

LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 SECTION 9 EXPERIMENTAL TRAFFIC ORDER - SCHOOL STREETS SCHEME (E11 STREETS)– PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLE ZONE IN

CARY ROAD, ELSHAM ROAD AND WORSLEY ROAD

The Waltham Forest (Prescribed Routes) (Pedestrian and Cycle Zones) (Amendment No. 2) Experimental Traffic Order 2020

(NOTE: THIS NOTICE IS ABOUT PROHIBITING VEHICULAR ACCESS INTO THE AFOREMENTIONED 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 OF THE NOTICE OF MAKING THE OF THE EXPERIMENTAL ORDER)

STATEMENT OF REASONS

The trial scheme of School Streets SC4 **Cary Road, Elsham Road and Worsley Road** (E11 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 the aforementioned roads
- Residents of the aforementioned roads with a valid parking permit for either the CH or CHE controlled parking zone(s);
- School staff with a valid parking permit for either the CH or CHE controlled parking zone or who are accessing the school car park;
- Emergency services;
- Any vehicle already parked on Cary Road, Elsham Road and Worsley Road 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)

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 Jenny Hammond Primary School unless they qualify for exemption;
- Jenny Hammond Primary School Primary School 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 to the restricted areas 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 Cary Road, Elsham Road and Worsley Road E11 who have vehicles with a valid, current parking permit will have their vehicles automatically migrated to the School Streets permit. Residents and businesses of Cary Road, Elsham Road and Worsley Road 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.