

**Helping High Streets to reopen
Queensway, Bletchley.**



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How we're helping Queensway to reopen, safely...

We asked local businesses, councillors and the public to let us know what we can do to help make Queensway in Bletchley a safe place to shop during the current Covid-19 lockdown.

We have already moved some of the planters, benches and put in some bollards to ensure that all the footways can be used for shoppers to move around safely.

The majority of businesses told us that they would like to see some of Queensway closed off to traffic so that shoppers can move around the street much easier.

This will also help us to space out the market stalls, provide room for people to queue outside shops and allow businesses to apply to place tables and chairs on the pavements.

All businesses have said they can get their deliveries from the back of their shops. Shoppers can still visit but the cars won't be able to drive down and park. There are plenty of places to park close by and we've put together some handy maps to show visitors and employees where to park.

When this will happen

We're planning to close off part of Queensway to traffic from **Wednesday 22 July**.

This is a temporary measure to help people socially distance during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Signage will direct any traffic to alternative routes including delivery vans and lorries and we'll also display signs to say 'Businesses Open As Usual' so your customers know you are still open.

We will keep listening to your feedback and will make any adjustments where we need to. You can always get in touch with us on 01908 252353 and let us know what's working well and what isn't.

Tables and Chairs Licence (Highway)

Any business wishing to place tables, chairs or other furniture on the pavement on Queensway will need to apply for a licence first. To help you we waived the £100 fee for high street businesses until September 2021.

The diagram below shows you what to consider when thinking about where you will place your tables and chairs so they do not cause an obstruction.

You can find out more and apply at www.milton-keynes.gov.uk

