

Wednesday, 11 November 2020

**Re: Closure of Crogsland Road to traffic from 8-10am and 2-4pm on weekdays in term time.**

Dear Parents,

You may have read in Haverstock News about the Council's Traffic Order to make Crogsland Road traffic free during times when your children are travelling to and from school.

We have received confirmation from the Local Authority today that this decision will be implemented from the start of next week, Monday 16 November 2020.

I attach detailed information from the Council with details of how the decision was made and how it will be implemented. Please can I draw your attention to the following:

- Crogsland Road will be closed to traffic from 8.00 - 10.00am and from 2.00 - 4.00pm on weekdays in term time only.
- Blue Disabled badge holders are exempt.
- The plan will be enforced by ANPR enforcement cameras.
- The Traffic Order is categorised as 'experimental and can be changed as a result of feedback.

We appreciate that the Council's decision may present additional challenges for you, particularly at a time when Coronavirus restrictions have made life more difficult in so many ways. We are pleased, however, that the road on which your children enter and exit the school will be safer from now on.

Yours sincerely



**James Hadley**  
Headteacher



# Healthy School Street

# CROGSLAND ROAD

information on our plans  
to create safer healthier  
streets in your area

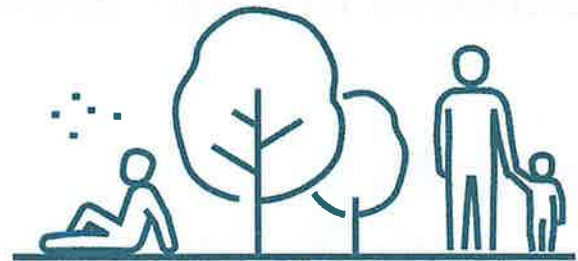




## Making your neighbourhood safer and healthier

The Covid-19 pandemic has changed how communities in Camden live, travel and work. Many of us have been spending more time closer to home, making quieter and safer neighbourhoods more important than ever. We want our streets to have more space for everyone to walk and cycle, for you to be breathing cleaner air, for children to get to and from school safely and for businesses to be able to flourish. Whether it's an essential journey like taking your children to school, getting to work or just popping out to enjoy your local park we want you to love where you live, and to love Camden.

Healthy School Streets create a safer and healthier environment by temporarily closing roads to traffic outside schools during 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 physically distance. Healthy School Streets help to discourage car trips, particularly amongst parents/carers, by providing a safe and inviting space for more walking, cycling and scooting.



## What you've told us about Haverstock School, Crogsland Road

Staff from Haverstock School and local Ward Councillors have raised concerns regarding the safety of pupils when using the school entrance/exit on Crogsland Road. Data gathered in early 2019 shows heavy southbound traffic flows of 144 vehicles in the morning peak period between 8.00am-10am on a typical week day during term time. In the afternoon peak period of 2.30-4.30pm, 113 vehicles were recorded travelling southbound past the school. This reflects a problem with traffic using residential streets to cut through to main roads as well as pupil pick-up/drop off issues. The school staff have also raised concerns around poor air quality, due to the large numbers of vehicles.

We want to support the 17 recommendations from Camden's Citizens Assembly on the climate crisis, which included requests for more car free zones. This scheme also helps to deliver our own Transport Strategy priorities, which were strongly supported when we consulted on them, including increasing walking and cycling, improving air quality and making our streets and transport networks safe, accessible and inclusive for all. You can read more about our strategy on our website: <https://www.camden.gov.uk/transport-strategies-and-plans>



## What's going to change?

Motor vehicles on Crogsland Road will be prohibited at school pick-up and drop-off times. The restrictions will be enforced using an Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) camera, which allows for some vehicles to be exempt from the restrictions. We are aiming to make these changes from the 2nd November 2020. The Experimental Traffic Order will be advertised on our website and in local newspapers (Ham & High and Camden New Journal) on 22nd October. A drawing of what these changes will look like is included with this letter.

To do this we will:

- Create a timed Healthy School Street road closure on Mondays to Fridays from 8am to 10am and 2pm to 4pm in school term time only. This will improve safety for local residents, parents and children accessing Haverstock School, by preventing vehicles from entering Crogsland Road at school drop off and pick up times.
- Install relevant signage to alert drivers of the restriction, and an ANPR enforcement camera will be placed at the junction with Prince of Wales Road and Crogsland Road. The signage will state the road closure to all motor vehicle traffic (except exemptions – see below).
- Close the signs during school holidays.
- Keep Crogsland Road as one-way southbound.

