SCHOOL STREETS

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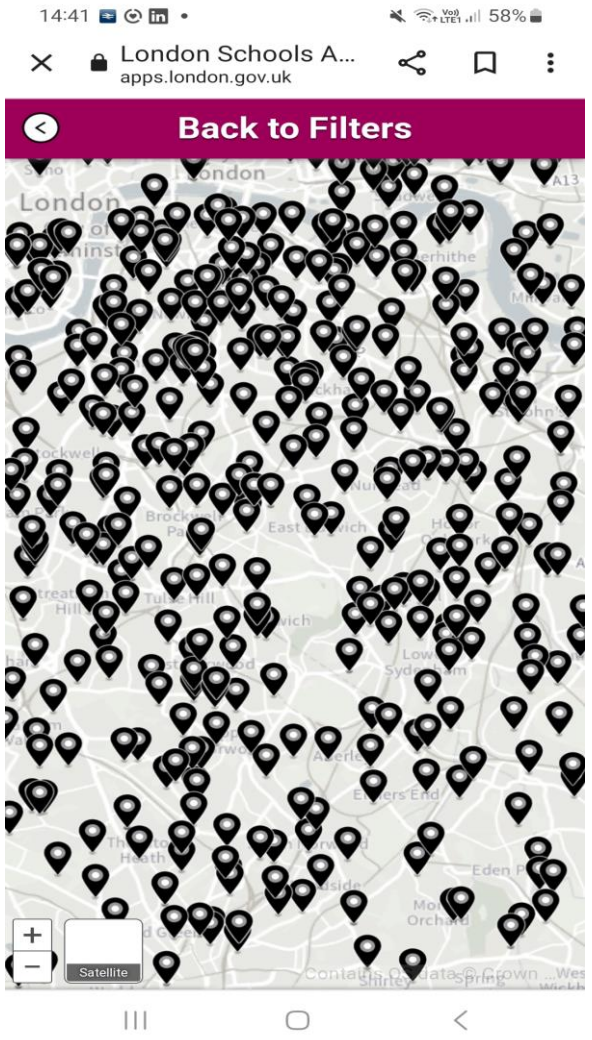
Southwark School Streets

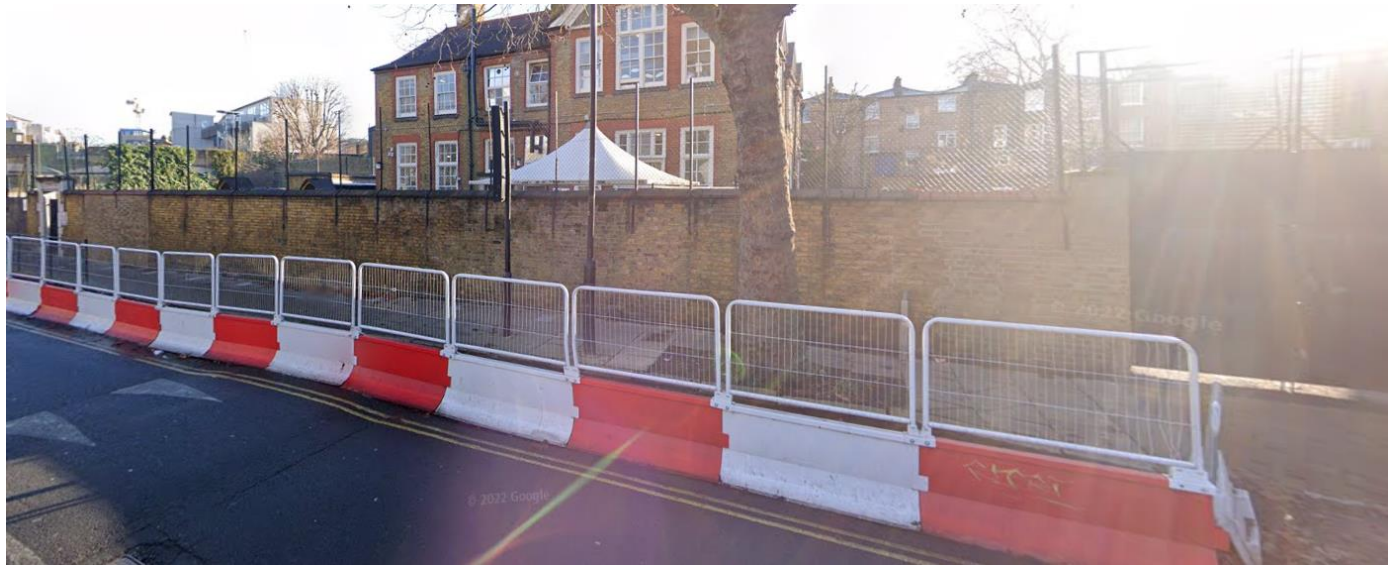
School Streets Conference,
Lambeth Town Hall

