



Audrey Street

Sebright Primary School & City of London
Academy Shoreditch Park -
School Streets proposal

Public consultation

January 2019



What is this document about?

Hackney Council is gathering views on a proposed School Street scheme to improve local air quality and make it safer and easier for children to walk and cycle to school.

Audrey Street from the junction of Goldsmiths Row would temporarily become a pedestrian and cycle only zone at school opening times and closing times whilst maintaining access for residents, businesses, pedestrians and cyclists. The purpose is to tackle congestion at the school gates and improve the environment for sustainable travel to school.

Residents and businesses who live and work on the street will be able to register for an exemption so they can still get to and from their homes and businesses by vehicle.

Why are these changes being proposed?

The Council is committed to making Hackney's roads safer and healthier for everyone living in, working in and visiting the borough. These changes aim to create an environment that will encourage more walking and cycling, improve air quality and reduce road danger.

This can only be achieved by reducing the dominance of the private vehicle. Poor air quality resulting from vehicle emissions is finally being recognised for the damage it inflicts upon the health of the city with nearly 10,000 Londoners dying early every year as a result (Kings College London, 2015). Our Transport Strategy includes a number of actions that this scheme will help to achieve:

- **LN3: Improving air quality** – Tackles poor air quality by reducing NO2 and PM10 emissions.
- **LN10: School Clean Air Zones** – Aims to develop and secure funding for projects to improve air quality in and around the borough's schools. School Streets is one such project.
- **LN15: Filtered Streets** – Reduces motor traffic on residential streets by the use of road closures or one-way systems to create safer walking and cycling conditions.

- **LN20: School Streets** – Roads are closed outside schools during certain times of the day.

The Council has piloted School Streets at five schools in the borough. We are currently reviewing those pilot schemes. Early results show a reduction in traffic in the School Streets, more parents and children walking and cycling to school and fewer driving.

Based on the generally good results and positive feedback we have seen we are rolling out the scheme to more schools. The Mayor of Hackney has committed to delivering 12 new School Streets by 2022.

Audrey Street has been selected as a proposed School Street because Sebright Primary School & City of London Academy Shoreditch Park experience road safety problems at the school gates and are in an area of poor local air quality. Children in schools that are situated on or are near busy roads may be exposed to higher levels of air pollution leading to health problems later in life.

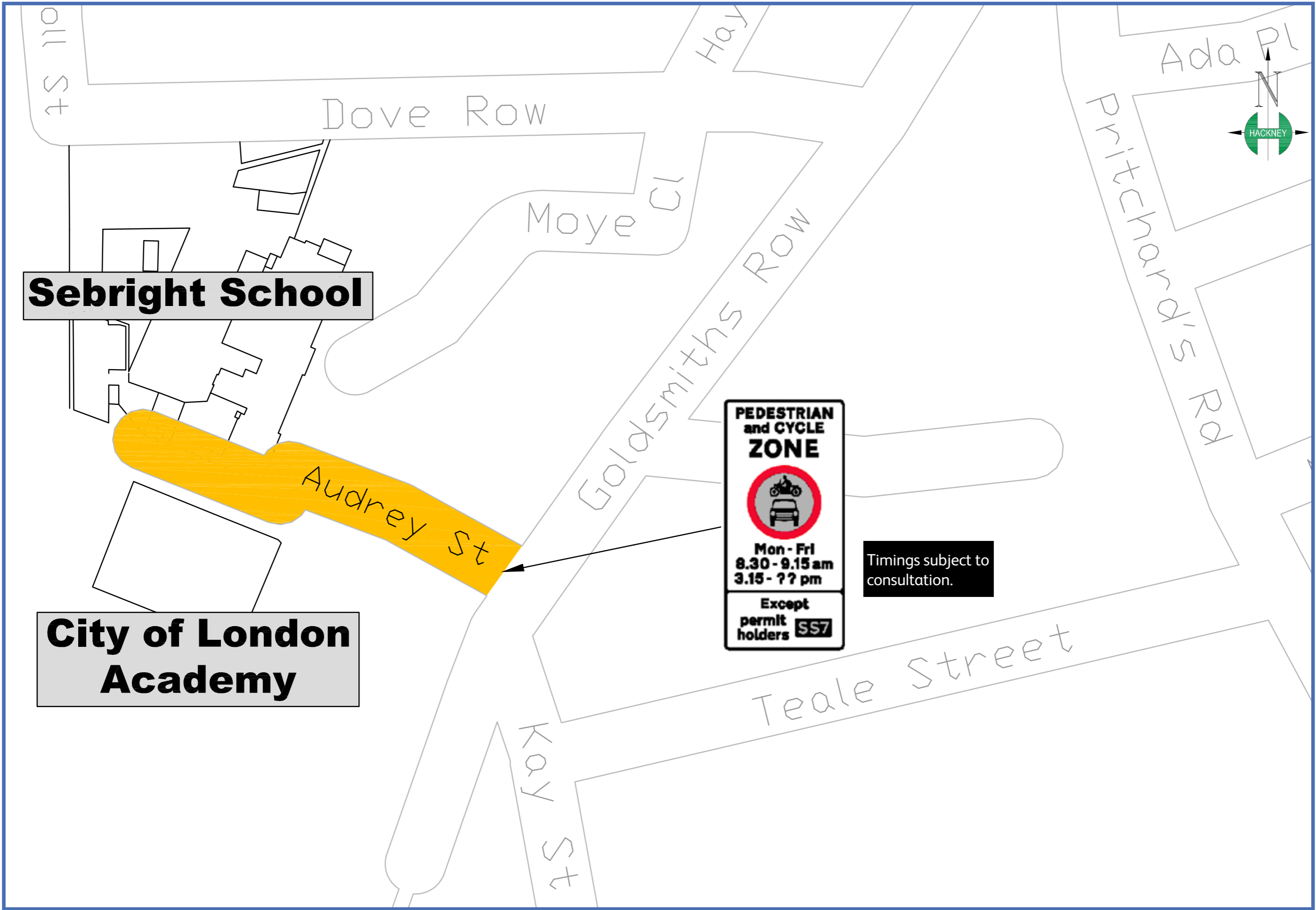
Reducing the use of the private car for journeys to school and reducing the volume of traffic on Audrey Street should:

- reduce road danger from traffic
- reduce pollution around the school gates from idling vehicles
- promote more walking, cycling and active lifestyles for pupils and parents or carers.

How will it work?

Audrey Street will be made a pedestrian and cycle only zone twice a day at school opening and closing times.

- Vehicles will be banned from entering the street between these times unless they have been given an exemption.
- Residents living in Audrey Street will be able to register for an exemption if Audrey Street is the only access to the property, or if they are a blue badge holder.
- Parents or carers can register for an exemption to drop their children off to school if they or their child are a blue badge holder.



Sebright School

City of London Academy

PEDESTRIAN and CYCLE ZONE

Mon - Fri
8.30 - 9.15 am
3.15 - ?? pm
Except permit holders **SS7**

Timings subject to consultation.

- We'll put up signs to inform drivers of the restrictions before the entrance to the closed street.
- Non-registered vehicles entering the street during the times of operation will be identified by camera and automatically issued a fixed penalty charge notice.

For details of the proposal please refer to the drawing on pages 3 and 4.

We are also consulting on how long Audrey Street should be closed to traffic at school closing time. This is because Sebright Primary School & City of London Academy Shoreditch Park have different closing times. We want the proposal to work for both schools, which would require a longer closure period in the afternoons. A question about the preferred timings for the School Street to operate in the afternoon has been included in the enclosed questionnaire for you to give your feedback.

Sebright School has a second entrance on Dove Row which also suffers from congestion at the school gate at drop off and pick up times. The Council would look at other measures for managing the impact of school traffic in this location, if a School Street is introduced on Audrey Street. The traffic on Dove Row at school times would also be monitored.

Have your say

Your views are important to us and will help the Council to make a decision.

A questionnaire has been provided for you to give your views on the outlined proposals. Please complete and return the questionnaire using the **FREEPOST** envelope provided by **Monday 4 February 2019**.

Alternatively, visit www.hackney.gov.uk/school-streets to complete the questionnaire online.

You can also attend a drop-in session on **Thursday 17 January 2019 from 4pm to 7pm** outside Sebright Primary School on Audrey Street. The drop-in session will be an opportunity to talk to Council officers about the School Street scheme.

What happens next?

Your feedback will help us reach a decision on whether to proceed with these proposals. The results will be available at www.hackney.gov.uk/school-streets

Should the Council agree to proceed with these proposals, residents and businesses will receive a letter to inform them about the start date for the scheme with details of how to register a vehicle or vehicles for exemption. Public notices advising the changes will be displayed in the street.

Information

For further information on these proposals, please contact us through the Hackney Service Centre by calling **020 8356 2897** or by emailing: info@hackney.gov.uk

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