



Robert Blair Primary School

Environmental Improvements



Consultation now open

Have your say between Monday 14 November and
Sunday 11 December 2022



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Dear resident/business,

As part of our commitment to make our streets cleaner, greener and healthier, we would like to deliver environmental improvements at Robert Blair Primary School on Brewery Road and Blundell Street.

We want to hear from local people, businesses, and the school community about how we can improve the space around Robert Blair Primary School.

So far, we have introduced 35 School Streets, covering 36 primary schools across Islington. However, there are a number of primary schools located on main roads where it has not been possible to introduce traffic restricted School Street interventions. At these schools, we are proposing to implement environmental improvements outside the school such as greening, and pavement widening, where possible.

Current Robert Blair Primary School



Robert Blair Primary School

Robert Blair Primary School has been selected as a priority school for investment from the council in the second year of the programme.

Engagement so far

We are actively engaging with local people to identify any current issues and share ideas on potential improvements. In September, we engaged with parents, residents, local businesses, and school pupils. We ran an online survey where we asked people about any issues with the current street environment outside the school, and what sort of measures would improve it.

We also ran an in-person drop-in session for parents and residents, and a workshop with selected school pupils.

We have collated the feedback from the online survey and workshops.

You told us these **issues** were a priority:



Unpleasant street environment outside the school



Pavements are poorly maintained in the area



Unsafe traffic speeds in the area

You told us you would like to see these **improvements**:



