





Holmes Road Area Safe and Healthy Streets

Changes coming in March 2025

In January we wrote to you to give you an update on the construction of the Holmes Road Area Safe and Healthy Streets Scheme and provide some further details about exemptions to the Healthy School Street restrictions. Much of the scheme has now been constructed and we plan to launch the Healthy School Street at Collège Français Bilingue de Londres (CFBL) on **Monday 17 March 2025**.

What are the Healthy School Street changes?

Trial Healthy School Street

We will be introducing a trial Healthy School Street (timed motor vehicle restriction), outside Collège Français Bilingue de Londres (CFBL), which will operate Monday to Friday, 8am – 9am and 3:30pm – 4:30pm, during school term times only, on the following streets:

- Willes Road between the junctions with Inkerman Road and Holmes Road.
- Cathcart Street between the junction with Holmes Road and 8 and 32 Cathcart Street.

The Healthy School Street will be enforced through signage and Automatic Number Plate Recognition cameras. Exemptions for some residents and other road users will be available.

Exemptions for Healthy School Street zones

Only exempt vehicles will be permitted to enter the trial Healthy School Street zones during the times above. Healthy School Street signage will be closed during the school holidays and will not be enforced during this time or on Bank Holidays. Fines will only be issued to people driving non-exempt motor vehicles into the trial Healthy School Street zones during the restriction times so anybody already parked within the zones will be able to leave at any time without receiving a fine.

The following vehicles are eligible for an exemption from the trial Healthy School Street restrictions:

- Cycles including standard and electric powered bicycles
- Vehicles registered to properties and businesses within the Healthy School Street restricted zones, including:
 - Willes Road – properties located between the junctions with Inkerman Road and Holmes Road
 - Cathcart Street – properties located between the junction with Holmes Road and between 8 and 32 Cathcart Street (inclusive)
- Any vehicle being used for ambulance, fire brigade or policing purposes
- Refuse collection vehicles

- Door to door services such as Plus Bus and Dial A Ride
- Blue Disabled Badge holders that require access to an address within the Healthy School Street
- Vehicles belonging to parents or carers of pupils attending CFBL school that have a disability that prevents them from walking, cycling, or scooting to school, where exemptions have been agreed with the Council
- Other exemptions agreed with the Council on a case-by-case basis.

