



Redbridge School Streets Consultation

Mayespark Primary School



Consultation Letter



Ambitious for Redbridge

Dear Neighbour,

Redbridge Council is proposing to implement a School Street scheme at Mayespark Primary School, restricting non-residential motor vehicles driving around the school between 08.00 – 09:15 and 14.30 – 16.00.

This will protect children from traffic at the school gate, ensure that children breathe cleaner air, and encourage more children, parents and carers to walk, scoot and cycle to school. School Streets also help to reduce congestion and pollution on the roads surrounding schools.

We're reaching out to local people living in or near the proposed School Street scheme to provide you with some information and to hear your views.

WHAT IS A SCHOOL STREET?

A School Street is a road outside a school with a temporary restriction on motorised traffic at school drop-off and pick-up times. The restriction applies to school traffic and through traffic. The result is a safer, healthier and pleasant environment for everyone.

School Streets operate during term time only, with traffic signs at the entrance to the School Street zone informing drivers of the restrictions in place.

Redbridge is home to 10 School Street zones, which are popular with local people, parents, children and schools.

Evidence demonstrating the effectiveness of School Streets can be found at <http://schoolstreets.org.uk/resources/>.

WHY IS THIS SCHEME BEING PROPOSED?

School Streets aim to:

- Reduce congestion and the risk of accidents to make streets safer
- Reduce traffic on the road and improve traffic flows at school drop off and pick-up times
- Make it safer for school children to cross the road with fewer cars parked or waiting and obstructing visibility
- Create a healthier street environment
- Make it easier for local people who drive to enter and exit their street
- Encourage families to walk, scoot and cycle to school
- Improve air quality by reducing traffic around schools

We always carry out evaluation and monitoring of School Street schemes to assess if any changes are needed to improve the operation of the zone.

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THE PROPOSAL

Following discussion with the school the proposed times of the restriction are between:

- Morning: 08.00 – 09:15
- Afternoon: 14.30 – 16:00

Residents and businesses with vehicles registered to an address within the restriction area can apply for a free exemption by notifying the Council of their vehicle details.

The road proposed for inclusion in the School Streets scheme is:

- Trenance Gardens (part)

It is shown in the map below.

The road has been chosen for one or more of the following reasons:

- Either the entrances/exits to the school are located on the roads.
- To enable all driving to take place in a forward gear for road safety reasons.
- To avoid creating a cul-de-sac where parents will park, idle and manoeuvre whilst children are passing by on their way to and from school.

School Streets zones are legally enforceable. The Council will implement School Streets by making a Traffic Management Order (TMO) which is the statutory basis for restricting motor vehicles from entering the School Street zone.

The restrictions will be indicated by advanced signage, and signage at the relevant junctions. They will be enforced by traffic enforcement camera. A Penalty Charge Notice (PCN) will be issued to the owner of any vehicle that breaks the restriction.

WHAT OTHER SUPPORTING MEASURES ARE THE COUNCIL TAKING?

The Council's Smarter Travel Team will work with the school to further develop their School Travel Plan and to increase the numbers of children walking and cycling to school.

Measures considered include:

- Improving footways and pedestrian crossings
- Placing drop kerbs at desirable crossing locations
- Improving cycle routes and cycle facilities
- Setting up a "walking bus" programme where local children walk together to school, accompanied by a responsible adult.

WHAT ROAD USERS ARE PERMITTED TO ACCESS THE SCHOOL STREET?

Exemptions will be available for the following:

- Residents living within the zone
- Businesses located within the zone
- Emergency Vehicles
- Council Refuse Collection Vehicles
- School buses (Passenger Transport buses operated by the Council)
- Carers
- Other exemptions may be granted on a case by case basis

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO

We'd like to hear your views on the proposed School Street scheme for Mayespark Primary School. You can get involved and have your say, highlight any issues or raise any suggestions by completing the survey form on our website at:

<https://engage.redbridge.gov.uk/>.

All responses should be received by 23:59 on Sunday 2nd April 2023.

Attend the Mayespark Primary School, School Streets pop-up information session which will be held on Tuesday 7 March 2023 from 14.30 – 16.00 just inside the Trenance Gardens entrance to the school. Please check the School Streets website (<https://www.redbridge.gov.uk/roads-and-pavements/redbridge-school-streets/>) for further details.