More planting and greenery



Different road surfacing

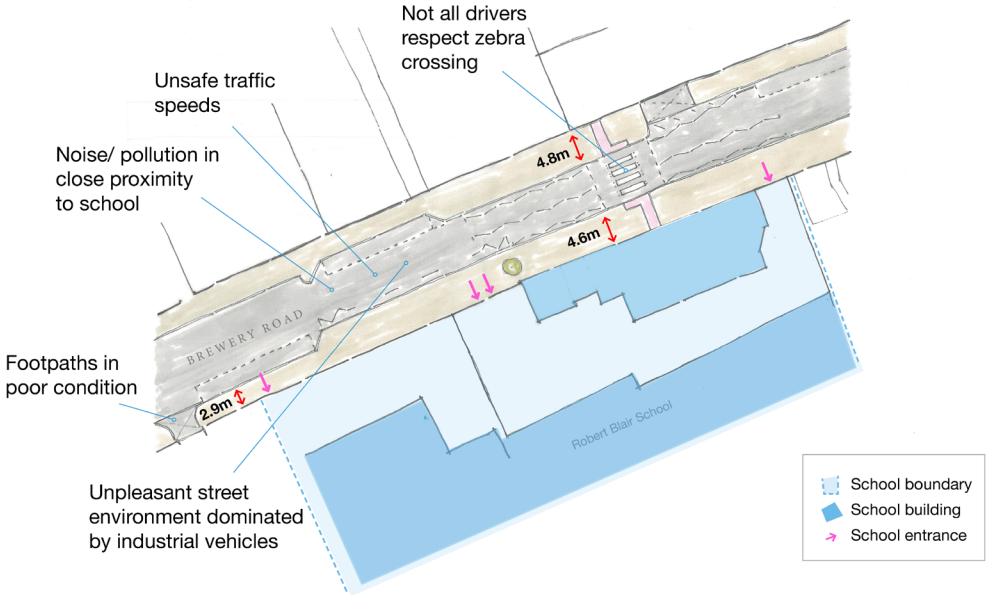


Artwork on the road and footway

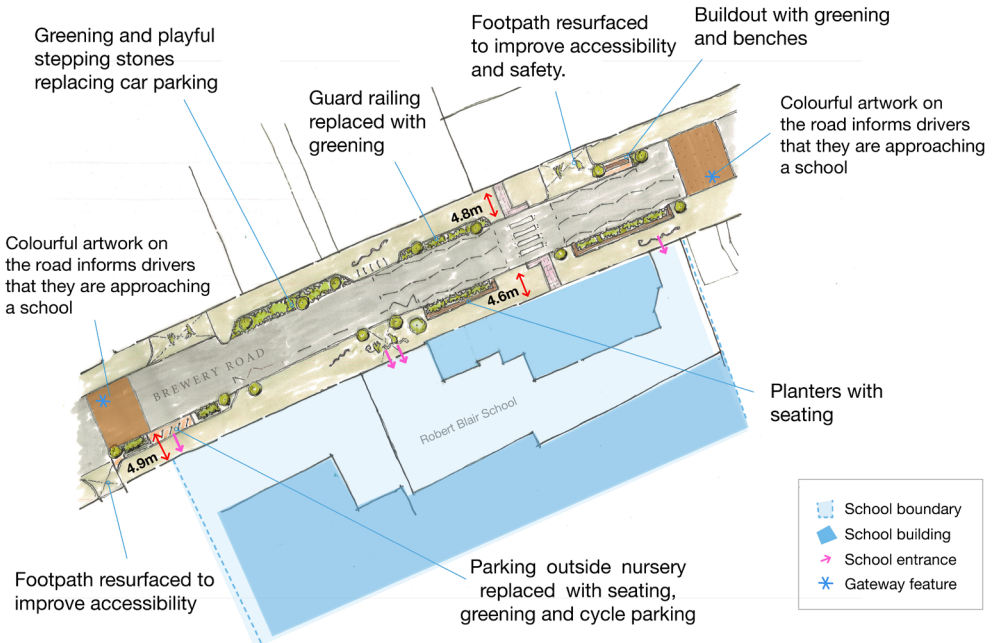
Using this feedback, we have developed designs for Brewery Road and Blundell Street, and we want to know what you think of the proposed environmental improvements.



Brewery Road: Existing



Brewery Road: Proposed



Proposed changes to Brewery Road

To improve the environment on Brewery Road we are proposing to:

- Introduce **colourful artwork** on the road outside the school to make drivers aware of the school and encourage them to slow their speed.
- Put up **custom signage** to notify drivers of the school ahead.
- Introduce **new greening** including planters and low-level planting beds to create a more pleasant environment. This will also provide a separation between the road and the pavement.
- Install **custom seating** to provide a space for parents and families to sit, rest and chat.
- Install **cycle parking** stands to make it easier for families to cycle or scoot to school.
- **Resurface the pavement** in places where it is damaged. This will make it safer for pedestrians, particularly buggies and wheelchairs.
- To deliver these environmental improvements we will be required to remove four parking spaces outside the school. This will allow us to introduce wider pavements, new planting and new seating benefitting students, parents, guardians and local residents.

Examples of proposed environmental improvements:

