



# Robert Blair Primary School

Environmental Improvements

**Consultation results and next steps**



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## Dear residents/business,

We are delighted to let you know about our plans to take forward environmental improvements outside Robert Blair Primary School as part of our mission to create a cleaner, greener, healthier borough.

Robert Blair Primary School has been selected as a priority school for investment from the council as part of our School Streets programme. The programme seeks to reduce road danger, make it easier for children to walk, cycle and scoot to school, and improve air quality.

Due to the location of the school, it is not possible to introduce traffic restricted School Street interventions. We proposed environmental improvements to make the area outside the school safer and more attractive for those who use it every day, such as outdoor seating, pavement widening, and greenery.

Following a public consultation, held from 14 November to 11 December 2022, we can now share the results of the consultation and plans for improvements to the environment outside the school.



To view the full consultation report, **visit our website or scan the QR code** with your phone to access

[www.islington.gov.uk/  
SchoolStreetsConsultation](http://www.islington.gov.uk/SchoolStreetsConsultation)

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Champion', written in a cursive style.

**Councillor Rowena Champion**

Executive Member for Environment, Air Quality  
and Transport



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## Key findings from the consultation

We first engaged with local people, businesses and the school community in September 2022 where we asked people what are the current issues with the street environment outside the school and what sort of measures could improve it.

Using this feedback we developed designs for Brewery Road and Blundell Street and we held a public consultation on the designs from 14 November – 11 December 2022.

We received 20 responses to the online survey (from adults), including 12 responses from local residents. We delivered a workshop with selected pupils from the school. Overall people were supportive of the proposed improvements.

The most popular improvements from the online survey were:



**new greening** with 15 respondents wanting to see greening on Brewery Road and 13 respondents on Blundell Street.



**pavement improvements** with 13 respondents wanting to see pavement widening on Blundell Street and 18 respondents wanting to see the pavement resurfaced on Brewery Road.

The most popular improvements with pupils at the workshop delivered at the school were:



**colourful artwork on the road** with all pupils from the workshop 'very much' wanting to see artwork on both roads.



**seating** with all pupils from the workshop 'very much' wanting to see seating on both roads.

## How we plan to transform Brewery Road and Blundell Street

We will be introducing the following improvements outside Robert Blair Primary School on Brewery Road and Blundell Street to significantly improve the environment:



**colourful artwork on the road** outside the school to make drivers aware of the school and encourage them to slow their speed.



**cycle parking** stands to make it easier for families to cycle or scoot to school.



**seating** to provide space for parents and families to sit, rest and chat.



**new greening** to include trees and low level planting beds to create a nicer environment and provide a separation between the road and pavement.



We will be making the following improvements to **pavements**:

On **Brewery Road** we will be **resurfacing the pavement** in places where it is damaged. This will make it safer for people to walk, and use buggies and wheelchairs.

On **Blundell Street** we will be **widening the footpath** outside the school, moving traffic and its emissions further from the school gate and improving air quality. We will also be creating a **continuous footway** outside the school which will give greater priority to people walking over vehicles.

To implement the environmental improvements on Brewery Road we will be removing four parking spaces outside the school. You can see the location of the parking spaces on the map on the next page.

