

LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 SECTION 9 AND 10 EXPERIMENTAL TRAFFIC ORDER - SCHOOL STREETS SCHEME (E17 STREETS)– PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLE ZONE IN

Maynard Road, Barclay Road (north to south arm), Ravenswood Road (all arms – except between its junction with Addison Road and a point just after the carpark entrance to the Comely Bank Clinic), Addison Road (section from Ravenswood Road (south westernmost – north-west to south-east arm) to Shernhall Street), Wilson Street, Comely Bank Road and Brunswick Street E17

The Waltham Forest (Prescribed Routes) (Pedestrian and Cycle Zones) (Amendment No. 1) Experimental Traffic Order 2020

(NOTE: THIS NOTICE IS ABOUT PROHIBITING VEHICULAR ACCESS INTO THE AFOREMENTIONED ROADS OR PARTS OF ROADS BY INTRODUCING - INITIALLY AS AN EXPERIMENT - PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLE ZONES THAT WILL OPERATE DURING THE TIMES AND DAYS MENTIONED IN THIS NOTICE, ALTHOUGH IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THEY WILL ONLY OPERATE DURING SCHOOL TERM-TIME. OBJECTIONS MAY BE MADE TO THE PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLE ZONES BEING CONTINUED ON A PERMANENT BASIS – SEE PARAGRAPH 7)

STATEMENT OF REASONS

The trial scheme of School Streets SC3 Maynard Road, Barclay Road, Ravenswood Road, Addison Road, Wilson Street, Comely Bank Road and Brunswick Street (E17 streets) will be put in place for an initial period of approximately 3 - 6 months to evaluate its effectiveness and impact before considering whether to extend the trial period, make permanent, or remove.

School Streets are an initiative to improve local air quality, make it easier and safer for pupils and their parents to walk and cycle to school, and create a safer and more pleasant environment for everyone. Restricting traffic movements around the school should lead to an improvement in road safety, a reduction in anti-social behaviour from inconsiderate parking and dangerous manoeuvres, improved air quality around the school gates due to reduced vehicle engine idling, and subsequently, more active and healthier lifestyles for pupils, their parents, staff, and surrounding residents.

In order to balance the needs of local residents and businesses and minimise impact on local access, a number of road users will be exempt from the planned restriction (i.e. they will be able to use the road at all times unimpeded). The users that will be eligible for exemption are as follows:

- Businesses located on Ravenswood Road
- Residents with a valid parking permit for the SB controlled parking zone;
- School staff with a valid parking permit for the SB controlled parking zone or who are accessing the school car park;
- Emergency services;
- Any vehicle already parked on Maynard Road, Barclay Road (north to south arm), Ravenswood Road, Addison Road (section from Ravenswood Road – Shernhall Street), Wilson Street, Comely Bank Road and Brunswick Street when the restriction commences will be able to leave without penalty of the Pedestrian and Cycle prohibition (other contraventions could apply);
- Blue badge holders;
- Taxis where use is associated with a resident with registered additional mobility needs;
- Other key Council services (e.g. Social Services);
- Mobility Services vehicles;

- Public service vehicles (e.g. Community Transport, Dial-a-Ride)
- Buses in Addison Road, Brunswick Street E17, Comely Bank Road, Ravenswood Road and Wilson Street only

The following road users will not be eligible for an exemption:

- General through traffic;
- Registered vehicles of residents or businesses outside of the restricted roads;
- Parents of children attending Henry Maynard Junior School and Henry Maynard Primary School and Nursery unless they qualify for exemption;
- Henry Maynard Junior School and Henry Maynard Primary School and Nursery staff unless they qualify for an exemption;
- Home deliveries and trades;
- Taxis and private hire vehicles;
- Car club vehicles;

Any other vehicles which may require access the restricted zones will be considered at the Council's discretion.

Exemptions will generally be managed via the creation of a "virtual permit" for the School Streets scheme. Residents and businesses in Maynard Road, Barclay Road (north to south arm), Ravenswood Road (all sections – except between its junction with Addison Road and a point just after the carpark entrance to the Comely Bank Clinic), Addison Road (section from Ravenswood Road – north-east kerb line (its south-westernmost – north-west to south-east arm) to Shernhall Street only), Wilson Street, Comely Bank Road and Brunswick Street E17 who have vehicles with a valid, current parking permit will have their vehicles automatically migrated to the School Streets permit. Residents and businesses of Maynard Road, Barclay Road (north to south arm), Ravenswood Road (all sections – except between its junction with Addison Road and a point just after the carpark entrance to the Comely Bank Clinic), Addison Road (section from Ravenswood Road – north-east kerb line (its south-westernmost – north-west to south-east arm) to Shernhall Street only), Wilson Street, Comely Bank Road and Brunswick Street E17 who have vehicles that do not have a valid, current parking permit (e.g. because they have off-street parking provision and do not require one) will need to apply for an exemption.

A full list of exempt users, whether users will have their details automatically migrated or they will need to apply for an exemption, and how to apply for an exemption, will be included on the Council's website and in future publicity about the scheme.

In proposing to make these orders consideration has been given to securing expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic and the provision of suitable and adequate parking facilities on and off the highway.

These measures above are initially being introduced experimentally in order to assess their effectiveness with a view to making them permanent.