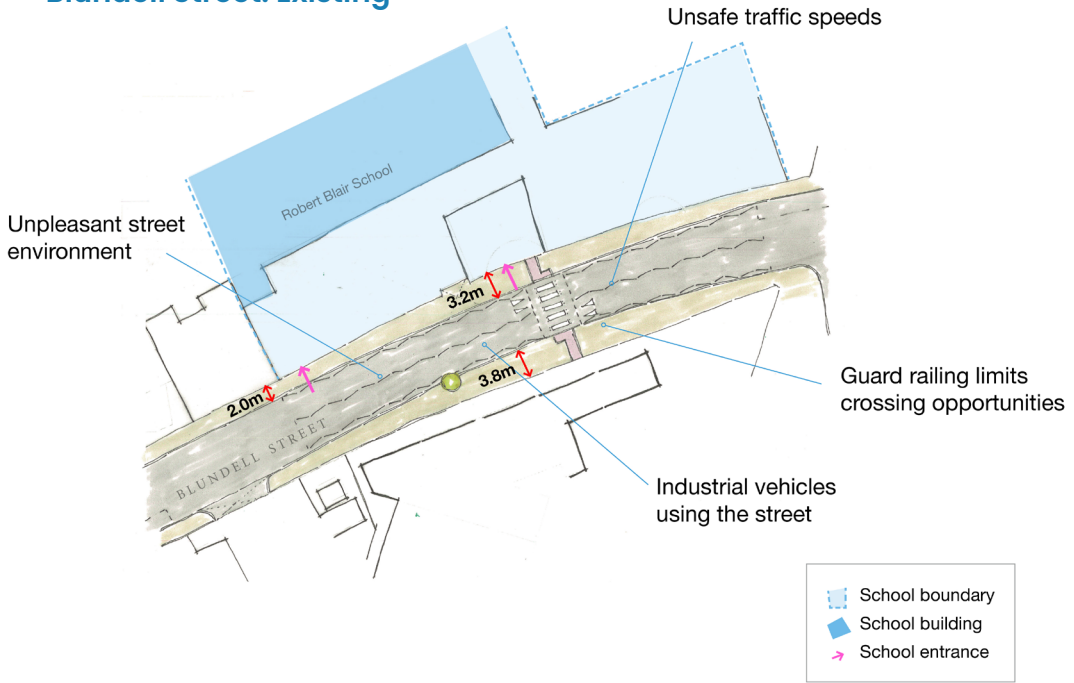


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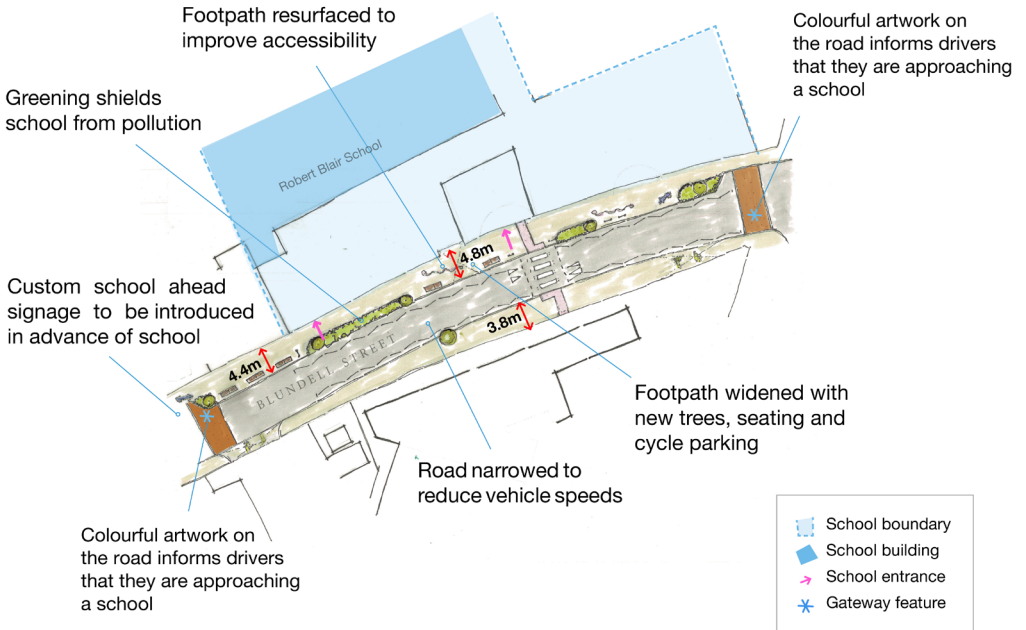


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Blundell Street: Existing



Blundell Street: Proposed



Proposed changes to Blundell Street

To improve the environment on Blundell Street we are proposing to:

- **Widen the footpath** outside the school, moving traffic and its emissions further from the school gate and improving air quality.
- Introduce a new **continuous footway** outside the school. This is an uninterrupted footway across a side road or vehicle entrance that gives pedestrians priority over vehicles.
- Introduce **colourful artwork on the road** outside the school to make drivers aware of the school and encourage them to slow their speed.
- Put up **custom signage** to notify drivers of the school ahead.
- Introduce **new greening** including planters and low-level planting beds to create a more pleasant environment. This will also provide a separation between the road and the pavement.
- Install **seating** in the form of benches next to the planters and low edge stone blocks. This will provide a place for parents and families to sit rest and chat.
- Install **cycle parking** stands to make it easier for families to cycle or scoot to school.

Examples of proposed environmental improvements:



Tell us what you think

We want to know what you think of the proposed environmental improvement plans. Scan the QR code below with your phone to access the consultation questionnaire, or visit:

sustrans.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/robert-blair-consultation-survey

Submit your response before 11.59pm on Sunday 11 December 2022 when the consultation period ends. If you would like a hard copy (paper copy) of the questionnaire, please:



- write to: Public Realm, 1 Cottage Road, London, N7 8TP.
- visit Islington Town Hall reception (N1 2UD) to fill in a paper copy.
- visit the school reception.

Come and talk to us

If you would like to come and talk to us about the project in person and view the design ideas in more detail, we will be hosting a 'drop-in' session at Robert Blair Primary School on Thursday 17 November 3.15PM–5.30PM.

Thank you for taking part and we look forward to hearing your views.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Champion'.

Councillor Rowena Champion

Executive Member for Environment, Air Quality and Transport

To find out more about our School Streets programme please visit www.islington.gov.uk/SchoolStreets where you will also find answers to frequently asked questions. If you have further questions, drop us a line at SchoolStreetsConsultation@Islington.gov.uk

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