



School Streets Consultation Outcome

Dear Resident,

Following a consultation in October last year when we asked for your comments on the proposal for a school street scheme in your area, we're pleased to let you know that due to majority support, a trial will be going ahead in September.

This scheme offers a proactive solution for schools and surrounding communities to tackle air pollution, help towards healthier lifestyles and more active journeys to and from school and help towards increasing road safety.

The trial will be operational for a period of 18 months and is expected to begin from the start of the new school year that begins on 5th September 2022. The first 6 months of the scheme will be used as the consultation period for everyone to provide their feedback.

Information on how to apply for an exemption is outlined on page 3. Details regarding who can apply for an exemption is outlined within the exemptions table, on page 2. Those wishing to obtain exemption will be able to apply from **25th July 2022**

The operational hours for the scheme will be in term time only from Monday-Friday 8.15am to 9am & 2.30pm to 3.30pm. The scheme will become operational in Cotswold Road, Upland Court Road, Recreation Avenue, Beltinge Road, Coombe Road and Ravensbourne Crescent on the 5th September 2022 (see map on page 6).

Enforcement of the school streets scheme will be operated via a fixed remote camera. As part of the roll out, we will be installing the cameras on existing lamp columns. If this is not possible, we will install new posts where appropriate. We will do our best to ensure these are installed on property boundary lines and are not obstructive or intrusive for residents.

The entry and exit points of the zone will be signposted as 'pedestrian and cycle only' with a plate stating 'except permit holders' with your permit identifier **S9**. The permit issued will be a virtual permit and you therefore will not need to display anything physical on your vehicle.



A map of the scheme and the FAQ's are included within this letter.

If you would like to view the plans electronically, please visit

https://www.havering.gov.uk/info/20004/parking/121/parking_tickets_and_traffic_fines/5

For any further enquires please email schemes@havering.gov.uk

Yours faithfully

Traffic, Highways and Parking Services

Exemptions

If you are a resident living directly within the School Street zone, you will be eligible for an exemption to the scheme so you are not at risk of receiving a Penalty Charge Notice for driving in or out of your road during the times of prohibition. Residents who reside in the area but not directly within the roads stated below will not be eligible for exemption.

For your vehicle to be made exempt, it must be registered with the DVLA at your address. Vehicles not registered at your address will not be eligible for an exemption. More information on exemptions are found within the FAQ's below.

Exemptions table

Categories for exemption	Reason for exemption
School staff with a requirement to park on-site	There may be a requirement for members of staff including teachers who need to be on School premises for meetings etc. during the times of operation. This exemption would require evidence to be provided by the School through the Council's MiPermit system
Businesses and their staff located within the School Streets	Employees may require access during the times of operation to maintain the day to day running of the business. This exemption would require evidence to be provided by the business through the Council's MiPermit system
Blue Badge Holders	Drivers with a need to drop passengers with a disability in close proximity to the school would be exempt. This would be evidenced through MiPermit by the Blue Badge holder
Emergency Services	Emergency Services would be exempt so that they can attend an emergency within the school streets zone.
Specialist passenger transport services and School transport vehicles	Members of the public who travel to school using a certified patient transport service. This exemption would require evidence to be provided by the School through the Council's MiPermit system
Breakdown/recovery vehicles attending an incident during the hours of operation.	This exemption would require evidence to be provided in the event of a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN) being issued.
Healthcare workers attending patients	This exemption would require evidence to be provided by the resident through the Council's MiPermit system
Hackney Carriages Taxis (incl. Private hire) serving a property or the school within School Streets.	This exemption would require evidence to be provided by the resident or the School through the Council's MiPermit system
Council Vehicles such as refuse collection services etc.	Council vehicles would be exempt for waste collection during the operational times
Marked delivery vehicles i.e. Supermarkets, DPD, Post Office, UPS	These large goods vehicles would be made exempt during the times of operation (not all marked delivery vehicles are exempt)
Parents collecting sick children from School	This exemption would require evidence to be provided by the School in the event of a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN) being issued.



Roads that are eligible

Residents residing in the following roads are eligible for an exemption and can receive a permit:

- Cotswold Road
- Upland Court Road
- Recreation Avenue
- Beltinge Road
- Coombe Road
- Ravensbourne Crescent

How to get an exemption permit

To apply for an exemption permit, go to <https://www.havering.gov.uk/parkingpermits> and select 'buy a permit through MiPermit'. Scroll down to 'School Street Access Virtual Permits' and select what is appropriate to you, read all the relevant information and then press 'Continue'. You will now need to enter all your details.

