



Detmold Road

Southwold Primary School - 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.

Detmold Road from the junction of Mount Pleasant Hill would temporarily become a pedestrian and cycle only zone for 45 minutes at school opening 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 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 have reviewed the first School Street, in Crondall Street, against the objectives of the scheme and found it to be a success. Following this, the Council is proposing a School Street on Detmold Road, which has a similar road layout to Crondall Street.

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.

Detmold Road has been selected as a proposed School Street because Southwold Primary School experiences road safety problems at the school gate.

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

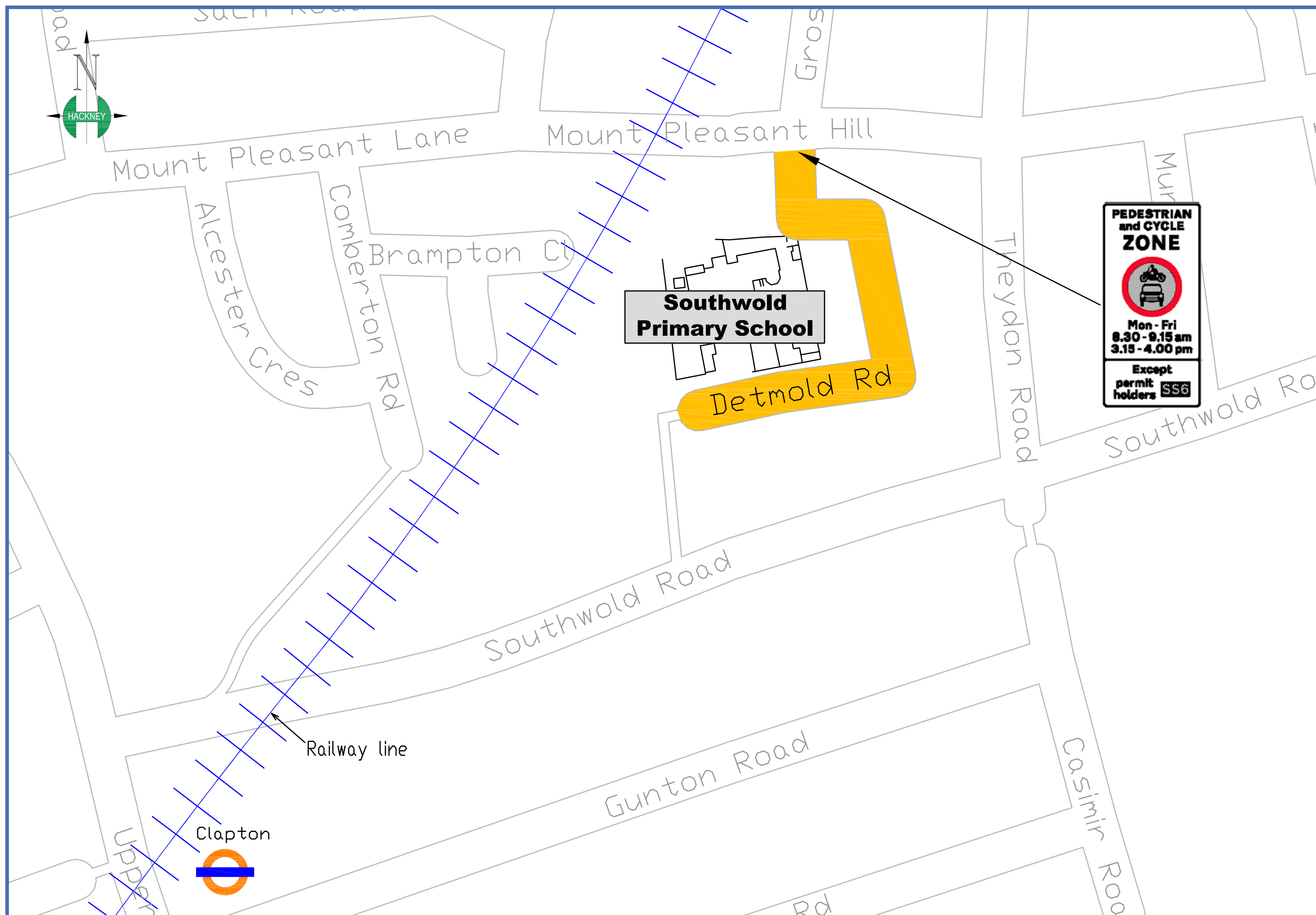
- reduce road danger from traffic
- reduce pollution around the school gates from idling vehicles
- promote more walking, cycling and active lifestyles for pupils and parents or carers.

How will it work?

Detmold Road will be made a pedestrian and cycle only zone for 45 minutes, 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 Detmold Road will be able to register for an exemption if Detmold Road 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.
- 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.



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 **Friday 22 February 2019**.

Alternatively, visit

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

You can also attend a drop-in session on **Wednesday 16 January 2019 4pm to 7pm** at Southwold Primary School, Detmold Road, E5 9NL. 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

FAQ

Q. What times would the restrictions be in force?

A. 8:30am – 9:15am and 3:15pm - 4pm during school terms. They won't be in force during school holidays or on weekends.

Q. I'm a parent/carer at the school, can I apply for an exemption?

A. Parents or carers dropping children at school will not be eligible for an exemption. You can only be granted an exemption if you or your child are a blue badge holder.

Q. Which vehicles will not be allowed to enter the street?

A. All vehicles that have not been added to the exemptions list will not be permitted to enter the street during the School Street times. This includes vehicles driven by visitors, tradespeople or couriers.

Q. What if I'm already parked inside the School Street zone when the timings are in force?

A. All vehicles that are already in the zone when the timings are in force will be able to exit the zone.

Q. How will the School Street be enforced?

A. Signage at the entrance to Detmold Road will inform drivers of the restrictions.

The zone will be enforced by camera and non-registered vehicles entering the zone during operating hours will be automatically issued a fixed penalty charge notice.

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