**Risk assessment for playing out street play sessions**

**Street name:**

**Date:**

**Named organiser(s):**

**(N.B. This is a draft to be adapted by each street – categories and actions are only given as examples).**

**General benefits of street play sessions:**

* Getting residents and families active in their own streets and working together
* Improving the health and wellbeing of children and their families
* Reducing social isolation for older people
* Developing more cohesive and joined up neighbourhoods
* Supporting the Councils’ reputation (as an enabler for community action) in local communities.

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| **Hazard** | **Risks** | **Actions to reduce risk** |
| Moving vehicles and cyclists | Injury to volunteers when setting up road closure, or to children when playing | 1. Parents to be clearly informed they are still responsible for children’s safety 2. All volunteers to wear high visibility jackets 3. Road closure points to be clearly marked with traffic cones and appropriate signage 4. Road closure notices and door to door leafleting prior to event to warn neighbours in advance of the road closure 5. Children to be asked to stay out of the road until **all** road closure points in place 6. Volunteers to alert each other and ensure there are no children in the road if a vehicle needs to pass through the road closure, before removing the barrier 7. Cars passing through the barrier to access their property to be slowly led to a parking spot by a steward 8. Full steward briefing by event organisers to cover every point of the risk assessment 9. Plan how to ensure children know that the session has ended and the street is ‘live’ to cars again. (It can be a good idea to take children inside their houses.) |
| Children going beyond the barriers |  |  |
| Parked cars | Damage to cars from scooters etc.  Children not being seen by moving bikes/cars |  |
| Passing members of the public |  |  |
| Angry drivers |  |  |
| Rubbish in the road |  |  |
| Rain / heat / ice |  |  |
| Anything particular about your street? Steep hill / street off busy main road…? |  |  |