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Dear Sir or Madam

**Subject: COVID-19 Social Distancing Scheme - High Street, Tewkesbury**

Following advice from central government, Gloucestershire County Council have been working on a range of trial schemes to aid the public in maintaining social distancing in high streets and tourist areas around the county. We are planning to introduce a pop-up scheme to allow safe social distancing on the main shopping area of High Street, Tewkesbury. Following a detailed assessment of the space currently available to pedestrians, we have drawn up plans to allow this to happen in line with government guidance.

Unfortunately there is insufficient room to provide additional space for pedestrians without compromising on other activities which take place on the highway. Because of this, the scheme will seek to provide additional space for pedestrians by reallocation of road space currently used for on street parking. Disabled parking bays and loading bays, taxi ranks bus stops will be unaffected.

Parking bays will be sectioned off using water filled barrier to ensure they cannot be easily moved and will therefore reduce the likelihood of the barriers being moved and causing a nuisance. In addition to the physical barriers we will also be providing signage to remind pedestrians to social distance and we will also erect information signs explaining why the scheme has been installed and how people can provide feedback on the arrangements.

We are planning to implement this scheme at the end of next week and have attached a plan of the planned works on the back of this letter.

Yours sincerely

Chris Riley

Gloucestershire County Council Highways