Tuesday 21st February 2023

Future of School Streets

1. Strong Leadership
2. Clear Narrative
3. Firm Foundations
4. New Schemes





Barriers installed to increase footway space – John Ruskin Primary School, John Ruskin Street SE17

Belham Primary

Get Fit, Don't Sit!
Walking Facts
You use 200 muscles in your body to walk!
Those who walk to school can concentrate four hours longer than those who arrive by car
You are exposed to 21% more air pollution in a car than walking.
Walking is free, healthy and zero-emissions.
Key
10 minute walking zone
15 minute walking zone
Bus stop
Zebra crossing
Footpaths
Cycle routes
Library
Remember to Stop, Look, and Listen when crossing all roads
Walking map
Bessemer Grange Primary School
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Greendale Playing Fields
Dulwich Hamlet Football Club
Ruskin Park
Sunray Gardens
St Francis Park
Loughborough Junction
Coldharbour Lane
Denmark Hill
Dog Kennel Hill
East Dulwich
North Dulwich
Herne Hill
Half Moon Lane
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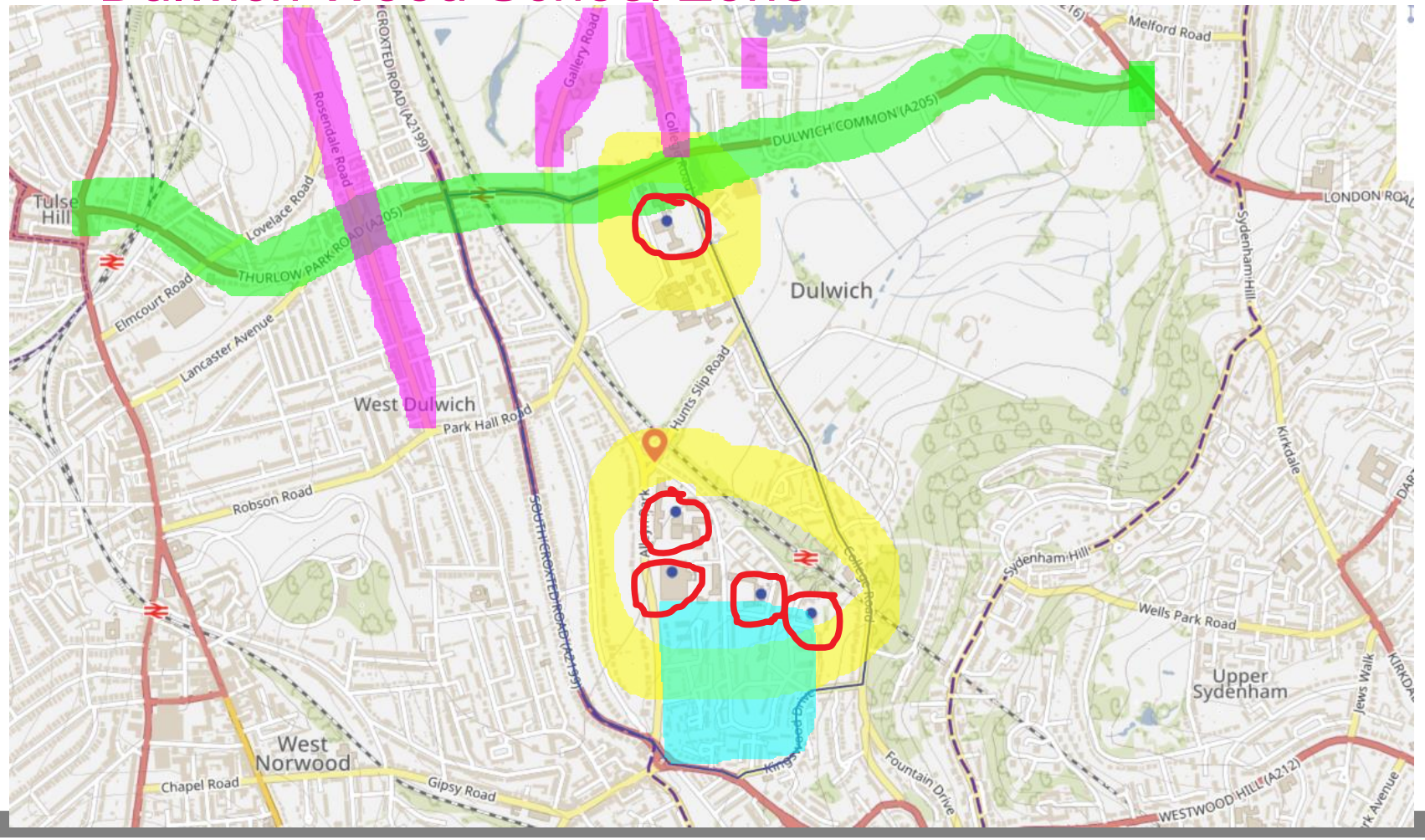
Dulwich Wood School Zone



