

Proposed new traffic calming measures along Weston Road will make it safer for pedestrians during the COVID crisis.



To help stop the spread of COVID the Government guidance is for people to stay **two metres apart** when out and about. For pedestrians wanting to walk between the local shops and the Co-op on the Weston Road this is almost **impossible** without having to walk into the road. The pavement along this stretch is **very narrow** and in places some drivers also park partially on the pavement itself.

To make such areas safer for pedestrians, the Government has set up a **Reopening the High Street Safely**

Fund to help introduce a range of measures in various shopping areas, including around North Somerset. Long Ashton Parish Council has worked with North Somerset Council to come up with some ideas to help improve the safety of pedestrians using the area between the Bird in Hand and the Co-op on the Weston Road.

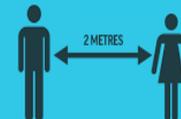
The idea is to install a number of wooden **planters** along a short length of Weston Road to give pedestrians more space to safely pass each other. The planters will have flowers and / or small trees in them. Some limited road space will have to be given up to allow the installation of the planters and to create the additional space so people can pass each other safely. **These measures will only be temporary, and will be removed once the COVID crisis has passed.**

North Somerset Council, with the support of the Parish Council, are planning to install these measures sometime in December, but we would like to hear your thoughts on the details of the proposed scheme before any final decisions are made.

Further details of the scheme, and how to comment, are inside.

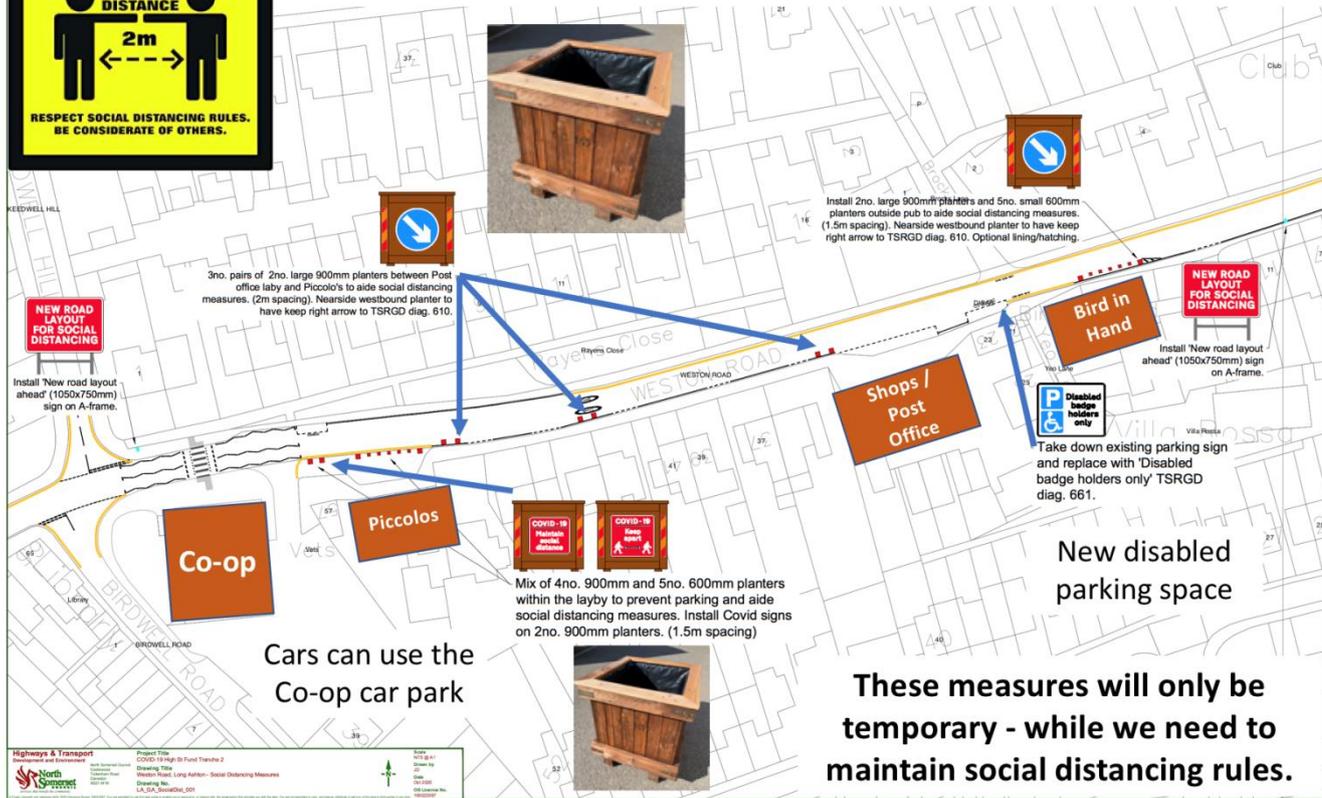
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The planters we have in mind will look something like this (but will be planted with nice flowers / planting):

We hope to use some of the planters elsewhere in the village once the crisis is all over. The proposals will only involve the loss of two or three places where cars currently park.

It is also suggested that a new disabled parking space is created near the Sun Fung take away.

We hope you see the value of these proposals. All the measures being proposed are only **temporary**, and will be removed once the COVID crisis is all over.

If you would like more information about the scheme, or would like to talk through the proposals then we are happy to give you a ring - please e-mail us with your telephone number and we will get back to you.

If you have any comments to make about the proposals then please get in touch to let us know your thoughts. You can do this by e-mailing:

clerk@longashtonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Please contact us by **Friday 6th November, 2020**.

We will keep you informed on the progress of the scheme, and if you would like any further information please do get in touch.

Thank you.

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