

Road danger and traffic reduction at Bath Street

Proposals presented at Bunhill Ward Partnership 21 June 2021

Introduction

1. This note provides an update on the following issues as discussed at the 21 June 2021 ward partnership meeting:
 - The delivery of a School Street for St Luke's Primary school
 - The delivery of the Bath Street traffic reversal
2. The potential scope for each of the initiatives is illustrated in Figure 1 below.

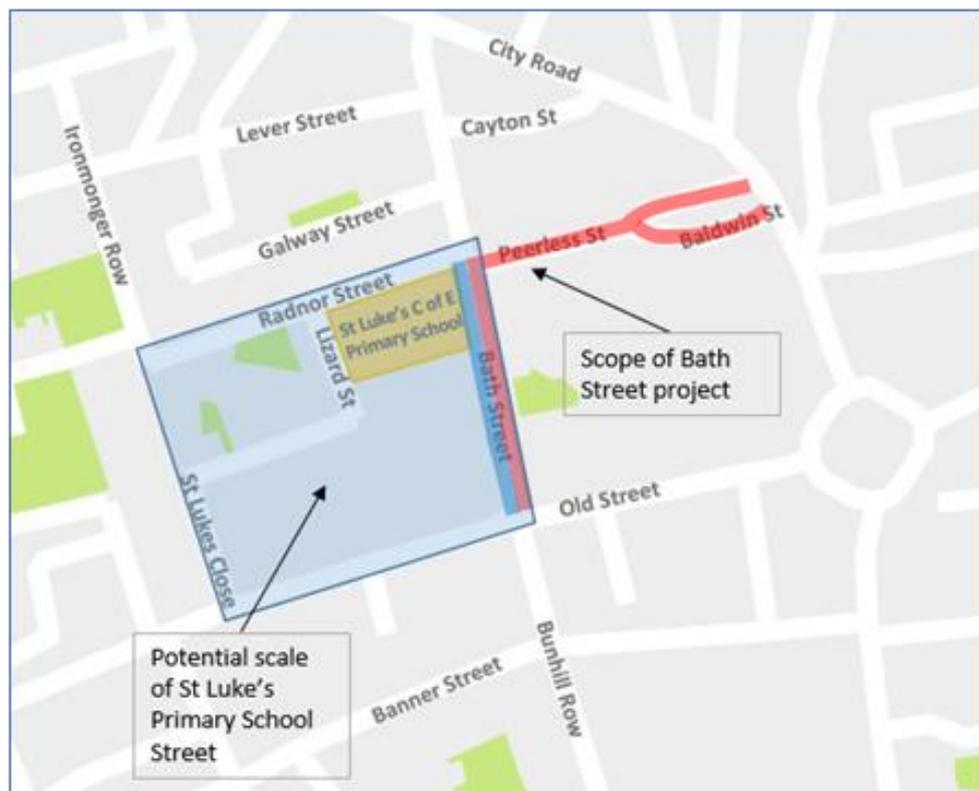


Figure 1 Map outlining geographical scope of the both projects

3. The proposed timescales for both projects is as follows:

School Street	Bath Street reversal
Feasibility/ Design: April 2021 – August 2021	Feasibility: April 2021 – June 2021 Concept Design: June 2021 – September 2021
Implementation: September 2021	Public Consultation: October/November 2021
Public Consultation: Autumn 2022	Detailed Design: December 2021 – February 2022
Made Permanent: March 2023	Construction: March 2022

St Luke’s School Street

4. Working closely with the head teacher at St Luke’s Primary School, the council is developing a school street proposal for the school to address traffic and congestion issues at Bath Street, Radnor Street and Lizard Street. Design work for the proposal is underway and it is proposed that the measures will be delivered under an Experimental Traffic Order (ETO).
5. In line with the established process for the delivery of the school street programme, the scheme would be delivered with prior notification, not a formal public consultation. Delivery of the scheme is planned to take place ahead of the start of the new academic year, in September 2021. Consultation on making the School Street permanent will take place after 12 months, to consider whether or not to make the layout permanent. ETOs are not permitted to extend beyond 18 months.
6. Residents and staff at the school have raised concerns about speeding vehicles and vehicles mounting the footway at Lizard Street and Radnor Street. While a School Street is being developed, the council is working with the school to address these issues. Bell bollards will be installed on both sides of Lizard Street, at the junction with Radnor Street. The bollards will prevent vehicles from over-running the kerb, reducing road danger concerns relating to children and parents waiting to cross the road at this location. Temporary weighted barriers have already been installed and will remain in place until the bell bollards are available for installation.

Bath Street

7. Between October - December 2020, the council developed options for the south of the borough taking into account the council’s People-friendly street programme, proposals for Old Street/Clerkenwell Road and the works taking place to transform Old Street Roundabout. From March – June 2021, funding was secured to develop the Bath Street reversal project.

8. The Bath Street reversal project will be delivered following full public consultation. Public consultation is proposed to take place late in 2021. Subject to the consultation, the changes would be delivered under an ETO in March 2022.
9. If the School Street has been successfully delivered in September 2021, the School Street consultation will be due in September 2022, this consultation would likely cover both the School Street and the Bath Street reversal scheme.
10. The feasibility of a banned right turn from City Road (southbound) into Baldwin Street will be examined in response to concerns that this new route would result in a new rat-run, from north to south.
11. The programme for the Bath Street is subject to Transport for London (TfL) supporting and delivering changes to the signalised junction at Old Street. This agreement is subject to an assessment of the proposals by TfL. The current programme reflects TfL's indicative timescales for making changes to traffic signals.

Conclusion

12. At the public meeting on Monday 21 June, in response to concerns about displaced traffic at Bath Street and safety concerns at the school, the key message was that:
 - the School Street is to be delivered by September 2021 subject to design, and
 - the Bath Street reversal is to be delivered in March 2022 subject to design, TfL support for signal changes and public consultation.

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