

HEALTHY SCHOOL STREETS





Making your neighbourhood safer and healthier

The Covid-19 pandemic has changed how people in Camden live, travel and work. We want our streets to have more safe space for everyone to walk and cycle, for children to get to and from school safely and healthily, for businesses to be able to flourish, to reduce carbon emissions from vehicles and for you to be breathing cleaner air.

Healthy School Streets create a safer and healthier environment by restricting roads outside schools to non-exempt motor vehicle traffic at drop off and pick up times. This enables more children to walk, cycle or scoot to school, with less air pollution, road danger, congestion, and more space for people to interact. The schemes help to discourage car trips, particularly amongst parents and carers, by providing a safe and inviting space for more walking, cycling, and scooting.

Thank you for your comments



Over three weeks during October and November 2022 we ran a consultation on our proposals to implement Healthy School Street restrictions on Lyndhurst Gardens (outside Maria Montessori School – Hampstead) and Belsize Lane (outside St Christopher’s School) and to add two bike hangars on each of Belsize Lane and Wedderburn Road.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to share their views.

What’s going to change?

On the 13th January 2023, Camden’s Director of Environment and Sustainability approved the following changes:

- Introducing a new trial Healthy School Street scheme between 8am - 9.15am and 3pm - 4pm, Monday to Friday, during school term time only on the following:
 - Belsize Lane between the junctions of Wedderburn Road and Ornan Road, outside St Christopher’s School
 - Lyndhurst Gardens between the junctions of Lyndhurst Road and Wedderburn Road, outside Maria Montessori School - Hampstead
- Installing two bike hangars each on Lyndhurst Gardens and Wedderburn Road.



Exemptions

The following vehicles are eligible for an exemption from the timed Healthy School Street restrictions:

- Vehicles registered to properties and businesses on the sections of Belsize Lane and Lyndhurst Gardens with the restrictions.
- Any vehicle being used for ambulance, fire brigade or policing purposes.
- Refuse collection vehicles.
- Door to door services such as Plus Bus and Dial A Ride.
- Blue Disabled Badge holders that require access.
- Vehicles belonging to parents or carers of pupils of Maria Montessori or St Christopher's School that have a disability that prevents them from walking, cycling, or scooting to school. This exemption will only apply to the school being accessed.
- Exemptions for taxis or other door to door transportation for elderly or disabled residents, and their carer(s) (please contact us using the details below to find out more).

If you would like to register your vehicle for an exemption, please visit camden.gov.uk/healthy-school-streets. If you would like to register your interest for a space in one of the bike hangars, please email cycling@camden.gov.uk.

What happens next?

The Healthy School Street changes will be introduced as an 18 month trial. Throughout the trial period, there will be a survey open for you to leave feedback on the scheme. We will write to you again later in 2023 with an update of when the changes will be installed, a reminder of how to apply for an exemption and details of the survey.

You can read the decision report relating to the above which includes our responses to the feedback received, and find out more about exemptions, by visiting camden.gov.uk/BelisizeDecision

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please contact us at healthy.school.streets@camden.gov.uk. If you do not have access to the internet, please call us on 020 7974 8796 to request a call back from an officer.

Find out more

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