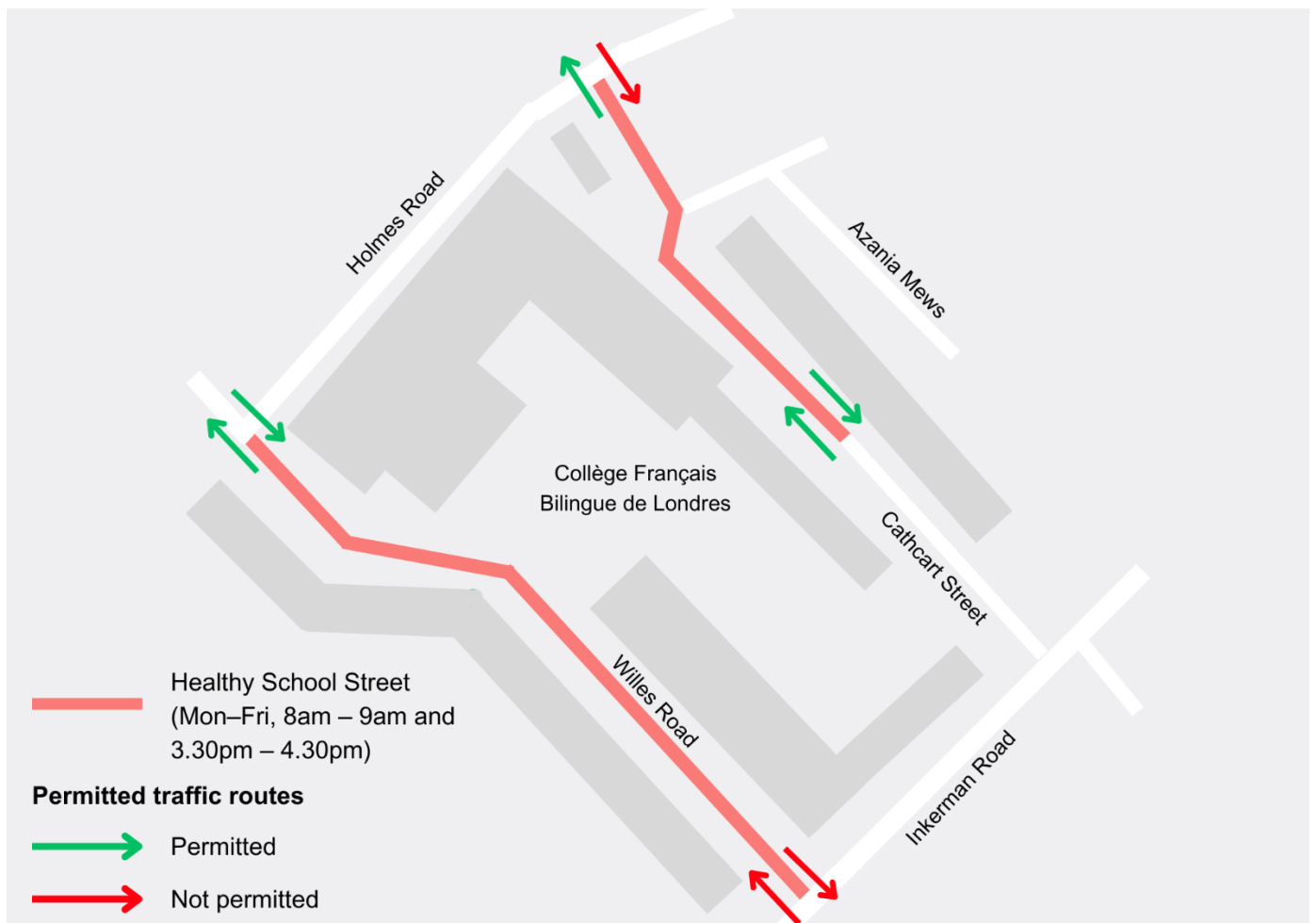
Trial Healthy School Street Map

The trial Healthy School Street zones will operate Monday to Friday between 8:00am – 9:00am and 3:30-4:30pm, during school term times.

Only exempt vehicles will be permitted to enter the trial Healthy School Street zones shown in red on the map below during these times.

Both Willes Road and Cathcart Street also have specific routes for traffic that will apply at all times as per the map below. These permitted routes are based on the additional traffic management changes being delivered as a trial on those two roads as outlined overleaf.

If you would like to register your vehicle for an exemption, please visit camden.gov.uk/healthy-school-streets.





What are the other trial changes?

In addition to the Healthy School Street we are also introducing additional trial motor vehicle restrictions in the area to help reduce traffic volumes, including:

- A westbound camera enforced motor vehicle restriction on Holmes Road immediately west of the junction with Raglan Street which will operate **at all times**. This will mean that motor vehicles will not be able to proceed west along Holmes Road beyond Raglan Street. This change will reduce traffic volumes on Holmes Road and enable us to widen the pavement outside the entrance to St Patrick's Catholic Primary School.
- A motor vehicle restriction (bollard) located on Willes Road immediately north of the junction with Inkerman Road which will operate **at all times**. This change will reduce traffic volumes on Willes Road and prevent it from being used as a shortcut for motor vehicles travelling between Prince of Wales Road and Kentish Town Road and vice versa.
- A southbound camera enforced motor vehicle restriction on Cathcart Street immediately to the south of the junction with Holmes Road which will operate **at all times**. This will mean that motor vehicles will not be able to enter Cathcart Street from Holmes Road but will be able to exit Cathcart Street onto Holmes Road. This change will prevent southbound vehicles which may otherwise travel down Willes Road, from being displaced onto Cathcart Street.

No exemptions will be available for these additional trial motor vehicle restrictions (apart from bicycles, emergency services and refuse vehicles). The additional trial motor vehicle restrictions will be enforced using signage and Automatic Number Plate Recognition cameras.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please contact us at healthy.school.streets@camden.gov.uk. If you do not have access to the internet, please call us on 020 7974 8796 to request a call back from an officer.

How can you give your views during the trial?

The Healthy School Street and additional motor vehicle restrictions will be introduced under an Experimental Traffic Order (ETO) as an 18-months trial. The ETO allows us to trial the changes so that we can see how they work. We will carefully monitor the trial scheme to understand its impacts on traffic levels, traffic speeds, road safety, air quality and levels of cycling. This monitoring data along with feedback received during the trial and Council policies and objectives will help to inform whether or not the trial parts of the scheme will be made permanent at the end of the trial period. The ETO for the trial scheme went live on 13 January 2025. If you would like to make a formal objection to the scheme you can do so within the first six months of ETO period. The deadline to submit objections is 13 July 2025.

Any formal objection must be in writing, must refer to the relevant area and must state the grounds on which it is made. Any formal objection submitted may become a public document and could be published.

Formal objections should be sent by email to: **healthy.school.streets@camden.gov.uk** or by post to: **Freepost LBC TRANSPORT STRATEGY** (this is the full address, no post code needed).

Once the scheme goes live, we will open a survey on our Commonplace website to ask you some quick questions about how you feel about the trial. Here you will be able to comment negatively or positively at any point during the trial period and also suggest improvements. The link below provides access to our Commonplace website where you are also able to review our previous correspondence on the scheme.



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You can use this QR code to access the site from your phone. If you'd prefer to fill out a paper form just get in touch with us.

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