

# IMPORTANT – PUBLIC CONSULTATION

## This is your opportunity to provide your views

## Riddlesdown Collegiate Healthy School Street



Croydon Council would like to hear your views on plans to introduce a new Healthy School Street scheme on Dunmail Drive, Honister Heights, Derwent Drive, Grisedale Close, Grisedale Gardens, Eskdale Gardens, and Ingleboro Drive east of Buttermere Gardens to benefit pupils and staff of Riddlesdown Collegiate. This leaflet explains more about Healthy School Streets, how the scheme would work and how to respond to our consultation.

### 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 this scheme is introduced and you live in those roads you will be able to apply for a free exemption permit.**

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

### In Croydon there are already 40 Healthy School Streets

Benefits of Healthy School Streets:

- ✓ Safer, quieter streets
- ✓ Make it easier to choose sustainable travel like walking and cycling more often
- ✓ Improve local air quality
- ✓ Encourage active travel to promote healthy lifestyles

### Why are we proposing to introduce one in your street?

Riddlesdown Collegiate and local residents have reported problems with traffic, congestion, noise, and air pollution during school-run times. The plan included with this leaflet shows all the roads that will form part of this Healthy School Street scheme.

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

### How would the Healthy School Street work?

If the scheme is approved, Dunmail Drive, Honister Heights, Derwent Drive, Grisedale Close, Grisedale Gardens, Eskdale Gardens, and Ingleboro Drive east of Buttermere Gardens will become pedestrian and cycle zones only 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 will be eligible to apply for a free School Street Exemption Permit, so they can drive through the school streets without receiving a Penalty Charge Notice.** In addition, the council will provide exemption permits to some motorists who may need access, such as emergency services or refuse vehicles. Staff members of the school can also be provided with exemption permits.

- A full list of who is eligible for an exemption permit can be found on the council website: <http://www.getinvolved.croydon.gov.uk/healthyschoolstreets>
- For queries about exemption permits please email: [schoolstreets@croydon.gov.uk](mailto:schoolstreets@croydon.gov.uk)

**Note:** The Healthy School Street Exception Permit scheme is separate to any existing Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) permit scheme in place. Anyone with a CPZ permit, must still apply for a Healthy School Streets Exemption 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, which will only capture the registration of vehicles entering the Healthy School Street during operational hours.
- Vehicles without a valid exemption permit that enter the Healthy School Street during operational times will be issued with a Penalty Charge Notice.

**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 **RIDDLESDOWN/HSS2024** from **8 May 2024 – 11.59pm, 28 May 2024**.

**Online:** Complete our consultation survey at:

<http://www.getinvolved.croydon.gov.uk/healthyschoolstreets> or use the QR code below:



**Post:** Send your response quoting scheme reference **RIDDLESDOWN/HSS2024** to Highway Improvements Team, Bernard Weatherill House, 8 Mint Walk, CR0 1EA, to arrive by **28 May 2024**. Please provide your full postal address if you would like us to record and consider your views.

**Enquiries:** For scheme-specific queries, email: [healthyschoolstreets@croydon.gov.uk](mailto:healthyschoolstreets@croydon.gov.uk) quoting 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 by phone on 020 8726 6000, 9am - 4pm Monday – Friday or via the email address above.

### What happens next?

Feedback will be used to develop recommendations that will be reported to Cabinet, who decide whether the scheme should be introduced on a permanent basis. If approved, further consultation will be held before implementing the Healthy School Street.

### What is the process to introduce the scheme?

The first step is a two-stage consultation process, consisting of an informal three-week public consultation period for parents, residents and businesses, followed by a statutory consultation period happening closer to the scheme's implementation. The informal consultation plays an important role in listening to those who may be affected by the scheme, and the entire process allows the council to make an informed decision on what the scheme should look like, and potentially change how the scheme is proposed. If approved, the Healthy School Street will be implemented as a permanent traffic order.

### More information

For more information about Health School Streets visit: [www.croydon.gov.uk/school-streets](http://www.croydon.gov.uk/school-streets)