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## Managing Streets during Lockdown: Materials

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Our lockdown streets series delves into the details and looks at the range of materials and street furniture designers can specify when reallocating highway space to provide social distancing for people who walk, cycle and use our public transport system in response to the Covid-19 pandemic as we move from emergency to temporary and permanent improvements to our streets.

Please watch the video of this event, alongside this note. There are many informative and inspiring visuals that say much more than the words below.

### Speakers

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### Takeaways:

- TfL have published a toolkit for highway design and material specification to promote social distancing proposals in High Street locations. It aims to ensure; proposals are safe, consistent, deliverable, legal, flexible and maintainable and the impact on the highway is understood and mitigated. <http://content.tfl.gov.uk/streetspace-for-london-social-distancing-on-high-streets-tfl-design-and-material-guidance.pdf>
- Aimed at TfL Engineers, the toolkit is recommended as a good practice guide for other highway authority engineers and their consultants.



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- Proposals are temporary in nature, easily implementable and maintainable and employ materials that are readily available. Proposals should not preclude future upgrading to semi-permanent or permanent materials.
- The Emergency Street Design Guide is a practical guide to enable boroughs and towns to comply with the COVID 19 Statutory Guidance. In the short term, we need to redefine our street spaces to meet Social Distancing requirements and create: strategic active travel routes, space in town centres, and low-traffic neighbourhoods.
- During the crisis phase, local highways authorities are using simple standard demountable structures and furniture. The document provides guidance on how to build on this to deliver lasting positive change.
- Local people can local authorities create healthy streets, learn new skills and build more resilient communities at the same time.

