

IMPORTANT – HEALTHY SCHOOL STREET TRIAL

Changes are coming to your street

Normanton Road, Whitmead Close, Rockhampton Road & Elm Close

Healthy School Street



Croydon Council will trial a new Healthy School Street scheme on the above-named roads to benefit pupils and staff of **St Peter's Primary School**, as well as local residents. This leaflet offers information on Healthy School Streets and explains how the trial scheme will work.

What are Healthy School Streets?

Healthy School Streets help pupils to make safer, healthier journeys to and from school, by closing the surrounding roads to cars and other motor traffic during busy school drop-off and pick-up times. **This will not affect residents' access – if you live in those roads, you will be able to apply for a free exemption permit starting 20 February 2023.**

These temporary closures encourage parents and carers to leave the car at home more often for the school run, and instead choose more sustainable and active means of travel, such as walking, cycling, or scooting. This leads to a reduction in traffic congestion, noise, and air pollution, so the streets are safer and more appealing for pupils making healthier journeys.

School Streets are also used to address traffic issues faced by residents living close to schools, where blocked driveways and congested junctions have made it very difficult for neighbours to enter and exit their own homes.

Croydon has put in 33 Healthy School Streets across the borough since 2017. You can learn more about how they work and find a full list of locations on the council website.

Benefits of Healthy School Streets:

- ✓ Safer, quieter streets
- ✓ Make it easier to choose sustainable travel like walking and cycling more often
- ✓ Improve local air quality
- ✓ Help to tackle the climate crisis and achieve a carbon-neutral Croydon by 2030
- ✓ Encourage active travel to promote healthy lifestyles

Why are we proposing to trial a scheme on your street?

The Healthy School Street is being proposed in response to requests received from the school and residents to address concerns around poor driver behaviour, congestion, road safety and pollution from high volumes of traffic. The School Street scheme is being implemented on the above roads to ensure key entrances into the school fall within the footprint of the school street scheme.

How will the experimental Healthy School Street work?

The above roads will become a Pedestrian and Cycle Zone only (except for those eligible for exemption permits, and buses) between the hours of 8- 9.30am and 2 - 4pm from Monday to Friday, during school term time only. You can see how this will work in more detail in the drawing we have enclosed.

Advanced warning signs will be installed on approach and at junctions informing motorists of the Healthy School Street and closure times. The scheme will be enforced using Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras, which will only capture registration numbers of vehicles entering the Healthy School Street during operational hours.

The scheme will be live from 13 March 2023.

Free Exemption Permits

Residents living within the zone will be eligible to apply for a School Street Exemption permit from 20 February 2023– free of charge – so they can drive through the closures without receiving a Penalty Charge Notice. In addition, the council will automatically exempt other motorists, such as emergency services or refuse vehicles.

The Healthy School Street permit scheme is separate to any existing Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) permit scheme in place. Anyone with a CPZ permit, must still apply for a Healthy Streets Permit.

You can apply for free exemption permits for up to three vehicles, starting on **20 February 2023**. Applications can be made via the council website at: www.croydon.gov.uk/hsspermits

What is an Experimental Traffic Management Order?

The scheme will be implemented as a trial under an Experimental Traffic Management Order (ETMO) for up to 18 months. **The first six months is known as the statutory objection period, during which those affected by the trial scheme can submit formal objections if they wish.** Introducing a scheme under an ETMO allows the council, school, and others to experience its true effects. The council collects this feedback during the first six months and will use it to make any necessary changes if a decision is taken to make the scheme permanent. For further information on Healthy School Streets, ETMO process and permits please visit:

www.croydon.gov.uk/school-streets

How do I give my views?

The trial process of an ETMO is designed to allow residents, businesses, schools, and other stakeholders time to experience the scheme, and then come forward with any issues or suggested amendments that could make the scheme work better and achieve its goals.

