

IMPORTANT – PUBLIC CONSULTATION

This is your opportunity to provide your views

Birchanger Road, Crowther Road & Gresham Road Healthy School Street



Croydon Council would like to hear your views on plans to trial a new Healthy School Street scheme on Birchanger Road, Crowther Road & Gresham Road. This leaflet explains more about School Streets, how the scheme would work in your area and how you can respond to our survey.

What are Healthy School Streets?

Healthy School Streets help pupils to have safer, healthier journeys to and from school, by closing the surrounding roads to cars and other motor traffic during school drop-off and pick-up times. **This will not affect residents access – if you live in those roads, you will be able to apply for a permit.**

This encourages parents and pupils to leave the car at home for the school run and instead choose more sustainable and active means of travel to school, such as walking, cycling, or scooting. Healthy School Streets benefit local residents by decreasing non-residential motor traffic in their neighbourhood – reducing congestion, noise, and air pollution.

In Croydon there are already 24 successful Healthy School Streets.

Benefits of Healthy School Streets:

- Safer, cleaner and less polluted streets
- Make it easier to choose sustainable travel like walking and cycling
- Improve our air quality
- Help to tackle the climate crisis and achieve a carbon-neutral Croydon by 2030
- Encourage active travel, helping to promote healthy lifestyles

Why are we proposing to trial one in your street?

South Norwood Primary School, and local residents have reported problems with traffic, congestion, noise, and air pollution during school-run times. The council is seeking to trial several new Healthy School Street schemes in Croydon. Birchanger Road, Crowther Road & Gresham Road are three of 20 streets that have been chosen serving 11 schools in total.

Before we decide whether to introduce the trial scheme, we want to hear your views.

How would the experimental Healthy School Street work?

Birchanger Road, Crowther Road & Gresham Road will become a Pedestrian and Cycle Zone only (except for those eligible for permits) between the hours of 8 - 9.30am and 2 - 4pm from Monday to Friday, during school term time only. You can see how this will work in more detail in the plan we have enclosed.

Residents living within the zone – as shown on the plan - will be eligible to apply for a free School Street Exemption permit, so they can have access at all times. In addition, the council will provide permits/exemptions to some road-users who may need access, such as emergency services or refuse vehicles.

- You can find a full list of who is eligible for a permit or exempt from the scheme online at: www.getinvolved.croydon.gov.uk/hss
- For permit/exemption related enquiries only please: schoolstreets@croydon.gov.uk

Note: the Healthy School Street permit scheme is separate to any existing Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) permit scheme in place. If you have a CPZ permit, you will still need to apply for a Healthy Streets Permit.

- Advanced warning signs will be installed on approach and at the junctions informing motorists of the Healthy School Street and times when the road is closed. The scheme will be enforced using Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras. These will only capture Vehicle Registration Marks (VRMs) of vehicles entering the Healthy School Street during operational hours.
- Vehicles without a valid School Street permit or agreed exemption will not be permitted to enter the Healthy School Street during operational times, however vehicles that are already within the zone will be able to exit. **Note:** not complying with on-street signs may result in a Penalty Charge Notice.

How do I give my views?

You can give your views, quoting scheme reference **BIRCHANGERSS/2022** from **Friday 1 July 2022 – midnight on Thursday 30 July 2022**.

Option 1 – Online: complete our survey at: www.getinvolved.croydon.gov.uk/hss

Option 2 – Post: send your response quoting scheme reference **BIRCHANGERSS/2022** to Highway Improvements Team, Bernard Weatherill House, 8 Mint Walk, CR0 1EA, to arrive by **30 July 2022**. Please provide your full postal address if you would like us to record and consider your views.

Enquiries: for scheme specific queries please email: healthyschoolstreets@croydon.gov.uk including the scheme reference. If you require the materials in another format such as a physical copy/braille or in a larger font size, contact us on 020 8726 6000, 9am- 4pm Monday – Friday or via the email address above.