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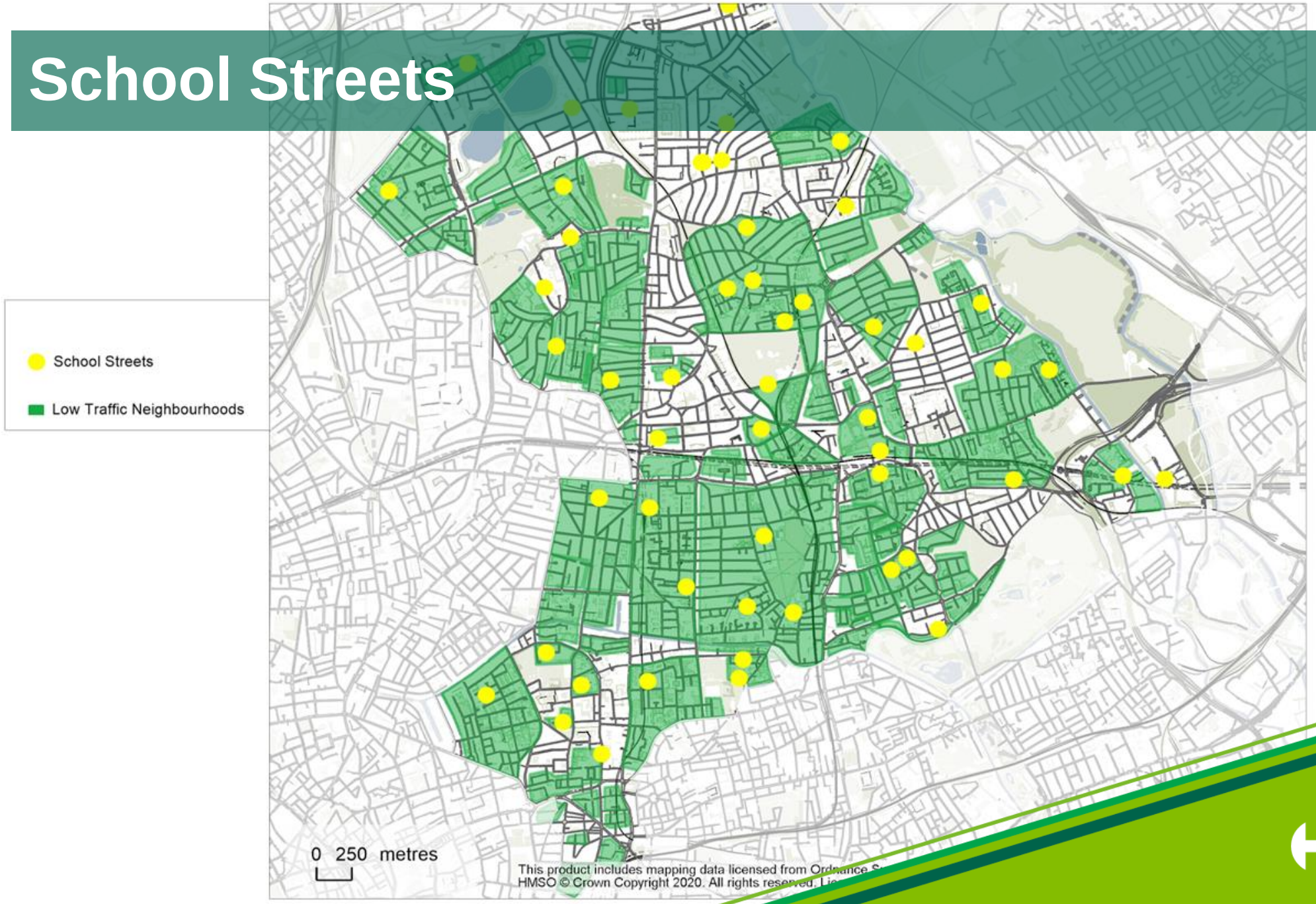

