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School Street Consultation Muswell Hill Primary School (SS51)

Dear resident, business or stakeholder,

We are writing to provide you with 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.

The council's School Street Plan and Corporate Delivery Plan identify the importance of creating a cleaner, greener, climate resistant Haringey by increasing active travel and improving air quality.

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 in a collision on their way to and from school.
- Encourages active travel. Streets designed for people, rather than cars, create 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:

- Dukes Avenue (between Methuen Park and Wellfield Avenue) and Elms Avenue proposed to become a School Street that would operate:
 - Term time only
 - Monday to Friday
 - 8.15 to 9.15am and 3 to 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 a free 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 free School Street exemption?

If the School Street is given final approval later this year, the following motorists will be eligible to apply for a free exemption:

- Residents or businesses who have an address within the School Street (see note below) can apply for up to two exemptions for either:
 - Their vehicle; *or*
 - Where they are also a blue badge holder, they may nominate another vehicle for which they're not the registered keeper. This helps those people who have a Blue Badge but rely on others for car transport.
- Blue Badge holders who require access to the School Street
- Pupils with a disability that prevents them walking, cycling or wheeling to school
- Medical practitioners visiting someone who lives within the School Street
- School vehicles (eg vehicles used for school transport, trips and some staff)

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. However, no exemption is required to drive out of a School Street, eg. vehicles that were already parked when the School Street 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 2 May 2025.

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 2 May 2025.

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 May/June 2025. If the School Street is approved, we will carry out statutory (traffic order) consultation in June/July 2025 and, subject to consultation and a final decision, would expect to implement the School Street in November 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

Alternative formats and translations

If you would like the document translated or in an alternative format (including audio) please contact us with your name, address and title of the document you need assistance with:

Email: schoolstreets@haringey.gov.uk

Write to: Freepost Plus RTKX-AJJC-ULRY, Frontline Consultation, London Borough of Haringey, River Park House, 225 High Road, London N22 8HQ

French	Cette lettre sollicite votre avis sur une proposition visant à réduire la circulation à proximité d'une école afin d'améliorer la santé et la sécurité de nos enfants. Si vous souhaitez la faire traduire ou si vous avez besoin d'aide pour remplir le questionnaire, veuillez nous contacter à l'adresse courriel ci-dessus ou nous écrire (sans timbre) à l'adresse affranchie ci-dessus.
Greek	Αυτή η επιστολή ζητά την άποψή σας σχετικά με μια πρόταση για μείωση της κυκλοφορίας κοντά σε σχολείο, για τη βελτίωση της υγείας και της ασφάλειας των παιδιών μας. Εάν θέλετε να μεταφραστεί αυτή η επιστολή ή χρειάζεστε βοήθεια για τη συμπλήρωση του ερωτηματολογίου, επικοινωνήστε μαζί μας χρησιμοποιώντας την παραπάνω διεύθυνση email ή γράψτε μας (δεν απαιτείται σφραγίδα) χρησιμοποιώντας την παραπάνω διεύθυνση Freepost.
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Polish	W tym liście prosimy o wyrażenie opinii na temat propozycji zmniejszenia ruchu w pobliżu szkoły, aby poprawić zdrowie i bezpieczeństwo naszych dzieci. Jeśli chcesz przetłumaczyć ten list lub potrzebujesz pomocy w wypełnieniu kwestionariusza, skontaktuj się z nami, korzystając z powyższego adresu e-mail lub napisz do nas (bez konieczności znaczka) na powyższy adres Freepost.
Spanish	Esta carta solicita su opinión sobre una propuesta para reducir el tráfico cerca de una escuela y mejorar la salud y la seguridad de nuestros niños. Si desea traducir esta carta o necesita ayuda para completar el cuestionario, contáctenos a la dirección de correo electrónico indicada anteriormente o escríbanos (sin franqueo) a la dirección de franqueo prepagado indicada anteriormente.
Turkish	Bu mektup, çocuklarımızın sağlığını ve güvenliğini iyileştirmek için bir okul yakınındaki trafiği azaltma önerisi hakkında görüşünüzü soruyor. Bu mektubun tercüme edilmesini istiyorsanız veya anketi tamamlamada yardıma ihtiyacınız varsa, lütfen yukarıdaki e-posta adresini kullanarak bizimle iletişime geçin veya yukarıdaki Freepost adresini kullanarak bize yazın (pul gerekmez).