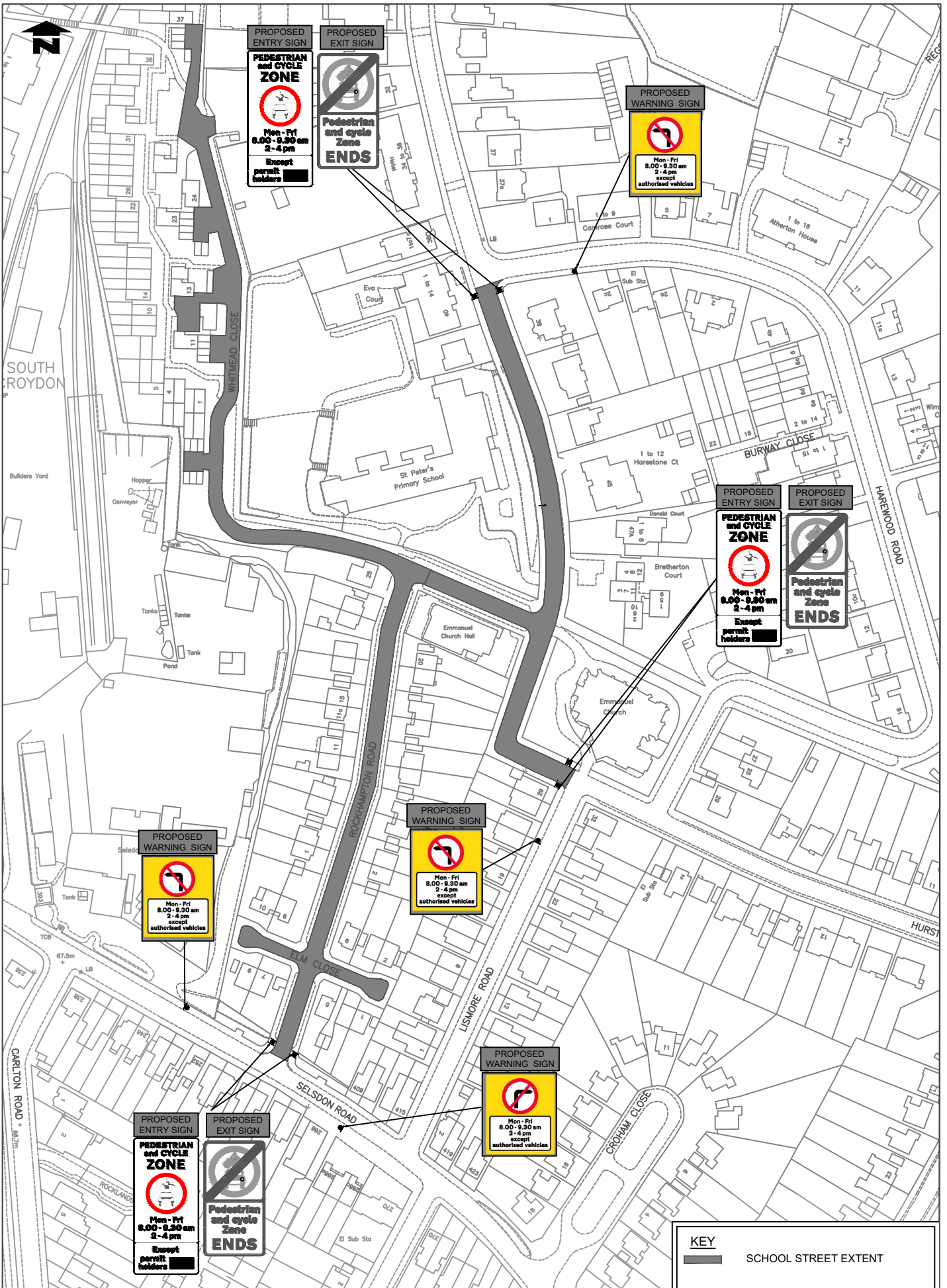
You will only be able to submit objections from **13 March 2023** to **midnight on 13 September 2023** via the following three methods, and responses received before or after these dates will not be accepted.

1) Online: complete our online form at: www.getinvolved.croydon.gov.uk .

2) Post: send your response quoting scheme reference **STPETERSHSS/2023** to Highway Improvements Team, Bernard Weatherill House, 8 Mint Walk, CR0 1EA, to arrive by **13 September 2023**. Please provide your full postal address if you would like us to record and consider your views.

For enquiries relating to permits/exemptions only: you should be able to find all the necessary information online at www.croydon.gov.uk/hsspermits however should you have a specific enquiry please email schoolstreets@croydon.gov.uk

For other scheme specific enquiries only: please email healthyschoolstreets@croydon.gov.uk including the scheme reference. If you require the materials in another format such as a physical copy, braille or in a larger font size, contact us by phone on 020 8726 6000, 9am- 4pm Monday – Friday or via email.



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