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School Street Consultation Bounds Green Infants and Junior Schools (SS48)

Dear Resident or Business,

We are writing to you to provide information about a School Street that is proposed in this area and to invite you to share your views as part of our consultation.

School Streets

School Streets transform roads so that pedestrians and cyclists are prioritised at school start & finish times.

They reduce improve air quality, reduce road danger and tackle congestion near the school gates, making it easier and safer to walk, cycle and wheel to school.

School Streets are part of our overall plan to improve the health of our children and tackle the climate emergency.

What is a School Street and how do they help?

At school drop-off and pick-up times, the road temporarily becomes a Pedestrian and Cycle Zone. Fewer motor vehicles near the school gates:

- Improves air quality. Less exposure to vehicle pollution helps protect the lungs of children when they are most likely to be in the street.
- Reduces road danger and congestion. Fewer cars, means children are less at risk of being killed or injured a collision on their way to and from school.
- Encourages active travel. Streets designed for people, rather than cars, creates a more welcoming environment which encourages walking, cycling and wheeling. Increased physical activity improves children's physical and mental health, as well as academic performance.

Residents and businesses can apply for exemptions providing them the ability to drive into the School Street, if needed. Emergency service vehicles have access at all times.

What is being proposed?

The proposal is shown on the enclosed plan, summarised as:

- Park Road (between Bounds Green Road slip road and Edith Road) proposed to become a School Street that would operate:
 - Term time only
 - Monday to Friday
 - 8.30am – 9.30am and 3pm – 4pm
- Motor vehicles (cars, vans, motorcycles etc.) will not be allowed to enter the School Street during the above times unless they had been issued an exemption (details below)
- To inform drivers, we will install traffic signs and send updates to sat-nav companies
- Motor vehicles that enter the School Street without an exemption, during operational hours, will be identified by camera and may be issued a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN)
- No one needs an exemption to drive out of a School Street. You only need an exemption to drive into the School Street during operational hours
- School Streets remain open to people walking, cycling and wheeling
- Emergency services will always have unhindered access

Who is eligible for a School Street exemption?

If the School Street goes ahead, the following groups would be eligible to apply for an exemption:

- Residents or businesses who have an address within the School Street (see note below) to a maximum of two per property
- Blue Badge holders who require access to property within the School Street
- Pupils with a disability that prevents them walking or cycling to school
- Medical practitioners visiting someone with an address in the School Street
- School vehicles transporting disabled children

Note: properties within the boundary of the School Street would be eligible for a resident or business School Street exemption. Those properties are outlined in blue on the enclosed plan.

Motor vehicles without an exemption, including visitors, tradespeople or delivery drivers are not permitted to drive into the School Street during operational times. But no exemption is required to drive out of a School Street, eg. those vehicles that were already parked when it came into operation.

Why is the Council considering a School Street?

These proposals are part of Haringey's plan to improve air quality, children's health, tackle the climate emergency and to make it safer and easier for children to walk and cycle. The council has been working with schools across the borough and has delivered 34 School Streets to date.

How can I have my say?

We welcome your views on the proposal. Please respond to the consultation before it closes on 21 August 2024.

The easiest way to give feedback is by completing a short online questionnaire at www.haringey.gov.uk/school-street-have-your-say or by scanning this QR code.



Alternatively, you can complete the enclosed paper questionnaire and return it to us in the envelope provided (no stamp required) by 21 August 2024.

If you need assistance responding, you can email schoolstreets@haringey.gov.uk or call 020 8489 4787.

What happens next?

Once the consultation has closed, we will review all feedback received and take a decision on how to proceed. This decision is expected in September 2024. If the School Street is approved, we will carry out statutory (traffic order) consultation in the autumn and, subject to consultation and a final decision, would expect to implement the School Street in Spring 2025.

Before any School Street launches, we will write to all eligible properties explaining how to apply for an exemption.

More information

For more information on our School Street programme, please visit www.haringey.gov.uk/school-streets

Yours faithfully,

Haringey School Streets Team

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