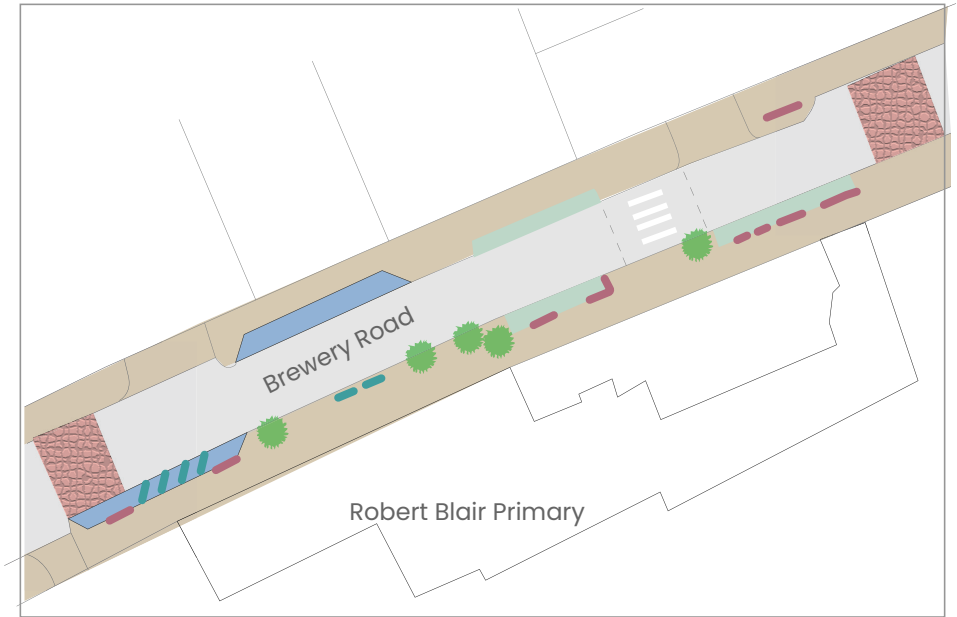


Figure 1 - Brewery Road proposal

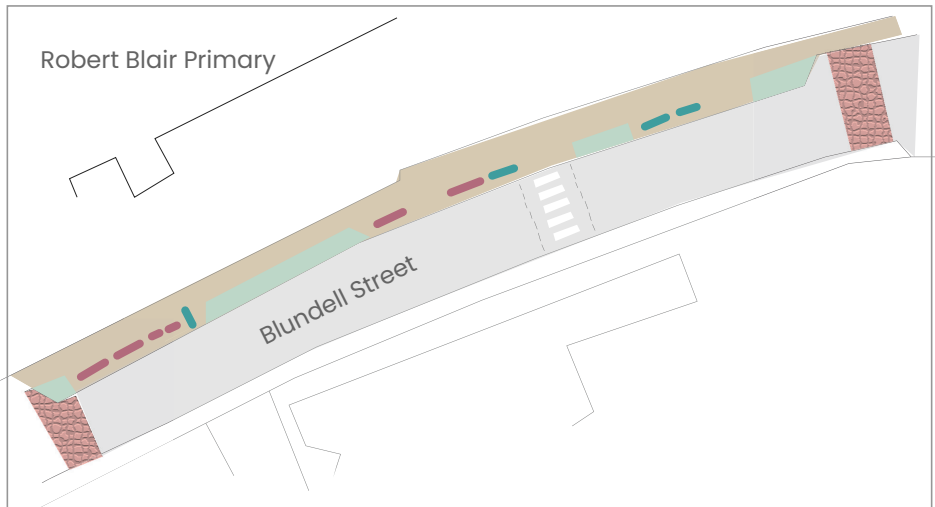









Figure 2 - Blundell Street proposal

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|  | Colourful carriageway paintings                    |  | Extended pavements |
|  | Approx. 30m of parking bays replaced with pavement |  | New trees          |
|  | New cycle parking                                  |  | New planted areas  |
|   |  |  | New seating        |

## Next steps for Robert Blair Primary School



### Works to enable the improvements

Works to install the improvements are scheduled to **start on Saturday 11 February** and will take approximately **6 weeks to complete**. Brewery Road and Blundell Street will not be closed to vehicles but will be reduced to a single traffic lane for some stages of the construction process.

We will also be suspending some parking bays during the works to enable the works to happen safely. Signs will be put up in the area to advise which parking bays will be suspended and residents will receive a letter with further information on the works.

Subject to the statutory consultation on the Traffic Management Order (TMO), we are proposing to implement the environmental improvements on a permanent basis from February 2023.

To make an objection to the TMO, please send it in writing to us between **13 January – 3 February 2023** by:

Email: [PublicRealm@islington.gov.uk](mailto:PublicRealm@islington.gov.uk)

Post: **Public Realm, 1 Cottage Road, London, N7 8TP.**

Please note that any formal objection that is submitted may become a public document and could be published. We will continue to monitor the area outside Robert Blair Primary School and welcome feedback from local people.

### Get in touch

To find out more about our School Streets programme please visit: [www.islington.gov.uk/SchoolStreets](http://www.islington.gov.uk/SchoolStreets)

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