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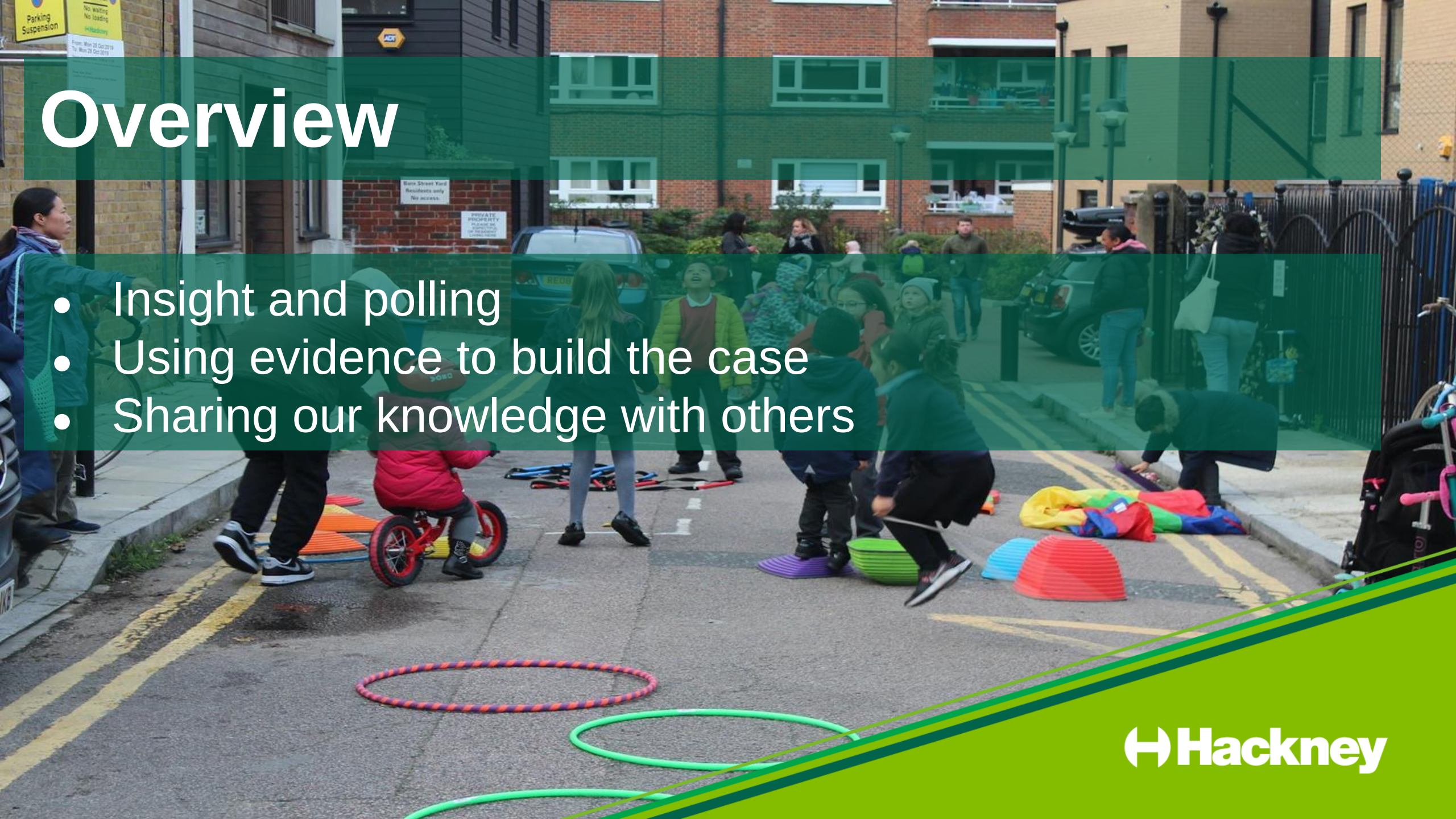
Overview

