**Initial Consultation (letter template)**

Dear Neighbour,

Re: Play Street Session

**[I am / we are]** getting in touch about the idea of holding a Play Street session to allow children the time and space to play out on their doorsteps. To do this I would need to apply to the council for permission to close **[insert name of street or section of street]** to through trafficon an agreed date for between 1-3 hours.

If we do decide to go ahead you would still be able to have car access to your house. The through traffic would be diverted, but any residents who wanted to enter or leave the street would be able to do so, we’d just ask them to drive at walking pace and be aware that there might be more children and families around than usual. You would not need to move your car unless you wanted to.

These days, many children don’t get the opportunity to play out, often because of all the traffic, so the Play Street session would give them the time and space to play and have fun outside their own front doors. It’s not just the children who would benefit either, the session would provide a great chance to bring neighbours together, to get to know each other better and bring a real sense of community spirit to the street. Everyone is welcome to join in and enjoy socialising together whilst children play.

At this stage, **[I’m / we’re]** just trying to see what the level of interest is and answer questions that people may have.

Parents and carers would remain responsible for the supervision of their children throughout the sessions.

Please contact **[insert contact details]** if you have any further questions further.

Many thanks

**[Insert name]**