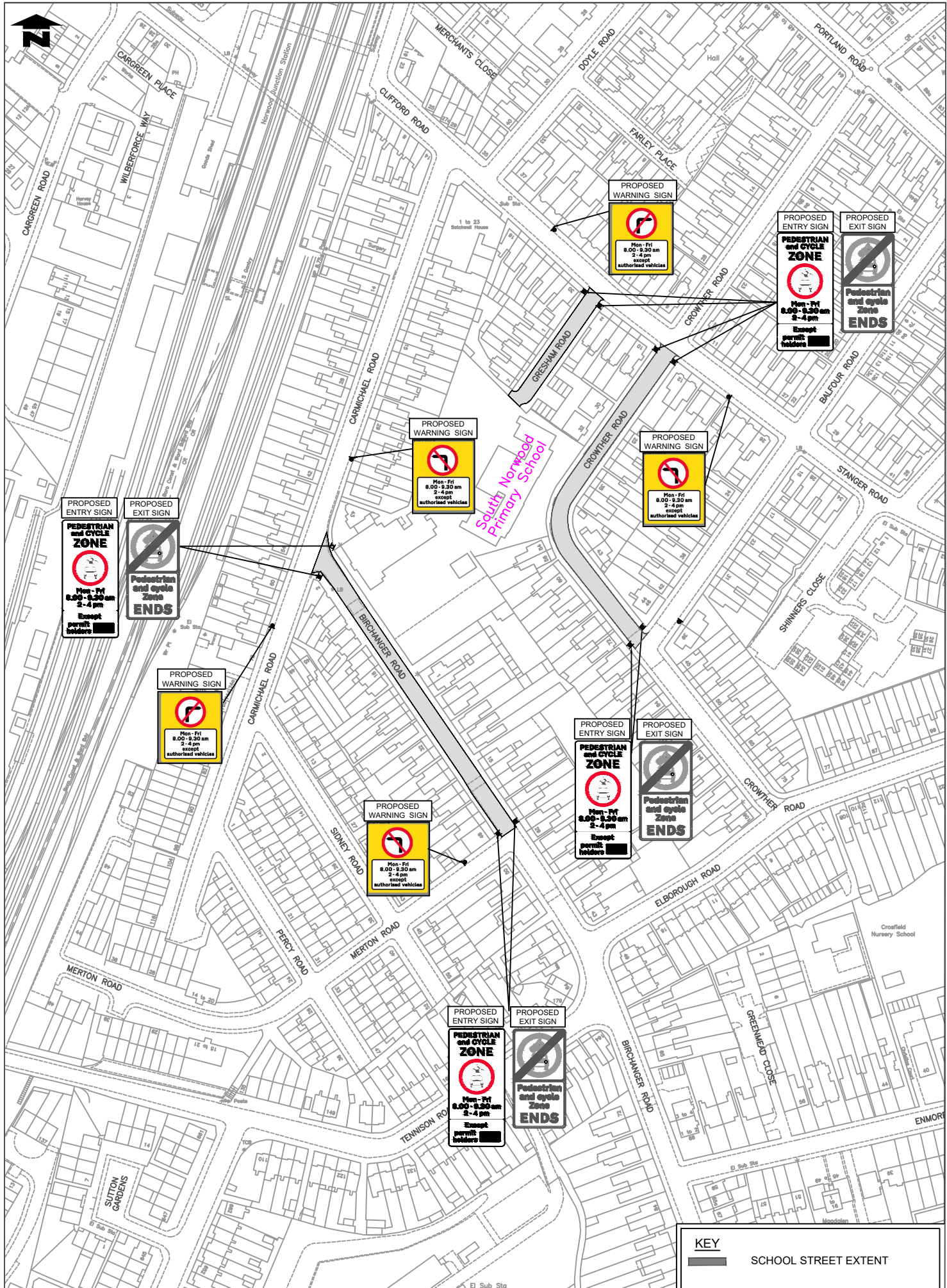
What happens next?

Consultation feedback will be presented as part of a report to the Executive Mayor of Croydon, for him to decide whether the scheme should be introduced on a trial basis. If they agree to go ahead, the public will be informed of the expected start date.

How long does the trial scheme last?

If approved, the Healthy School Street will be implemented as a trial under an Experimental Traffic Management Order (ETMO) for a maximum period of 18 months. The first 6 months is known as the statutory objection period, during which those affected by the trial scheme can submit formal objections. Introducing a scheme under an ETMO allows the council, school and others to experience its true effects, and give them an opportunity to raise any objections.

For further information on Healthy School Streets, ETMO process and permits please visit: www.croydon.gov.uk/school-streets



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