## Who will be exempt from these restrictions?

The following vehicles will be exempt from the restrictions:

- Vehicles registered to properties on Crogsland Road (see below for how to register a vehicle)
- Any vehicle being used for fire brigade, ambulance or policing purposes
- Refuse collection teams
- Blue Disabled Badge holders resident on Crogsland Road, and pupils of Haverstock School that have a disability that prevents them from walking, cycling or scooting to school.
- Some delivery vehicles for the businesses on Crogsland Road.

Taxis and resident deliveries will not be exempt, and these should be scheduled outside of the restricted times. However exemptions can be applied for in exceptional circumstances, such as when people with mobility issues may need essential taxis during the restricted hours. If you receive a Penalty Charge Notice and you believe that an exemption should have applied, these can be appealed through our online appeal process by visiting our website at: [www.camden.gov.uk/challenge-a-pcn](http://www.camden.gov.uk/challenge-a-pcn)



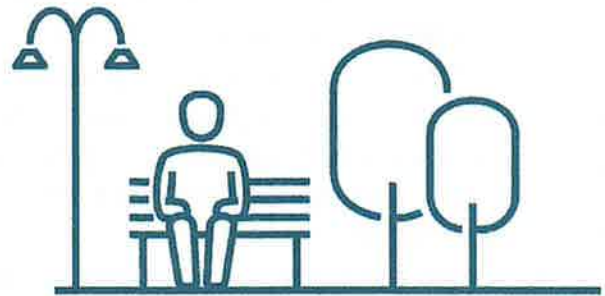
## Applying for an exemption?

If you have a vehicle registered to a property on Crogsland Road in the restricted area and you would like to apply for an exemption, please contact us at least five working days before the exemption is needed. You can do this by:

- Write to us using the address on the last page of this letter
- Applying online via [www.camden.gov.uk/healthy-school-streets](http://www.camden.gov.uk/healthy-school-streets)
- Email us via [healthy.school.streets@camden.gov.uk](mailto:healthy.school.streets@camden.gov.uk)
- Call us on 0207 974 1451

## How can you give your views?

We are using Experimental Traffic Orders to make these changes quickly. This allows us to trial changes on streets as an experiment so we can see how they work before any decision on whether to make them permanent is made. We have already consulted with the emergency services and statutory groups on these changes and you will also see information going up on the local streets and on our website.



You can comment at any point during the trial period via email or phone. We will also be introducing a dedicated website for your comments, and we will let you know when this is ready. Once the changes have been up and running for a little while we will check in with all local residents in a month to remind you how to comment. We will contact all residents and stakeholders with more information ahead of a full public consultation on the scheme after the trial has been in place for around 12 months. Any changes to our plans, for example due to the impact of Covid-19, will be updated on our website along with all the latest developments.

