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**Gayhurst Road and London Fields West Side** Gayhurst Community School -School Streets proposal

Public consultation September 2017





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## What is this document about?

This consultation is about gathering views on a proposed trial of a school street scheme to make it safer and easier for children to walk and cycle to school. The scheme proposes to close the roads around the school to most of the traffic at school opening and closing times. It is also hoped that this will encourage a reduction in the numbers of children driven to school by car and to an improvement in air quality at these times.

Gayhurst Road (from junction with Appleby Road) and London Fields West Side 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 travel to school.

Residents and businesses who live and work on Gayhurst Road and London Fields West Side will be able to register for an exemption so they can still get to and from their homes and businesses by car.

## Why are these changes being proposed?

The Council is committed to making Hackney's roads safer for everyone living, working and visiting the borough and creating an environment that will encourage more walking and cycling. Gayhurst Community School has been selected to take part in the trial because it experiences road safety problems at the school gate.

The aim is to improve local air quality and make it safer and easier for children and parents to walk and cycle to school.

Reducing the use of the private car for journeys to school should lead to:

- less road danger from traffic
- less anti-social behaviour from inconsiderate parking and dangerous manoeuvres
- more walking, cycling and active lifestyles for pupils and parents/carers
- reduced congestion and pollution from vehicles waiting with their engines running.



# What is the proposed scheme?

- Gayhurst Road (from junction with Appleby Road) and London Fields West Side will be made a pedestrian and cycle only zone between 8.30am-9.15am and 3.15pm-4.00pm on school days.
- Access for residents and businesses to enter the streets will be maintained for vehicles registered for an exemption.
- Other vehicles driven by visitors, parents, delivery vehicles and school staff, will not be permitted to enter the zone during the closure.
- All vehicles that are already in the zone during the operational times will be able to exit the zone.
- Signage will be erected at the entrances to the scheme on Gayhurst Road (from junction with Appleby Road) and London Fields West Side, informing drivers of the restrictions.
- The zone will be enforced by camera and nonregistered vehicles entering the zone during operating hours will be automatically issued a penalty charge notice.
- If approved, the trial will be implemented by February 2018.
- The trial will run for 9 months.
- After the trial, a decision will be made on whether to make it permanent.

### Have your say

Whatever your views about school streets, as a parent, resident, business or driver, we want to hear from you. 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 Streetscene** envelope provided before Friday 20 October 2017.
- Alternatively, visit www.hackney.gov.uk/school-streets to complete the questionnaire online.
- Attend a drop-in session on Wednesday 27 September 3.45-6pm at Gayhurst Community School, Gayhurst Road, Hackney, E8 3EN

# 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/streetscene

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.

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