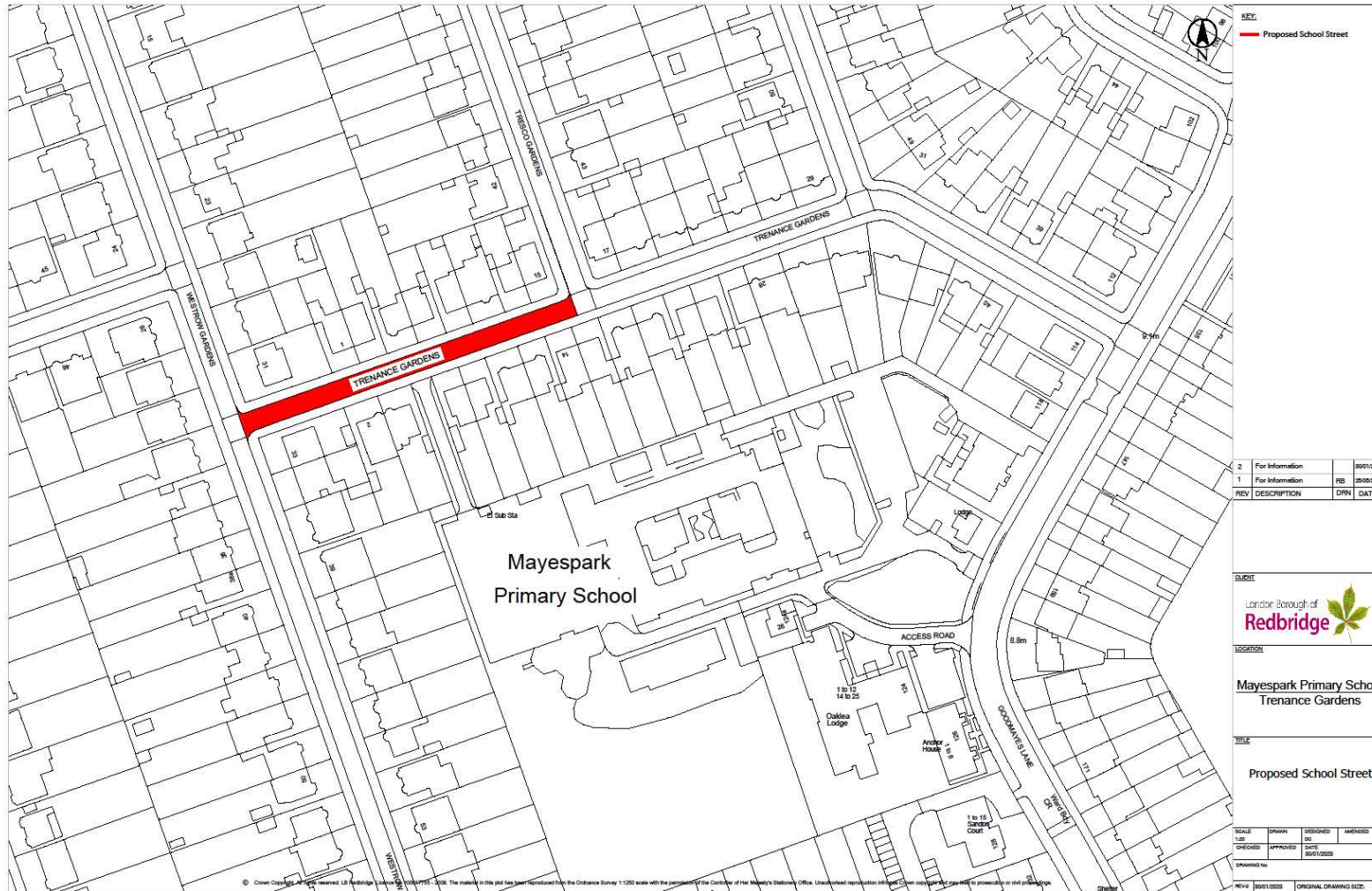
WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

We welcome your feedback during this public consultation. All comments will be considered carefully before a final decision is made on implementing a School Streets zone. The decision will then be publicised, and the Council will write to all respondees advising them of the decision.

If the scheme goes ahead, the Council will write to all residents and businesses within the School Streets zone to let you know how to apply for free vehicle exemptions.

Yours sincerely,

Redbridge School Streets Team



Proposed School Street

Figure 1: Mayespark Primary School - Proposed School Street

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