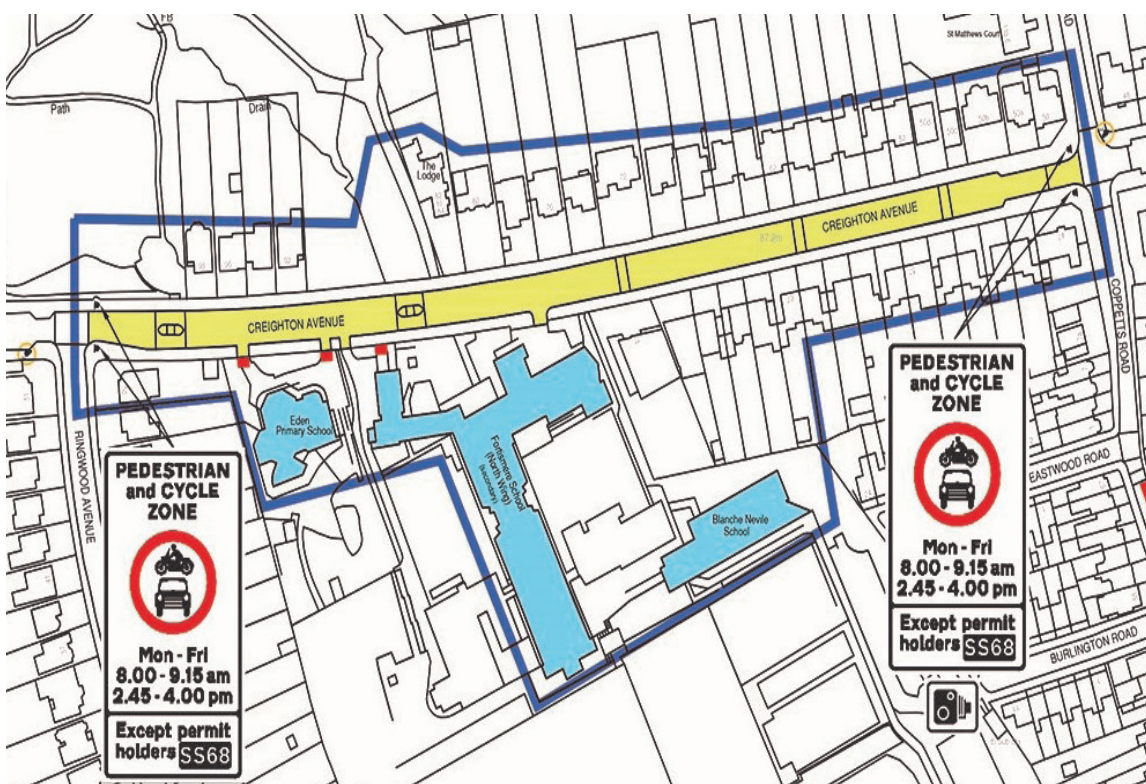


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Gridlock fears over plans to shut major route at peak times



No entry: The section of Creighton Avenue earmarked for peak-time closure between Ringwood Avenue and Coppetts Road, showing Eden Primary, Fortismere and Blanche Nevile schools in blue

By David Melsome

Road users have been alarmed by a proposal to close down a major route between East Finchley and Muswell Hill during school drop-off and pick-up times. They fear the plan to turn Creighton Avenue into a 'School Street' will cause rush hour gridlock.

Haringey Council says it wants to close part of Creighton Avenue to traffic from Monday to Friday in term time from 8am to 9.15am and from 2.45pm to 4pm.

The School Street zone will run from Ringwood Avenue, N2, to Coppetts Road, N10, outside the entrances to Eden Primary School and Fortismere secondary school, with the aim

of making it safer for students and parents, pedestrians and cyclists.

No motor vehicle, including motorcycles, will be allowed to enter during the restricted times unless they live or work in the zone. Anyone who enters without an exemption will be identified by camera and may be issued with a penalty charge.

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Walk, don't fly: Hospice caretaker John Wallace took part in last year's Big Fun Walk dressed as Superman alongside friends and family.

Fun walk open to superheroes

Two new ideas are opening up the annual Big Fun Walk in support of the North London Hospice so that even more people can take part. This popular event on Sunday 18 May takes an eight-mile route from East Finchley through some of London's most beautiful parks to finish at Westminster.

For the first time this year, there will be a shorter five-mile route called the Little Fun Walk for those who want to join in but cannot manage the full distance. Additionally, the hospice is trialling a meeting spot where anyone walking on their own can gather if they would like to link up with others and possibly

make new friends as they walk.

This year the hospice is also inviting participants to recognise the caring work of their nursing team by dressing up as their favourite superhero and walking alongside neighbours, colleagues, family and even furry friends.

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North London Hospice Community and Events Manager Rachel Bloom said: "By joining us you will be making a huge difference to the hospice. Take photos, rediscover your love of London, and become a tourist for the day, all for a great cause. It's great fun for everyone and you'll be doing something heroic for the hospice." To find out more or to sign up, visit northlondonhospice.org

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