

Thomas's Kensington



School Management Plans

Welcome to our consultation session on the proposed operational plans for Thomas's Kensington, set to open our doors to local children in September 2025.

Operational Plans Under Discussion Today:

- School Travel Plan
- Traffic Management Plan
- Delivery & Servicing Plan

We are committed to consultation with residents and the local community, and it is important to us to hear and understand your opinions.

We appreciate you taking the time to visit our consultation event and to share your views on our plans.

If you have questions relating to any other aspect of the project, please may you leave your name, contact details, and a short description of your question/query, and a member of the project team will follow up with you separately.

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Modal Share & Travel Survey

The school promotes walking, cycling, and scooting, offering storage for bikes and scooters. Staff monitor traffic daily, and students receive pedestrian, scooter, and cycle training. Year 6 students are encouraged to travel independently, with parental permission, focusing on safe travel during Lent Term, including a TfL Citizens session. A school minibus service is available based on demand.

Thomas's Kensington is part of the TfL Travel for Life programme, aiming to reduce car use, improve road safety, and promote health. The school has a GOLD accreditation, reflecting its success in meeting these goals since joining in 2013. A School Travel Co-ordinator oversees the School Travel Plan.

RBKC has requested for the school to organise a travel survey of parents (using suitable techniques to achieve a high response rate).

As such, we will hold a school led practice survey this September and a TRICS certified survey in November.

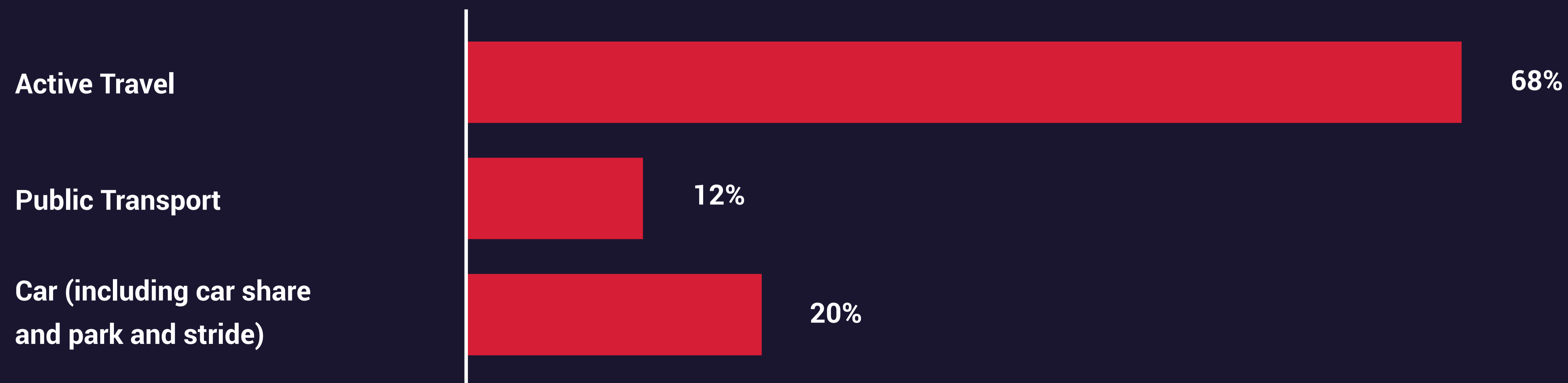
Our initial internal survey will do the following:

- Daily google sheet hands up survey sent to class teachers in upper and lower schools. Pupils will confirm what mode of transport they have travelled in on that day.
- One survey for staff as their mode of transport. This does not change week to week, and they do not drive in.
- During this whole week, Gap Year Students and site staff on traffic duty, will also monitor, with clip board and pen, cars dropping off at the lower and upper school.
- We will collate, monitor, and review all the information coming in during that week.

