

Important- Public Consultation

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November 2014

Netley Primary School & Everton Buildings Development, NW1 3EX

Road Safety and Public Realm Improvements

We are seeking your views on the Council's proposals to improve road safety on the streets surrounding the newly rebuilt Netley Primary School and Everton Buildings located on Stanhope Street and William Road, NW1 3EX.

The Netley development project is one part of a 15 year Community Investment Programme by Camden with local people to identify ways to improve some of the borough's buildings and estates. This will bring the Council's schools up to modern standards, provide new homes, and improve community services, streets, parks and public spaces.

The school has been rebuilt with new facilities in time for the autumn term in September 2014. New housing is also being built above the school and improvements made to existing buildings to create a better public realm. The new school and homes also require improvements to the existing streets, especially as the school entrances have moved and because more people will walk to and from the new housing development.

The Council's traffic engineers have undertaken site visits and agreed with the Netley School project officers to propose a number of changes to the streets which will improve road safety for pupils and parents travelling to and from school, and residents in the area.

We are proposing to widen the footway outside the school and raise the junctions before the school to calm the traffic and provide new crossing points. This will require relocating some residents parking from Stanhope Street to William Road, lowering and slightly moving the zebra crossing and the loss of one tree, but we would aim to replace this loss elsewhere. The proposed measures are shown on the plan enclosed and include the following:

1. Extend the existing raised crossing over William Road across the whole of the Stanhope Street junction. This raised junction will help to calm traffic and help pedestrians to cross in all directions on a level walking surface. This includes removing the existing granite sett lay-by on Stanhope Street and turning this area into footway space.
2. Remove the existing 2 metre wide footway build out on the west side of Stanhope Street (dotted on the plan) and widen the footway on the opposite side where there is greater need. The new footway will provide the room to install a bus bay which the school can use to park their mini bus required for the newly opened pupil referral unit located in the school. In addition, the zebra crossing is proposed to be lowered to road level and moved slightly closer to the entrance to the school. One tree will have to be removed in order to make the proposed changes; however we are looking to replace this loss elsewhere in the vicinity. The changes proposed will require moving 20 metres (4 car spaces) of resident's parking from outside 131 – 139 Stanhope Street to William Road next to the school playground.

3. Replace the existing road hump on Stanhope Street with a raised junction at Everton Buildings. This will help to calm traffic and make it easier for pedestrians cross in all directions on a level surface. The changes proposed will require moving 15 metres (3 car spaces) of resident's parking from outside 161 Stanhope Street to William Road adjacent to the school playground.
4. Everton Buildings itself is proposed to be closed to all traffic but emergency access will be available through the use of lockable bollards. Everton Buildings will have new planting and lighting and will provide an attractive route for pedestrians to access Hampstead Road.
5. In order to reduce traffic congestion on Stanhope Street and improve visibility for pedestrians crossing the road, we are proposing to mark double yellow lines on both sides of Stanhope Street between Everton Buildings and William Road. This will not allow any loading or parking on this section of Stanhope Street (except for buses on the bus bay provided); loading provision is still available on William Road just to the east of the junction with Stanhope Street.

Please note that the proposals will not result in any loss in existing residents parking bays.

This is your opportunity to comment

We need your views as this consultation exercise is intended to find out if there is broad public support for the proposals set out in this leaflet.

Please complete a questionnaire and return it by **FRIDAY 12 DECEMBER 2014 to: London Borough of Camden, Camden Town Hall, Culture and Environment Directorate, Transport Strategy Service, FREEPOST RSLT-RJBR-TXAA, Judd Street, London, WC1H 9JE**. Please note no stamp is required and only **ONE** reply per household, business or organisation will be accepted.

If you wish to respond by email then please send a separate response to each question and email it to tabrez.hussain@camden.gov.uk. **You must give your postal address if you want us to consider your views.**

While it will not be possible to reply to you individually, all comments will be taken into account. The Assistant Director for Environment and Transport will make a decision whether or not to proceed with the scheme. Under the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, we may not treat your questionnaire or letter confidentially, as it will be available for public inspection. Please only write to us about the consultation issue. If you want to comment on any other matter, please use a separate letter. If approved, we are planning to make changes by March 2015.

Who is being consulted?

The following are being consulted: All affected property frontages on the roads listed below, local and Statutory Groups, Emergency Services and Ward Councillors.

1. Stanhope Street
2. William Road
3. Netley Street
4. Robert Street

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