

HARROW STREETSPACE PROGRAMME



School Streets GRIMSDYKE SCHOOL

HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE FUTURE OF SCHOOL STREETS

School Streets were developed in Harrow to create safer and more pleasant environments outside schools, as well as safe spaces to help social distancing during the pandemic.

School Streets create vehicle-restricted zones near or around schools during drop-off and pick-up times. Traffic signs at the start of the School Streets inform drivers of the restrictions.

School Streets are part of wider school travel plans, which aim to improve the health of Harrow's children and young people. The main objectives of School Streets are:

- Make it easier and safer to walk, scooter or cycle to school
- Create more space outside schools
- Provide a safer, more pleasant and calm atmosphere at school drop-off and pick-up
- Keep the air around the school cleaner.

School Streets help reduce congestion and the risk of casualties. Less traffic in the area also means less emissions and air pollution, which children are particularly sensitive to.

Why Grimsdyke School was chosen for a School Street

The roads around Grimsdyke School were often clogged with traffic at the beginning and end of the school day. Limited parking around the school, meant drivers often parked in the most dangerous places right outside the school gates or even stopped in the middle of the road, putting themselves and children arriving at school at risk. Local residents were also often inconvenienced by inconsiderate parking and poor driving.

The high number, movement, and speed of vehicles at school opening and closing times, made it dangerous for those walking, cycling or scooting and discouraged families from choosing these active ways of traveling to school.

This has a knock-on effect for children's activity levels as well as creating dangerous levels of air pollution in the vicinity of the school.

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The story so far

The Grimsdyke School Street was introduced in October 2020 and has been operating under an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO).

Under the ETRO process, the scheme can be modified and can remain in place for up to 18 months.

There have been several disruptions to schools due to Covid-19 which impacted the trial scheme and so a decision was made by Harrow Council's

Cabinet in April 2021, to extend the trial period of the School Street for a further 6 months.

During the extended trial period, we have regularly monitored the scheme and gathered the views of residents, ward councillors and key stakeholders, including schools.

With the scheme in place over a full school term, we would like your views about the Grimsdyke School Street and if it should be made permanent or removed.

OVERVIEW OF THE PROPOSAL

Our proposal

To make the experimental School Street for Grimsdyke School permanent. This would mean the scheme would continue to operate during school term-times.

Location and hours of operation

The roads on the map highlighted in pink, make up the 'School Street' area where the restrictions apply.

Sylvia Avenue – between Colburn Avenue and Lyndon Avenue will be closed to vehicles without permits:

Monday to Friday, term-time only:
8.15am to 9.15am
2.45pm to 3.45pm

Accessing the School Street

Permit holders will continue to be exempt from restrictions – the free virtual permit allows unrestricted access to the School Street at any time.

Virtual permits are available for the following groups:

- residents and businesses of the restricted section of the street(s)

- carers to residents of the restricted section of the street(s)
- blue badge holders accessing the school
- taxis servicing the school
- school buses
- emergency vehicles
- council waste vehicles
- statutory undertakers (such as water and gas companies)
- certain staff at schools.

If the scheme is made permanent and you already have a permit, you would not need to take any further action.