- Insight and polling
- Using evidence to build the case
- Sharing our knowledge with others



Insight and polling

- 63% of residents aware of a School Street near them
- 22% of residents take their children to a school at one of the (48) School Streets
- 72% of residents wanted the School Streets to be retained permanently

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Using evidence to build the case

- Air quality improvements
  - 74% reduction in air pollution emissions at the school gates
- Changes in walking and cycling levels
  - Walking or cycling to school increasing from 61 to 69% at schools with School Streets
- Making the link to climate action

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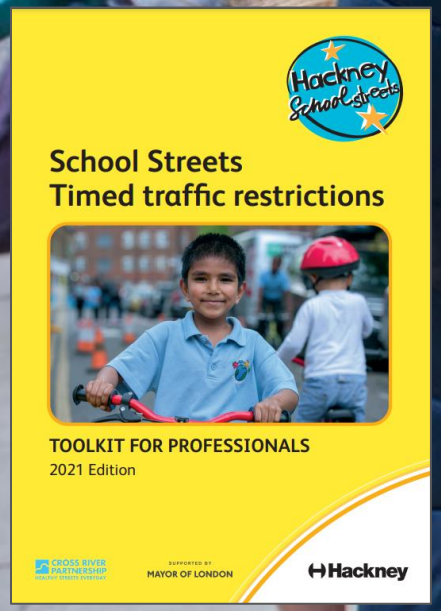
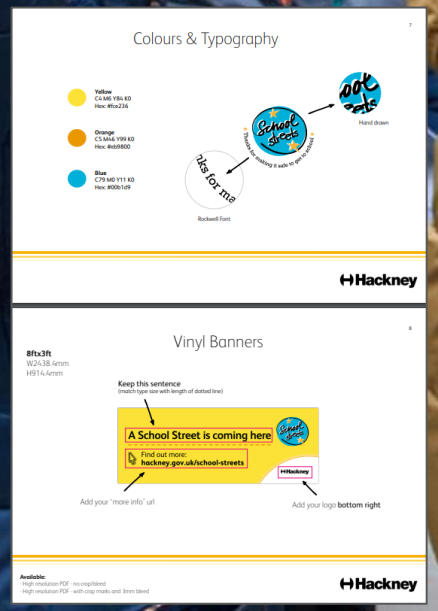
Sharing our expertise

- Toolkits, including School Street graphic designs and news coverage





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“London leads the way across the world, but Hackney leads the way across London. Look at the numbers of School Streets here, look at the numbers of safe cycling areas, the number of LTNs… the reality is the quality of air improves as congestion reduces.” - Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, March 2022

