

# Go-ahead for plan to turn Croydon streets into part-time playgrounds

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THE old-fashioned notion of children playing in the streets is to be revived in Croydon.

The go-ahead for a pilot scheme, which will allow residents to apply for their roads to be turned into play streets for limited periods at the weekend or after school, was backed by the council's cabinet on Monday.

Councillor Kathy Bee, the cabinet member for transport and environment, said the scheme would enable children to play outside safely, make new friends and help foster community spirit.

The council is setting aside £23,000 to fund the setting up of ten schemes initially.