Warwickshire County Council

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

The Warwickshire County Council (Caroline Close, Nuneaton) (Prohibition of Motor Vehicles) (Experimental) Order 2026

1. Background

Warwickshire County Council intends to make an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order. The effect of which will be to close Caroline Close, for its entire length of 137m, to all vehicular traffic between Monday to Friday, between the hours of 8:15 – 9:15am and 2:30 – 3:45pm, during School Term Time (following Warwickshire Term Dates).

This Scheme is being caried out by way of an experimental order to allow for a full assessment to be carried out for the Scheme of 'School Streets' – a central government directive. Warwickshire County Council will trial Chetwynd Junior School as their second scheme of a School Street school, to determine the positive effects of promoting Active Travel, to reduce parking and traffic congestion in and around Caroline Close during school drop off and pick up times. The closure is expected to have a positive impact on air quality and assist in the avoidance of danger to persons or traffic around the school gates.

The experimental order will last for up to 18 months.

During the experimental order, a consultation will be carried out with relevant stakeholders, businesses, and the public and statutory consultees to ascertain the effectiveness or otherwise of the experimental order. Consideration will then be given to making a Traffic Regulation Order to continue the prohibition of motor vehicles indefinitely.

Consultation Plan	Location	ParkMap Tile	Revision No.
	Chetwynd Junior School, Caroline Close, Nuneaton	n/a	n/a

2. Statement of Reasons

Caroline Close, Nuneaton

It is proposed to close Caroline Close, Nuneaton, during school term time, between the hours of 8:15-9:15am to 2:30- 3:45pm Monday to Friday during Warwickshire Term Time. This will be part of the Scheme of School Streets taking part at Chetwynd Junior School. Following its success, similar schemes will be rolled out to other eligible schools across the county.

The Council wishes to determine whether the proposed closure of Caroline Close during the hours set out above will achieve any or all of the following objectives:

1. Improve air quality;

2. Creating a safer school run due to reduced congestion;

3. Increase the number of children and parents using Active Travel (including walking, cycling and scootering) to travel to and from school.

Specific exemptions will apply which will include the emergency services, blue badge holders, residents of Caroline Close, and permit holders (permits will be issued at WCC discretion). All other motorists will be prohibited.

3. **Schedule**

   Caroline Close

   From its junction with Gypsy Lane, for a distance of 137 metres.

4. **Existing orders to be varied**

5. **Priority**

   Urgent