

TAMESIDE METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL
Engineering Service : Development & Technical Group

CLOSURE OF STREET FOR STREET PARTY

Outlined below are a number of conditions and guidelines attaching to this consent which must be observed where they are applicable by the organisers of the party. Attention is also drawn to the declaration.

1. The overall party organiser must provide his/her name, address and telephone number and will have responsibility for all matters, including noise, food safety and health and safety.
2. The extent of the proposed area to be closed must be agreed with this department. Permission would not normally be granted on main roads/bus routes. Cul-de-sacs will be favoured.
3. The area can only be closed for the hours agreed.
4. The approval of all residents affected must be obtained, since access to property or properties where residents object could cause conflict. Evidence of all the residents consent should be provided. (Names, addresses and signatures). **The party must not be held for profit.**
5. Public Liability Insurance is strongly recommended for your personal protection when holding any event however it is not a legal requirement, therefore evidence of such insurance does not need to be provided in the vast majority of cases.
6. The street must be effectively closed to vehicles at each end of the party area by the erection of conspicuous barriers although access for emergency vehicles must be maintained. No property must be more than 100 metres from the end of the closure to enable rescue procedures to be carried out if necessary.
7. At each barrier, the following sign must be placed securely:-
 1. 'Street Party Ahead' – The lettering must be black on a white background and with letters not less than 4 inches high.
 2. 'Road Closed' – This sign must accord with The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 1994 and must be reflectorised.
8. Where required as part of the consent the following signs shall also be provided. Signs reading 'Diverted Traffic' with an arrow pointing in the appropriate direction must be clearly displayed and securely fixed along the alternative route (this will not apply, of course, where the party is being held in a cul-de-sac). At each barrier a 'Diversion' sign with an arrow pointing in the direction of the alternative route must be placed securely.

All these signs must accord with The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 1994 and must be reflectorised.
9. When barriers and signs are erected, it is advisable to assess the effectiveness by someone other than the person who erected the signs actually driving up to the barriers and along the diversionary route in a test run, to see that they are clearly visible and will not lead to misunderstanding.
10. If there is another street party close by, the organisers must liaise with each other to ensure that the two sets of diversion signs are not confusing or contradictory.
11. If buntings, streamers or any overhead obstruction is erected, care must be taken to site them high enough to allow free passage of vehicles. If such obstructions are to be in a position outside the time when the length of street is closed, they must be fixed at a height of not less than 16' 6".
12. All barriers, signs, obstructions etc., must be removed on completion of the party and the street left in a clean and safe condition. All litter and refuse must also be removed.

13. Damage must not be occasioned to Council property e.g. lamp standards, road surfaces, footways, drainage etc.
14. Metal stakes or similar must not be driven into the road or footway surfaces, or into the grass verges or grassed service strips in certain areas (i.e. accessways).

(The organiser's attention is drawn not only to the damage which would be caused to those surfaces, but also to the hidden dangers which lie beneath in the form of electricity cables, gas mains, water mains etc).
15. Any heating appliances used must not damage the road or footway surface or grass verges.

(The organiser's attention is drawn to the possible dangers from fire, which could be caused by certain heating appliances).
16. Bonfires will not be allowed in the street under any circumstances.
17. Amplified music and fireworks must cease not later than 1.00am and all other noise including that of people not later than 2.00am.
18. Amplified music must be controlled to such a level as to minimise nuisance to other neighbours.
19. In the event of being required to do so by an Officer of the Council or Officer of the emergency services, i.e. police, ambulance or fire, the organisers must immediately arrange to clear any part or the whole of the street of an obstruction.
20. You are required to take out insurance against damage and/or accident and this should be arranged by the party organiser who is recommended to seek the advice of an insurance broker. Evidence of insurance should be provided.
21. The provisions of all Acts and Orders e.g. those relating to behaviour, nuisance, damage, etc., must be observed during the period of street closures.
22. The organisers attention is drawn to the possible consequences of persons under 18 consuming alcohol in a street under the terms of the Confiscation of Alcohol (Young Persons) Act 1997. However, Tameside have also recently implemented a 'Consumption of Intoxicating Liquor in Designated Places' Byelaw. The Police also have their own powers to close the party should it prove to be necessary.
23. Unfortunately, the Council cannot provide equipment and/or services and these must be arranged entirely by the organisers.
24. If approved, the Police will be informed of your street party, as will the ambulance and fire services.
25. No approval will be granted unless the declaration below is signed by the party organiser and returned to Engineering Service, Traffic Management Section.

NOTE : Permission – Permission will not be granted until the applicant has complied with Conditions 5 & 20 above.

I am the party organiser and agree to abide by the above conditions and guidelines.

Signed:

Address:

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Tel.No.:

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APPLICATIONS FOR CLOSURE OF A STREET FOR PURPOSES OF STREET PARTY

I, Mr / Mrs (full name)

of (address)

..... (address)

and telephone number (home) (business)

propose to organise a street party on (street and

town). The length of road to be closed is proposed to be from

..... to

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(It would be helpful if applicants could include a sketch of the area to be closed on the back of this application)

It is intended to have a party on (date)

from to (hours)

I attach consent from all residents affected by the road closure, details of insurance against damage / accident and proof of Public Liability insurance to indemnify the Council from all claims resulting from public gathering.

I have read and agree to abide by the conditions set out by the Council and have signed, dated and return one copy with this application form.

Signed

Dated