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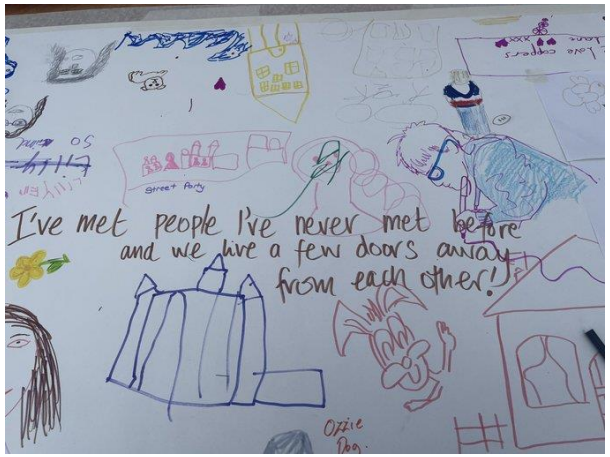
Start with “The Why?”

- Air Pollution
- Safety of Children
- Climate Crisis
- Obesity Crisis
- Community building

Make it fun, easy and engage!



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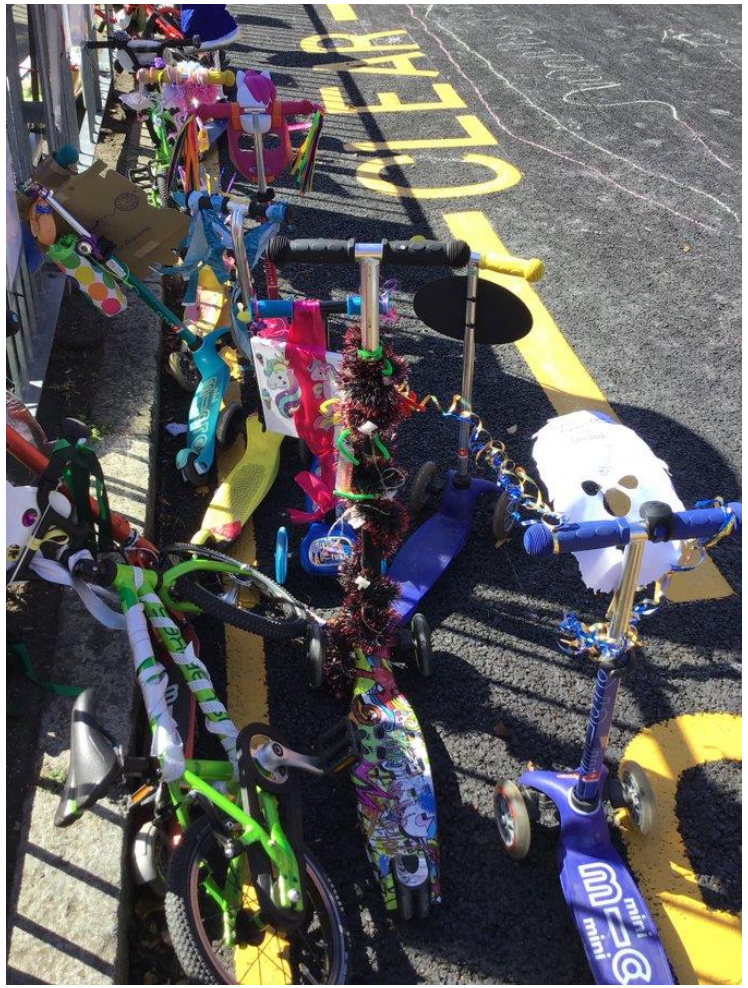

- 48 School Streets
- More in the pipeline
- School zones

What's Next…

- Keep going – every school has an intervention
- Focus on invest to save safety programme
- Sustainable Transport Strategy – no more islands!
- More Play Streets – more engagement
- Work as part of Lewisham Strategic Partnership to encourage anchor institutions to consider doing the same.

Remember to Walk the Walk

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