



St Joseph's Primary School

Improvements to the environment on
Highgate Hill

Consultation results and next steps



Dear resident or business,

In May 2023, we contacted you about a range of improvements we're making outside St Joseph's Primary School, on Dartmouth Park Hill. These are designed to help make it a greener, more welcoming area for all.

We're delighted to let you know that we're also going to be making changes outside the school on Highgate Hill to improve the area for everyone.

We consulted on improvements to make the area safer and more attractive for those that use it every day, such as outdoor seating, pavement widening, and greenery.

We listened closely to the feedback provided through the consultation and have refined the designs for Highgate Hill to ensure they meet the objectives of the School Streets programme and create a more pleasant environment for local people.

On the next page, you'll see detailed information on the improvements we're now taking forward on Highgate Hill.



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



How we plan to transform Highgate Hill

We will be introducing the following changes outside St Joseph's Primary School on Highgate Hill to 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



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



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



resurfacing the pavement in places where it is damaged. This will make it safer for people to walk, and use buggies and wheelchairs



widening the pavement outside the school entrance, moving traffic and its emissions further from the school gate and improving air quality



creating a continuous footway across the junction of Waterlow Road and Highgate Hill which will give greater priority to people walking over vehicles.

To implement these improvements on Highgate Hill we will be removing 32.4 metres of parking (approximately 6 parking bays) outside the school.

You can see a diagram of the improvements we will be making on the next page (figure 1 and figure 2).

Diagrams showing environmental improvements on Highgate Hill

Figure 1: Highgate Hill improvements

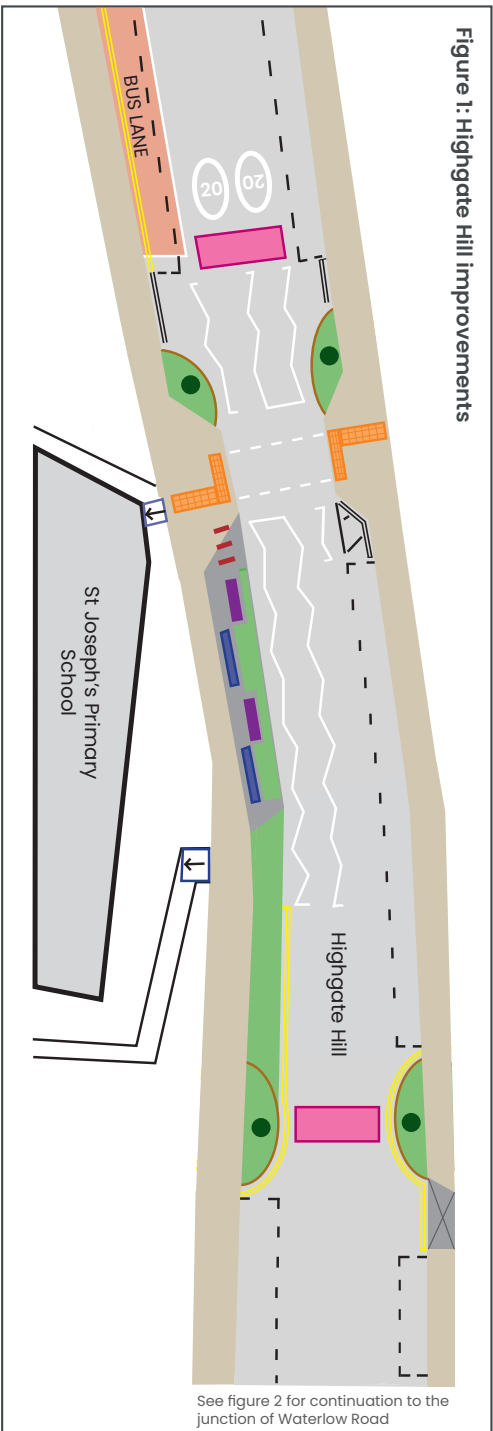














Figure 2: Waterlow Road improvements



Diagrams key

-  Colourful artwork on the road
-  New trees
-  Widened pavements
-  New cycle parking
-  New greening
-  New seating
-  New tactile paving to alert people to the crossing
-  New seating for children
-  New paving over vehicle crossing
-  New continuous footway on Waterlow Road
-  Existing parklet on Waterlow Road
-  School entrance and exit

Key findings from the consultation

We first engaged with local people, businesses and the school community in September 2022, where we asked people about 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 Dartmouth Park Hill and Highgate Hill and we held a public consultation on these designs from Monday, 14 November to Sunday, 18 December 2022.

We received 128 responses to the public consultation survey, including 114 responses from local residents. We also delivered a workshop with pupils from the school to understand their views. Overall people were supportive of the proposals.

The most popular improvements for Highgate Hill from the online survey were:



new greenery with 56% of respondents wanting to see greening on Highgate Hill (18% disagreed)



pavement improvements with 43% of respondents wanting to see the pavement widened on Highgate Hill (37% disagreed).

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



new greenery with all pupils from the workshop 'very much' wanting to see greening on Highgate Hill



colourful artwork on the road with all pupils from the workshop 'very much' wanting to see artwork on Highgate Hill.

Next steps for St Joseph's Primary School



Works to enable the improvements on Highgate Hill

Works to install the improvements on Highgate Hill are scheduled to **start on Monday 24 July** and will take approximately **ten weeks to complete**. Highgate Hill will not be closed to traffic 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 and parking suspensions.

We're proposing to implement the improvements on a permanent basis from July 2023. We will be doing this under a Traffic Management Order (TMO), which is subject to a statutory consultation.

To make an objection to the TMO, please send it in writing to us between **23 June to 14 July 2023** by:

Email: environment@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 St Joseph's 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

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