You'll be asked to create an account during the process of buying your first permit (not before) which you can then login to for further permits and to make changes.

Please note that once you make an account with MiPermit this will be a new account with MiPermit only and it is not your My Havering account login, or other Havering account login you may have with us.

Residents will need to provide the following information to be added to the exemption list:

- A copy of a recent utility bill issued in the last 3 months with your name and address
- A copy of your vehicle log book registered in your name and at your address.

There will be no charge for adding your vehicle to an exemption list, but it will remain your responsibility to keep your details up to date in the event your circumstances change. All required documentation for non-residents applying for an exemption is outlined within the table below.

Frequently asked questions (FAQ's)

1. How does a school street work?

A school street scheme closes roads to non-essential vehicles around the entrance to schools at opening and closing times.

Only pedestrians and non-motorised vehicles are permitted to access a zone while the restriction is in place, with exceptions made for emergency vehicles.

Signage stating the zone times and days of operation is displayed at the entrance and exits of the zone. Additional early warning signs are positioned in roads approaching a zone on appropriate street furniture such as lamp columns.

A school street zone is monitored by unattended cameras mounted on lamp columns or posts at the entry and exit points of a zone. Vehicles seen entering the restricted area during the times of prohibition without a virtual access permit will be issued a Penalty Charge Notice.

2. Why are these changes being implemented?

The Council is committed to making Havering's roads safer for everyone living, working and visiting the borough. We are creating a cleaner environment that will reduce air pollution and improve the health and wellbeing of the community by encouraging more walking and cycling wherever possible.

The aim is to improve local air quality and make it easier and safer for children and their parents to walk and cycle to school.

Reducing the use of private car journeys to and from school should lead to:

- Less road danger from traffic
- Less anti-social behaviour from inconsiderate parking and dangerous driving
- More walking and cycling by children and parents
- Reduced congestion and pollution from vehicles waiting with their engines running

3. What are the benefits of a school street?

A school street supports the aims of school travel plans which explore how pupils, staff and visitors travel to and from the school by promoting active, healthy, safe and sustainable travel to school as an alternative to short, single occupancy car journeys.

Health benefits

Exercising vigorously at least once a day for children is key to a long lasting good health, which could be easily achieved by having an active journey to school.

Physical activity also leads to chemical changes in the brain that trigger a positive mood and a feel good mind-set.

Air quality

Children's lung development is particularly at risk from air pollution damage that will stay with them for the rest of their lives. Pollution worsens asthma and increases the risk of developing allergies.

Pollution also impacts the brain by reducing attentiveness and memory. It has been linked to depression, anxiety, attention deficit disorder and raises the risk of heart disease later in life.

Road danger reduction

School run related traffic accounts for a quarter of cars on the road and adds 254,000 vehicles a day in London alone. This results in increased risks of collisions with vulnerable road users and other motorists, unlawful parking, traffic jams and road rage.

Statistics from the Department of Transport reveal that 14% of children killed on Great Britain's roads in 2018 were between the morning school run (7-9am) and 23% after school between 3-5pm.

4. Are any vehicles permitted access to a school street zone?

Residents living within a zone are permitted to enter and exit during the times of operation, but are encouraged to avoid driving through the zone at school start and finish times when possible. Access is permitted to a school street zone during the times of operation for parents and guardians with children that are blue badge holders. This is extended to parents and guardians who are blue badge holders with children attending an infant school.

It is recognised that registered and unregistered carers may also need access to a property within a school street during the times of operation to provide essential care and will therefore be granted access.



A resident or business that owns private/off-street parking within the zone may require access during the times of operation. In this instance documents showing ownership will be required when applying for a virtual school street access permit.

The restriction does not prevent residents and their visitors leaving the street during the times of operation, as access is restricted only for the purpose of keeping the area free of traffic for children's health and safety. Please refer to the exemptions table above for more information.

5. Can school staff still access private parking on school premises?

Access during the times of the prohibition will be permitted for staff in the instance a school has off-street private parking provided exclusively for staff.

However, we strongly encourage that staff arrive and leave school premises outside of the times of the prohibition, to keep the road clear of vehicular traffic for the safety of children.

6. What happens once I have a permit?

If you're registered as a permit holder, this will mean that you have an exemption to the enforcement and your vehicle registration is whitelisted. This ensures that you are not penalised for entering the zone during the prohibited hours. The School Street will only be in operation during term time.