**Template letter to edit/copy/paste/email or print and post!**

**Dear [Councillor/ Council Leader / Mayor]**

**You may have heard of ‘Playing Out’ or ‘Play Streets’ – short, resident-led, temporary road closures enabling children to play safely outside their own front doors once a week or month. As well as giving children the opportunity to be more physically active, play freely, learn skills and make friends on their street, this model is proving an effective way of increasing community cohesion and combatting loneliness.**

**[Insert personal reasons for wanting play streets and any action you have already taken]**

**According to** [Playing Out](http://playingout.net/) **(the national parent-led organisation supporting play streets), 63 councils across the UK have already put a ‘Temporary Play Street’ policy in place, allowing residents to apply for a weekly or monthly play street session, organised and stewarded by neighbours themselves. The government recently published guidance for councils, clarifying a striaghtforward legal process for implementing play streets, see:** <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/revised-road-closure-guidance-to-boost-childrens-outdoor-play>

**Do you know if [insert council name] has started considering this yet? It would be wonderful to see playing out return to the streets of [insert city/county name], as it has started to across the country.**

There is lots of information for councils on the Playing Out website (www.playingout.net), as well as being a free resource that councils can signpost residents to for guidance and support. **In the words of Bristol’s public health officer, “**Playing Out is an effective, low-cost, community-building, public health intervention”, so it seems a no-brainer for the council to get behind it!

**[Insert offer to help, provide more info, find interested streets etc!]**

Yours,