently with changes that move away from short-stay parking in favour of an increase in loading and disabled capacity - enabling a less vehicle dominated streetscape. The project has significant benefits towards those with accessibility issues by increasing footway widths to current UK standards and reducing the volume of circulating traffic. The changes also support Royston's sustainable travel town application. HCC are currently working on a footway improvement project to replace the temporary measures with wider paths making it easier, safer and more convenient to use the shops and travel through the area on foot and by bike.
St Albans, Hatfield Road	Hertfordshire County Council, St	Footways extended to	Closed	This was always intended as a temporary scheme to allow more space for social distancing while queueing outside shops.

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	Albans City & District Council	allow for social distancing		Barriers were removed when social distancing measures were relaxed.
St Albans, High Street	Hertfordshire County Council, St Albans City & District Council, St Albans BID	<p>Closure to through traffic</p> <p>Initially at all times then restricted to weekends only to create an improved environment for people walking and cycling in the city centre and to provide space for outside trading</p>	Relaxation of Experimental traffic Regulation Order (ETRO)	<p>Initially implemented to enable more space for people accessing the city centre and then to support the hospitality businesses in the area the High Street was closed to through traffic.</p> <p>Following an initial engagement process, it was agreed that a phased trial approach should be taken with the closure removed to enable local roadworks to be undertaken and for monitoring to take place.</p> <p>In November 2022 the road was closed at weekends only from Friday night to Monday morning. This was with a view to a second phase being promoted that would return to a 7-day closure.</p> <p>Following feedback and a further engagement exercise on the city centre measures it was agreed with the board that the road should be reopened to traffic and the second phase to close the road 7 days a week would be cancelled.</p> <p>Phase 3 of the trial will see George Street (see below) closed to traffic from 11am Saturday through to 7am Monday. High Street will not be closed to traffic, but the gates will remain to allow for closures to traffic for special events.</p> <p>A comprehensive monitoring and evaluation plan has been established and is ongoing.</p>
St Albans, George Street	Hertfordshire County Council, St Albans City & District Council, St Albans BID	<p>Closure to traffic between 11am Saturday and 7am Monday to provide space for social distancing and outdoor hospitality</p>	Relaxation of Experimental traffic Regulation Order (ETRO)	<p>George Street was initially closed to through traffic other than deliveries in order to provide additional space for social distancing and subsequently the hospitality businesses in the street.</p> <p>The measures were temporarily removed to facilitate road works and enable monitoring to take place.</p> <p>More robust measures were reintroduced in November 2022 and the road closed to through traffic.</p> <p>At the end of the trial following a further consultation and engagement with businesses and residents' groups and further phase is under way that sees George Street closed to traffic from 11am Saturday through to 7am Monday. High Street will not be closed to traffic, but the gates will remain to allow for closures to traffic for special events.</p>
St Albans, Market Place	Hertfordshire County Council, St Albans City & District	Removal of traffic between 7am and 11am to provide space for social	Progressing with Permanent traffic regulation	The road has been reallocated to pedestrian space with vehicle access from 7am to 11am each day when loading is able to take place to the shops. This arrangement is to be made permanent following the Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO) process in November 2023, meaning that pedestrians

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	Council, St Albans BID	distancing and outdoor hospitality	order (PTRO)	will continue to have priority in that location. A further order will be made in conjunction with St Albans District Council in the coming year to consolidate the many different traffic regulation orders currently present dating back to the 1970s. This will ensure that traffic and parking enforcement is easier and more effective for everyone. We have also started conversations with our landscape architects to begin the process of looking at opportunities for urban realm and accessibility enhancements in order to be ready for any future funding opportunities.
Ware	Hertfordshire County Council, East Herts District Council	One way system to enable the widening of footways supported with a reduced 20mph limit and on-street parking restrictions	Removed	<p>The Ware scheme was a temporary, emergency measure aligned with government guidelines to support social distancing following the relaxation of Covid-19 restrictions.</p> <p>The initial one way flow was reversed following feedback and the measures remained in place whilst social distancing was a requirement.</p> <p>Following engagement with the local community the scheme was removed.</p>
Watford, High Street	Hertfordshire County Council, Watford Borough Council	Removal of traffic from the High Street between King Street and Market Street -	Handed over to WBC	Locally engaged upon by Watford and promoted as a permanent scheme with camera enforcement.
Welwyn, High Street	Hertfordshire County Council, Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council	Widened footway sections and parking management to improve areas for social distancing and access.	Removed	<p>Following an initial change to make the High Street one-way, this was returned to two-way traffic with the implementation of a 20mph area. This supported social distancing and greater road safety in the High Street. This was achieved using planters to narrow the carriageway, which changed the environment of the road to enable the 20mph area.</p> <p>Some elements of the project have been retained and the High Street is within the potential Welwyn 1 scheme, part of the wider 20mph programme.</p>