TFL 2023/2024 Survey: Pupil & Staff Travel to School

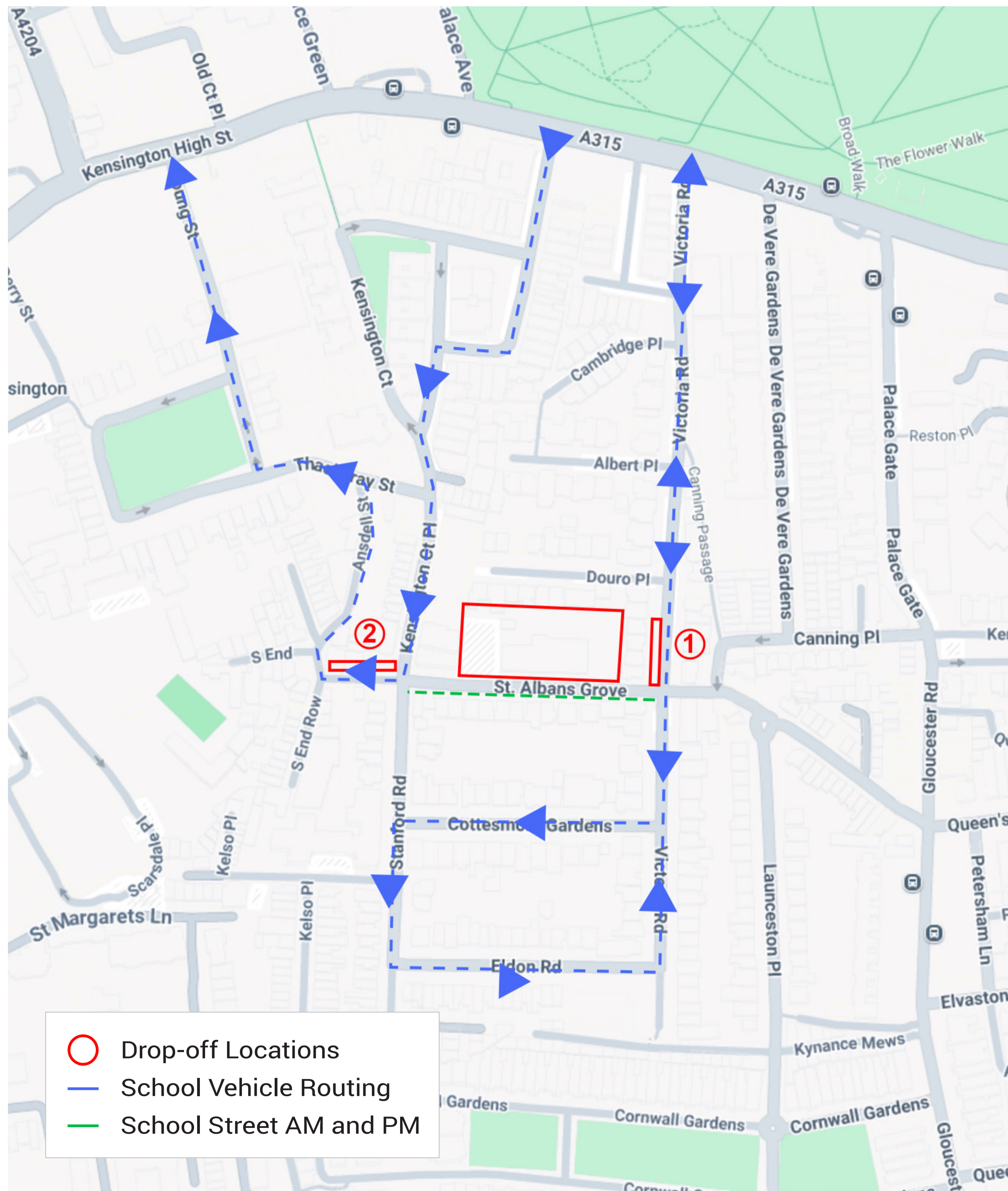
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NUMBER OF PUPILS %



