



Building a covid-safe Exeter

The Exeter Cycling Campaign welcomes Devon County Council's call for local suggestions for how our streets can be made covid-safe.

Using our city-wide network of supporters we have crowd-sourced information about pinch points that make social distancing difficult.

We recognise the government imperative to act quickly and to use pop-up infrastructure to create space for people to walk and cycle safely.

Following the steer given by the DfT's updated guidance we've focused on space needed for:

- Retail areas with high footfall
- Creation of Low Traffic Neighbourhoods in residential areas
- Access to key locations (hospitals / schools / colleges)
- Key corridors to allow people to commute safely while socially distancing

We therefore offer you the following initial list for consideration

Phase 1: immediate

Type	Where	Rationale	What
Cross city route	Barrack Road / Polsloe Road/Mt Pleasant Rd	A vital route for people cycling across the city which is currently hostile (evidenced from the Campaign's recent 'where are the blockages' community feedback). A key route into the RD&E (supported by key NHS workers)	Bollard protection for people walking and cycling. Car parking removal.
Residential	Heavitree Residential area	Filter out rat-running traffic across Heavitree (the Campaign's <i>Living Streets</i> report identified where and how this can be achieved). Exeter City Council cited modal filtering in Heavitree as part of their response in the Air Quality Action Plan and DCC cited modal filtering in their draft Exeter Transport Plan	Planters or bollards to affect modal filtering
Shopping /	Heavitree Road	Heavy footfall retail area.	Bollard protection for people

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Commuting route		Key route into town	walking and cycling. Car parking removal.
Pinch Point	Pinch points on Topsham Road	Shared path too narrow to socially distance: N side of Topsham Rd between Ludwell Valley and Southbrook Rd (esp. opposite School Lane). No pavement on S side of road.	Short stretch of bollard protected lane.
Retail area	Fore Street	Filter out motor traffic. Full width available to people walking/cycling	Filter out motor traffic.

Phase 2: 2-4 weeks

Type	Where	Rationale	What
Commuting Route / Pinch Points	Alphington Road	Narrow pavements make social distancing difficult, including critical pinch points (especially under railway bridge)	Bollard protected space for people walking / cycling. Car parking removal.
Residential	Wonford Rd, Magdalen Rd, St.Leonards	Open up covid-safe routes into RD&E and Exeter / Magdalen Court schools. Filter out rat-running traffic across St.Leonards with particular attention to removing traffic along Wonford Road to create a safe route to hpostal/city centre..	Planters or bollards to affect modal filtering - especially along Wonford Road
Shopping / Commuting route	Cowick Street	Heavy footfall retail area Access to school. Key route into town	Bollard protection for people walking and cycling. Car parking removal.
Pinch Point	Station Road		Bollard protection for people

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	bridge	Very narrow pavement and pavement only on one side. Key link from west of river into city centre.	walking and cycling (or removal of through traffic)
Retail area	Topsham High Street	Narrow pavements. High footfall. Filter out motor traffic. Full width available to people walking/cycling	Filter out motor traffic.

Phase 3: 4-8 weeks (focus on students / school children)

Type	Where	Rationale	What
Cross city route	Union Road	Heavy footfall for University and children cycling to schools . Narrow pavements.	Bollard protection for people walking / cycling. Expedite the E4 strategic cycle path build.
Residential	St.James	Filter out rat-running traffic across St.James (esp Well Street) Improve access to school and city centre. High concentration of non-car residents	Modal filters.
Shopping / Commuting route	Coombe Street / BearStreet routes to city centre and schools	Strong desire line for families to/from Quay from city centre. Car-dominated space. Open up west side of Cathedral Green to connect Bear Street and Combe street to city centre.	Temporary surface on west edge of Green across grass
Pinch Point	Queen Street	Heavy footfall from Exeter College.	Bollard protected wider pavements. ?One way traffic.