

# HARROW STREET SPACES PROGRAMME



## School Streets Scheme NEWTON FARM SCHOOL

The area around Newton Farm Nursery, Infant and Junior School has suffered from traffic problems during school pick up and drop off, causing environmental and road safety problems for residents and pupils. Public engagement in the summer considered the introduction of a School Street Scheme to prohibit vehicles at these times to create a safer environment for all.

We realise many people who want to walk, cycle or scoot are put off by traffic. We've secured funding from TfL that enables us to implement a School Street around Newton Farm Nursery Infant and Junior School, making it easier for people to choose to walk, cycle or scoot, improving the borough's health and environment.

### School Streets Scheme

The scheme will make your area part of a School Street, restricting vehicles dropping off or picking up pupils at certain times. Residents of the restricted area, blue badge holders and emergency vehicles can be exempt. For a full list of exemptions visit [www.harrow.gov.uk/schoolstreets](http://www.harrow.gov.uk/schoolstreets).

The scheme would be trialled for 6 months before a decision is taken on whether to extend it, make it permanent or remove the temporary measures. The scheme is based on feedback from the public engagement exercise, which our Traffic & Road Safety Advisory Panel (TARSAP) reviewed and recommended.

This leaflet is to tell you more about the scheme and how you can let us know how it is working during the trial period.

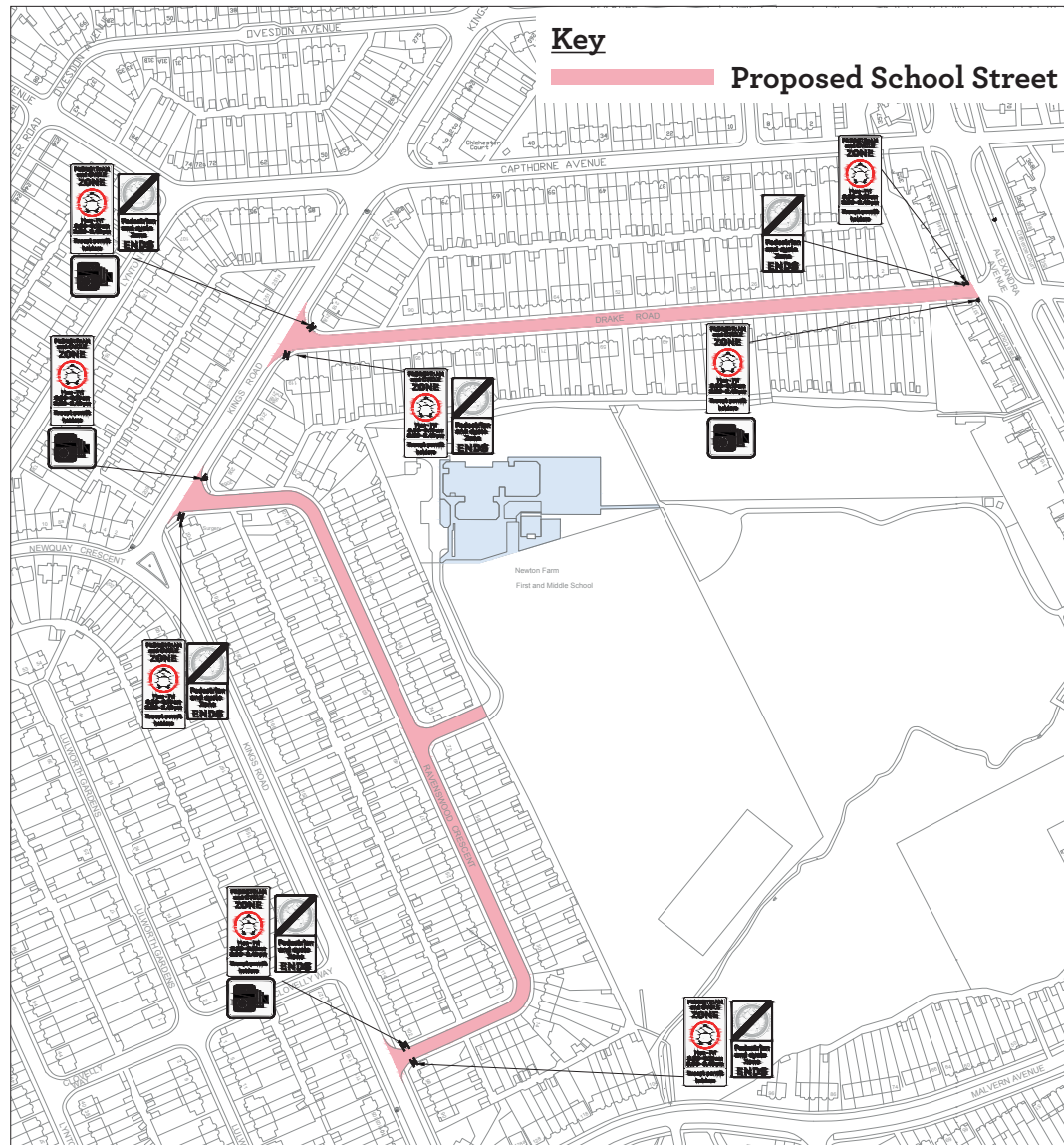
## OVERVIEW OF THE CHANGES PROPOSED

The scheme will do the following:

- The restrictions will apply to Drake Road and Ravenswood Crescent, Monday – Friday, 8:30am – 9:15 am and 3:00pm – 3:45pm to make the roads a pedestrian and cycling only zone around the school at start and finish times.
- Be implemented experimentally for a period of 6 months.
- Local residents living in the zone will be exempted from restrictions by applying for a permit for their vehicle.
- Residents can comment on the scheme during the experimental period.
- Reduce traffic volumes around the school to deliver improved air quality, and improved safety for pedestrians and cyclists.

## WHAT WILL HAPPEN?

Traffic signage will be put up on the surrounding roads to indicate that there is no way through for vehicular traffic at school opening and closing times.



## HOW WOULD RESIDENTS ACCESS THE STREET DURING THE PERIOD OF RESTRICTIONS?

The use of automatic number plate recognition systems via mobile CCTV cameras will monitor the passage of vehicles through the points of restriction at the operational times. A list of exempted vehicles issued with a permit will be allowed to pass through.

Residents will be contacted in writing about 2 weeks before the scheme goes live with details of how to apply for a permit to allow this exemption. Details of the vehicle will be required in a similar way to applying for a parking permit. No charge will be made for the issue of the permit during the trial.

Any vehicles not exempt that pass through the restriction will be issued with a penalty charge notice. Pedestrians and cyclists will not be affected.



## How will the scheme be implemented?

The Newton Farm School Street Scheme will be implemented via an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order for a trial period of 6 months during which local residents and the school community can provide feedback on how the scheme is working.

## How long will the measures be in operation?

Experimental traffic orders can last for between 6 and 18 months. We will monitor traffic levels and collect traffic data during the trial to assess how the scheme is working and the impact of traffic on local roads.

After the 6-month trial period a report will be provided to the Council's Traffic & Road Safety Advisory Panel for them to consider whether to remove, extend to a maximum of 18 months or make the scheme permanent.

## What happens next?

- The Experimental Traffic Regulation Order will be advertised on **17 September 2020**
- The traffic signing and CCTV cameras will be implemented and the scheme will become operational in the week commencing **28 September 2020**
- Another letter will be sent to residents regarding how to apply for a permit to be exempted from the restrictions about 2 weeks before the scheme goes live.

During the first 6 months of the scheme residents can make comments on the scheme by using the engagement portal at <https://harrowstreetspaces.commonplace.is/>