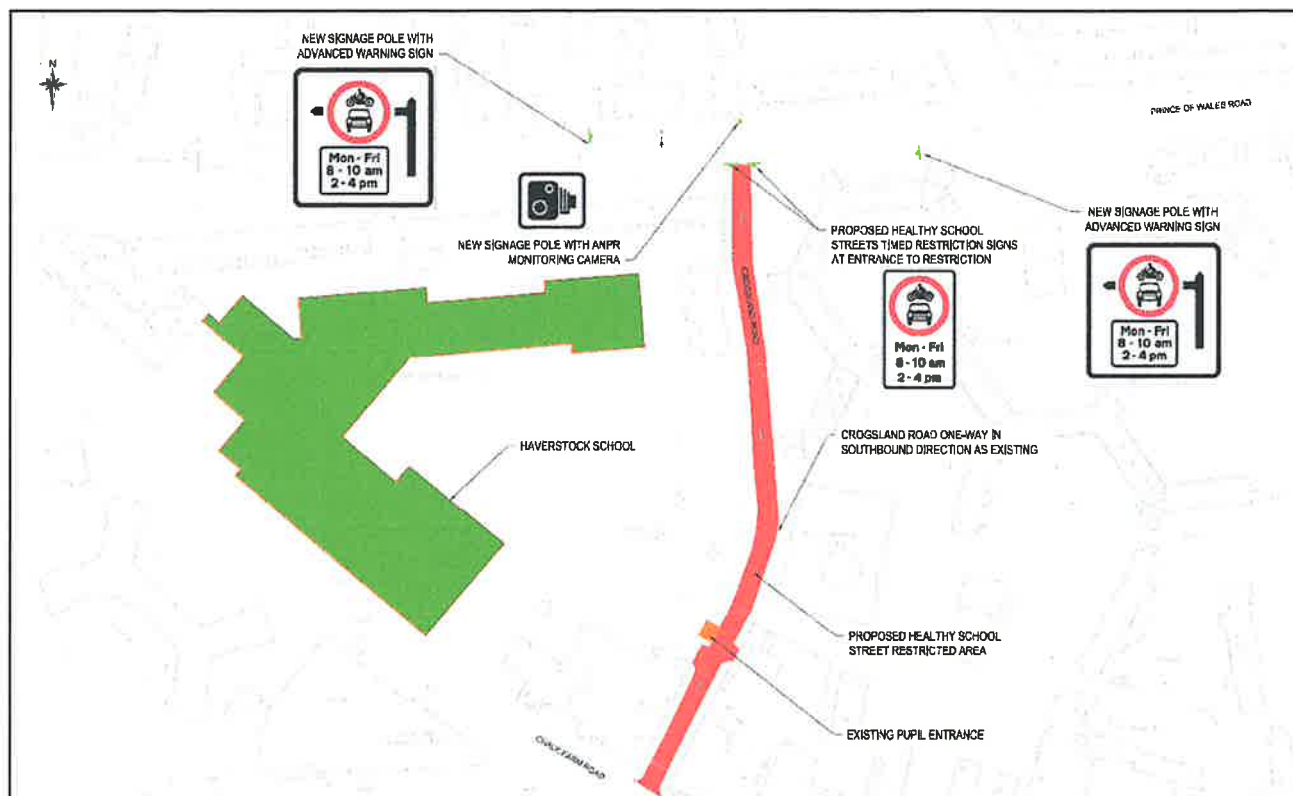
In the meantime you can still comment on the changes we are making at any point via email: [Healthy.School.Streets@camden.gov.uk](mailto:Healthy.School.Streets@camden.gov.uk)

We will be back in touch with you again with more information on possible future consultations.

# See the changes

The drawing below shows the restricted zone which forms the Healthy School Street and associated signage.

More information on all our previous and future Healthy School Streets schemes can be found on our website: [www.camden.gov.uk/healthy-school-streets](http://www.camden.gov.uk/healthy-school-streets)



# Responding to the challenges of Covid-19 in your neighbourhood

We want to keep your neighbourhoods safe from speeding...

Speeding is the main cause of road death.



21,260



London speeding enforcements so far (149% increase)

BAME Londoners are more at risk of being killed or seriously injured, BAME children are on average 1.5x more likely to be affected than non-BAME children.



..so we are reducing traffic in residential streets

Covid-19 is causing extra cars across Camden... and its getting busier on our streets

TfL estimates if all car owning households switched their usual public transport journeys to using cars there would be **nearly double** the traffic in Camden now plus extra from other boroughs

38% of people at risk of deprivation, 36% of women and 31% of disabled people who don't cycle said **they'd like to give it a go**



Supporting Camden residents to travel sustainably

8/10 trips by Camden residents are not made by car.



Almost 50% of journeys by Camden residents are on foot or by bike.



Camden residents love their bikes

Weekday cycling at 2 locations in Camden have seen an average increase of 106% this August to last.



Children want to travel healthily and safely to school

We surveyed 14 local schools and 51% of pupils walked, scooted or cycled to school.



We want you to breathe easy....

Breathing in polluted air can have short and long-term impacts on our health, at any stage in our lives.

Lockdown measures led to a 53% reduction in traffic levels in London, reducing the overall level of pollutants in our air. We want to see **air quality improvements continue** now lockdown has eased.



Health is everything

**42%** of Camden residents are overweight or obese increasing the risk of severe illness and death from COVID-19.

Just a 20-minute walk can prevent long-term health conditions like Type 2 diabetes, heart disease and certain cancers, as well as being good for your mental health.

20 mins



# Find out more

To find out more on how we are making travel safer in Camden visit:

[www.camden.gov.uk/making-travel-safer-in-camden](http://www.camden.gov.uk/making-travel-safer-in-camden)  
[safetravel@camden.gov.uk](mailto:safetravel@camden.gov.uk) / 020 7974 4444

To learn to cycle for the first time, improve your cycling skills or for a bike loan to help you get on your way visit:

[www.camden.gov.uk/cycling](http://www.camden.gov.uk/cycling)