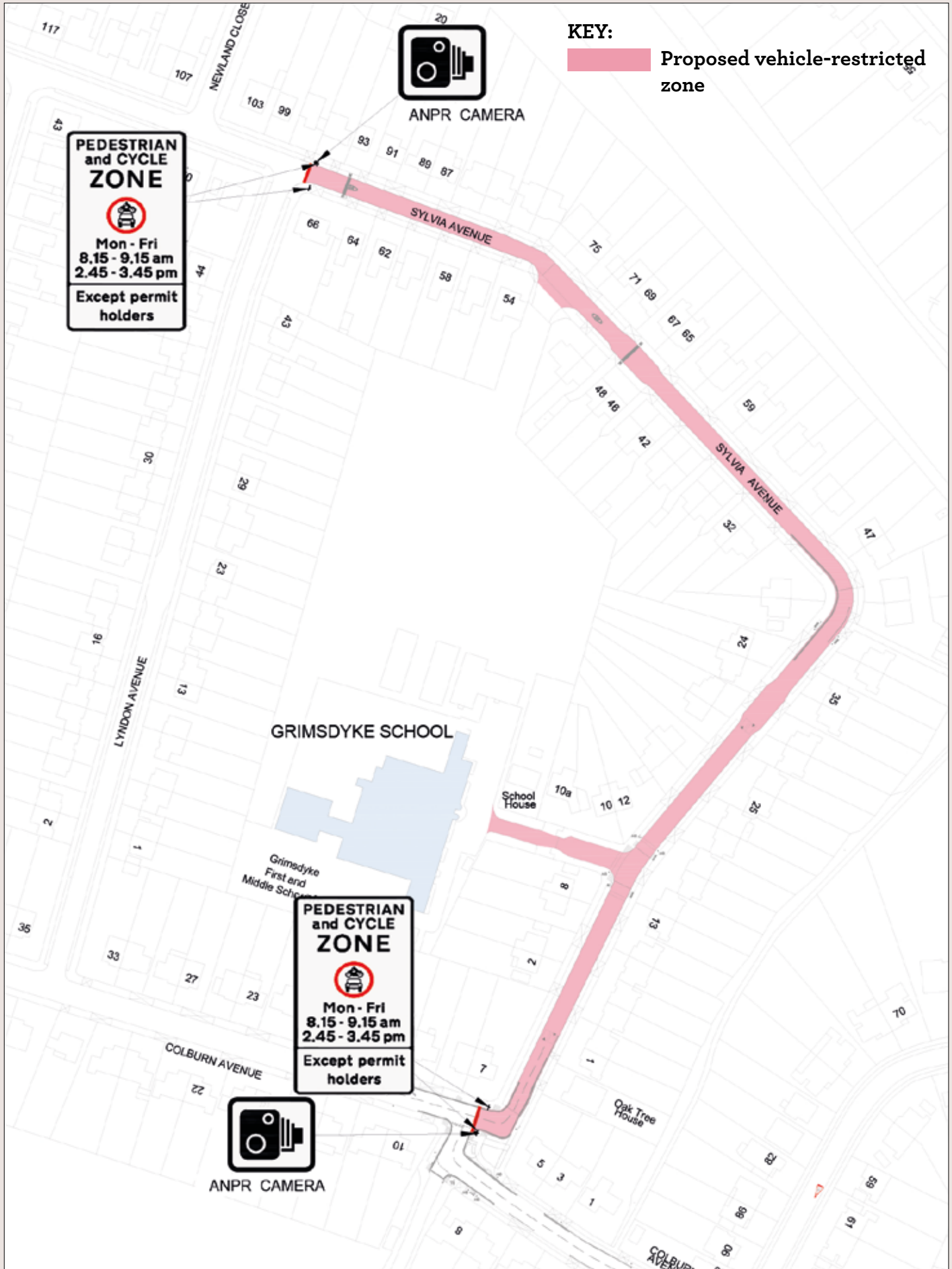
To check eligibility for a School Street permit and for details on how to apply if you are eligible, see harrow.gov.uk/schoolstreetsfaqs

Enforcement

The School Street would continue to be enforced by Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras or CCTV enforcement vehicles. The cameras read number plates of vehicles driving through the School Street, during the restricted hours, checking them against our database of virtual permits.

Motorists without a virtual permit could receive a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN).

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Proposed School Street area



What do you need to do now?

It is important that you share your views with us. Tell us if you want to keep the School Street scheme in place or remove the School Street.

To do this, you can either:

1) Complete the consultation online
harrow.gov.uk/schoolstreetsconsultation

Or

2) Request a hardcopy of the questionnaire by calling 020 8863 5611 and follow the prompts for School Streets.

All responses must be received **no later than 7 November 2021**.

Due to the large number of responses we expect to receive, it is not possible to reply to each individual separately.

Who is being consulted?

We welcome the views from local residents living in and around the Grimsdyke School Street.

We continue to engage with local ward councillors and the school to help inform

the decision-making process, as well as local businesses and representative groups – disability, public transport operators, places of worship, and health providers – within the School Street zone, so we can hear their views.

All views submitted as part of this consultation and the online engagement throughout the trial, will be considered. Feedback will be balanced against Harrow's Transport Local Implementation Plan, and the Council's climate emergency and health equality priorities as set out in the Borough Plan.

What happens next?

All responses received during the consultation process will be analysed and recommendations presented in a summary report.

The results will form part of the formal review of the current School Streets programme and will be presented at the Traffic and Road Safety Advisory Panel (TARSAP) meeting on 7 December 2021.

TARSAP will make a recommendation to Cabinet on the next steps for the School Street.

Residents will be written to following the meeting about the outcome and next steps.

For further information visit harrow.gov.uk/schoolstreets
Thank you for taking part