



Somers Town

Future

Neighbourhoods

2030



## Making your neighbourhood safer and healthier

The Covid-19 pandemic has changed how people in Camden live, travel and work. We want our streets to have more safe space for everyone to walk and cycle, for children to get to and from school safely and healthily, for businesses to be able to flourish, to reduce carbon emissions from vehicles and for you to be breathing cleaner air.

Somers Town has received funding from the Mayor of London to become a more sustainable neighbourhood through the Future Neighbourhoods 2030 fund. Through the implementation of 10 different projects, Somers Town Future Neighbourhoods 2030 aims to make Somers Town a more climate resilient and healthy place to live. One of the projects being developed through this fund is focused on introducing Healthy School Streets outside the 5 schools within Somers Town.

Healthy School Streets create a safer and healthier environment by temporarily closing roads to motor traffic outside schools during drop-off and pick-up times. This enables more children to walk, cycle or scoot to school, with less air pollution, road danger, congestion, and more space for people to interact. The schemes help to discourage car trips, particularly amongst parents and carers, by providing a safe and inviting space for more walking, cycling, and scooting.



## Thank you for your comments



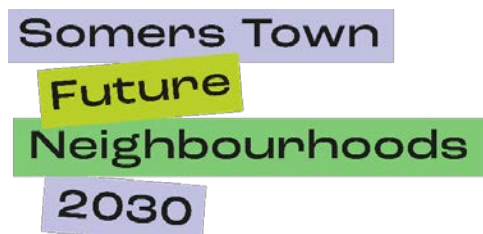
Over three weeks in October and November 2022 we ran consultations on whether we should make Healthy School Street and junction safety changes on streets within Somers Town, and whether to install bike hangars at a number of locations.

These changes were proposed as part of the Healthy and Climate Safe Streets component of the Somers Town Future Neighbourhood Programme. Thank you to everyone who took the time to share their views

## What's going to change?

On the 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022, Camden's Director of Environment and Sustainability approved the proposals overleaf. You can read the decision report relating to the changes including our responses to the feedback received, and find out more about exemptions at [camden.gov.uk/healthy-school-streets](https://camden.gov.uk/healthy-school-streets).

You can find out more about the Somers Town Future Neighbourhood project by visiting: [somerstowfn2030.commonplace.is/](https://somerstowfn2030.commonplace.is/)





### What is changing:

- Making the trial Healthy School Street on Polygon Road for St Mary & St Pancras Primary School into a permanent scheme and changing the hours of this scheme to 8am – 9.30am and 3pm – 4pm.
- Introducing new trial Healthy School Streets for the following schools, which will restrict non-exempt motor vehicles between 8am – 9.30am and 3pm – 4pm, Monday to Friday during term time:
  - Blossom House School - Werrington Street, Aldenham Street and Polygon Road
  - Edith Neville Primary School – Charrington Street and Purchase Street
  - Regent High School – Chalton Street and Cranleigh Street
- Introducing a new trial Healthy School Street scheme for Maria Fidelis Catholic School, restricting Doric Way and Drummond Crescent to non-exempt motor vehicles between 8am – 9am and 2.45pm – 4pm, Monday to Friday during term time.
- Permanently installing two bike hangars on each of Aldenham Street, Chalton Street, Purchase Street and Drummond Crescent.
- Permanently introducing double yellow lines and converting existing single yellow lines to double yellow lines at a number of junctions in Somers Town. These changes will improve road safety by improving visibility and sight lines at these junctions and have been introduced in line with the Council's Safer Junctions Programme.

## When are the changes taking place?

The bike hangar and double yellow line changes will be introduced as permanent changes.

The new trial schemes, and change to the restriction times of the Polygon Road scheme, will be implemented later this year. Exemptions for residents living within the restricted sections of the streets will be available.

We will write to you again later in 2023 with an update of when the new schemes will be installed and details of who is eligible for an exemption and how to apply.

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# How can you share your views?

We are using Experimental Traffic Orders to make these changes. This allows us to trial changes on streets as an experiment so that we can see how they work before any decision on whether to make them permanent is made.

If you would like to make a formal objection to this scheme you will need to do so within the first six months of the scheme's operation. We will write to you to let you know when this is possible.

Once the changes are up and running 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 comment negatively or positively at any point during the trial and also suggest improvements. You will also be able to fill out a paper form if you prefer.

We will let all local residents know when this survey is open and check in with you again late on to remind you how to comment. Any changes to our plans will be updated on our website along with all the latest developments.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please email [healthy.school.streets@camden.gov.uk](mailto:healthy.school.streets@camden.gov.uk) or call us on 020 7974 8796 to request a call back from one of the team.

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