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**Holt Street – road closure experimental scheme**

Proposed closure of Holt Street at junction with Lister Street.

Dear occupier,

As part of the Birmingham Transport Plan, the city council aims to reduce traffic in areas to make it safer for people to walk, wheel and cycle.

Holt Road experiences high levels of traffic for what is an unclassified road. Speeding and dangerous driving are a common occurrence as motorists cut through or “rat run” to avoid the main Dartmouth island junction.

With Aston University and Aston University Engineering Academy expanding their premises, increased activity is expected in the area, which is now known as the “Knowledge Quarter”. This will likely result in a significant rise in pedestrian movement through the Holt Street junction and surrounding roads.

To reduce the amount of traffic travelling through Holt Steet, and to improve the general safety for pedestrians in this area, we are introducing a trial closure of Holt Street at its junction with Lister Street. This closure will be implemented through an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO). You can view the plan on the reverse of this letter.

With increasing numbers of university students and school pupils in the area, the proposal will contribute to improving the environment for these road users by prioritising safer and sustainable travel. It will also enhance health and wellbeing, making walking, wheeling, and cycling the natural first choice for everyday short journeys.

You can find more information on this proposal and respond to an online survey at: [**https://www.birminghambeheard.org.uk/bcc/holtst-listerst-etro**](https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.birminghambeheard.org.uk%2Fbcc%2Fholtst-listerst-etro&data=05%7C02%7CKurt.Sullivan%40birmingham.gov.uk%7Cd8f92a6585644ddd592908dd99232f2e%7C699ace67d2e44bcdb303d2bbe2b9bbf1%7C0%7C0%7C638835098595970067%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=wzrVmZKtVdKtLLZIRr2gkv%2F3MFVO7dKdt1zA%2FnaZVFE%3D&reserved=0)

It is intended that this experimental scheme will be implemented in the week commencing Monday 23 June. There will then be a 6 month statutory consultation period as part of the ETRO process where comments relating to the scheme can be formally submitted.

Yours faithfully,

Transport & Connectivity team  
Birmingham City Council