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Plans for the Safe Re-opening of the High Street

During the early days of lockdown, Members of the Town Council became aware of the issues encountered by pedestrians using the High Street. The width of the pavements means that to observe social distancing regulations, pedestrians are having to walk into the road. This is, in turn, endangering both pedestrians and road users.

The Town Council would like to encourage visitors and residents to use its High Street by showing that Budleigh Salterton is safe to visit whilst still allowing shoppers to follow social distancing restrictions. Members feel that by allowing more space for people to walk freely and browse, it will be a more enjoyable atmosphere with the knock-on effect of helping the Town's traders.

At the end of May, Members of the Town Council held a meeting with Neighbourhood Highways Officers (NHO) as well as District and County Councillors and members of the Town's Chamber of Commerce to discuss possible solutions to the problems. Following this meeting and taking account of advice from the NHO, and representations received from residents, the following scheme was drawn up.

The outcome is to allow for safer pedestrian use of the High Street by temporarily widening the pavement on the south side of the High Street.

In-order to achieve this:

- Barriers will be installed adjacent to the pavement on southern side of the High Street from Macmillan's Delicatessen (17 High Street) to Top Notch (31 High Street).
- Barriers will be installed adjacent to the pavement on the northern side of the High Street from the former Royal Mail Sorting Office (52 High Street) to the junction of Station Road (60 High Street).
- Parking will remain in place on the northern side of the High Street at the following locations:
 - Junction of Rolle Road to David Rhys Estate Agents (from 22 High Street to 2 High Street)
 - Ragg Lane to The Lawn (46 High Street to 50b High Street)
- A one-way system will be implemented running from east to west. This direction allows the bus to continue running and gives delivery lorries a wider turn at the War Memorial.
 - Vehicles entering the town from West Hill will be diverted into Station Road (which runs into Upper Stoneborough Lane) and then via a right turn into East Budleigh Road. The diversion will then run along Coastguard Road and onto Marine Parade, continue up Fore Street and High Street.
 - Traffic entering the High Street from the side roads (primarily Cliff Road and The Lawn) will only be able to travel in a westerly direction; appropriate signage will be placed at these junctions.
- Following representations received at the Meeting of the Town Council held on 29 June 2020, it was further agreed that Cricket Field Lane and Chapel Hill should be closed to all but residential traffic (from Upper Stoneborough Lane to Chapel Street).

Once the need for social distancing restrictions cease, the TC will ask for the Temporary Traffic Regulations Order (TTRO) to be removed. It is the intention of the Town Council, if Social Distancing restrictions are still in place, to re-assess any approved TTRO after three months.

Town Councillors understand there may be some concern that this proposal will be permanent; this is not the case but if, in the future, this is something the Town Council decides to investigate, all residents and traders will be given the opportunity to comment at a public consultation.

The Traffic Management Plan can be viewed on the Town Council's website.