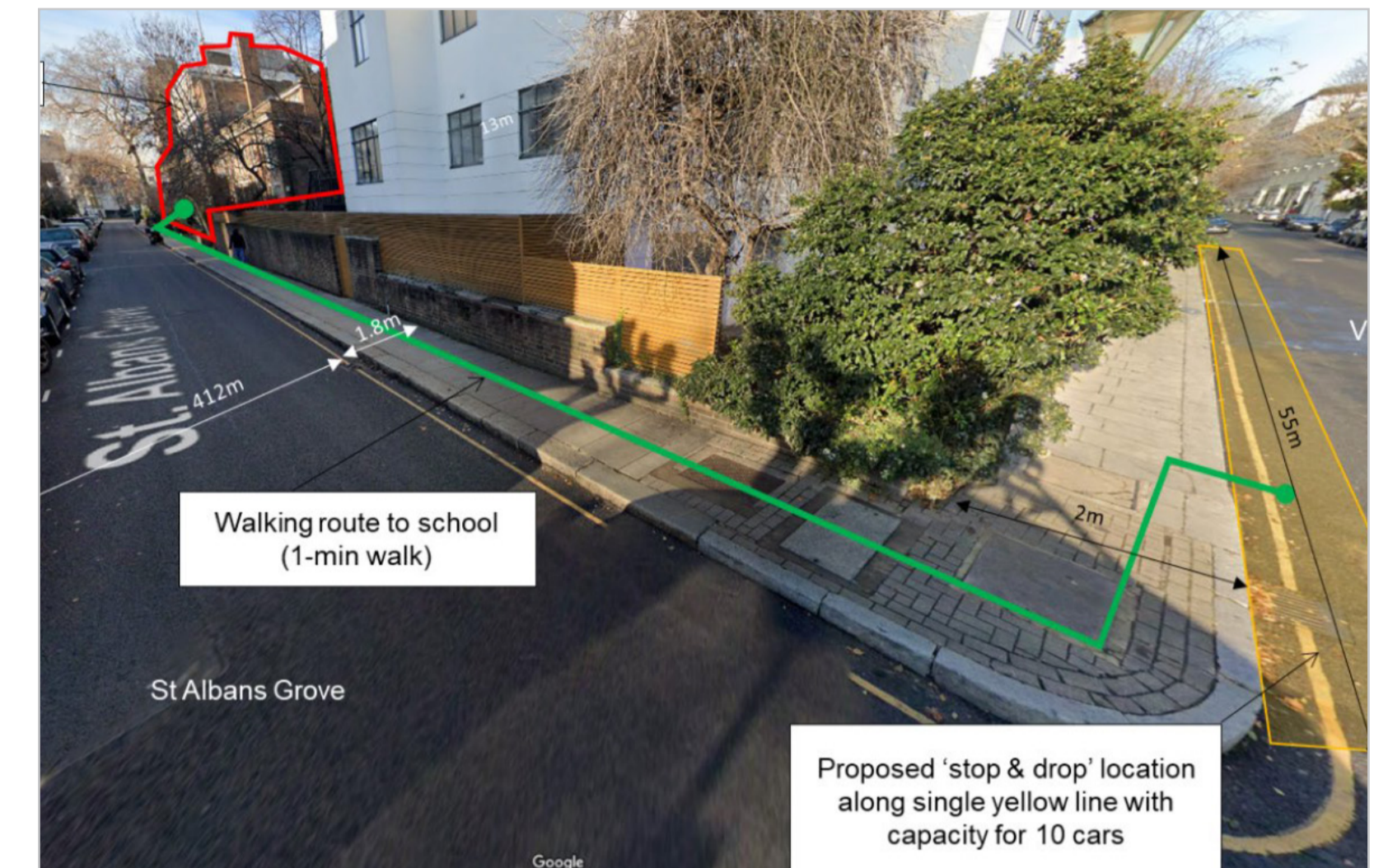
Travel Plan Options

OPTION A - Locations 1 and 2 with School Street AM and PM

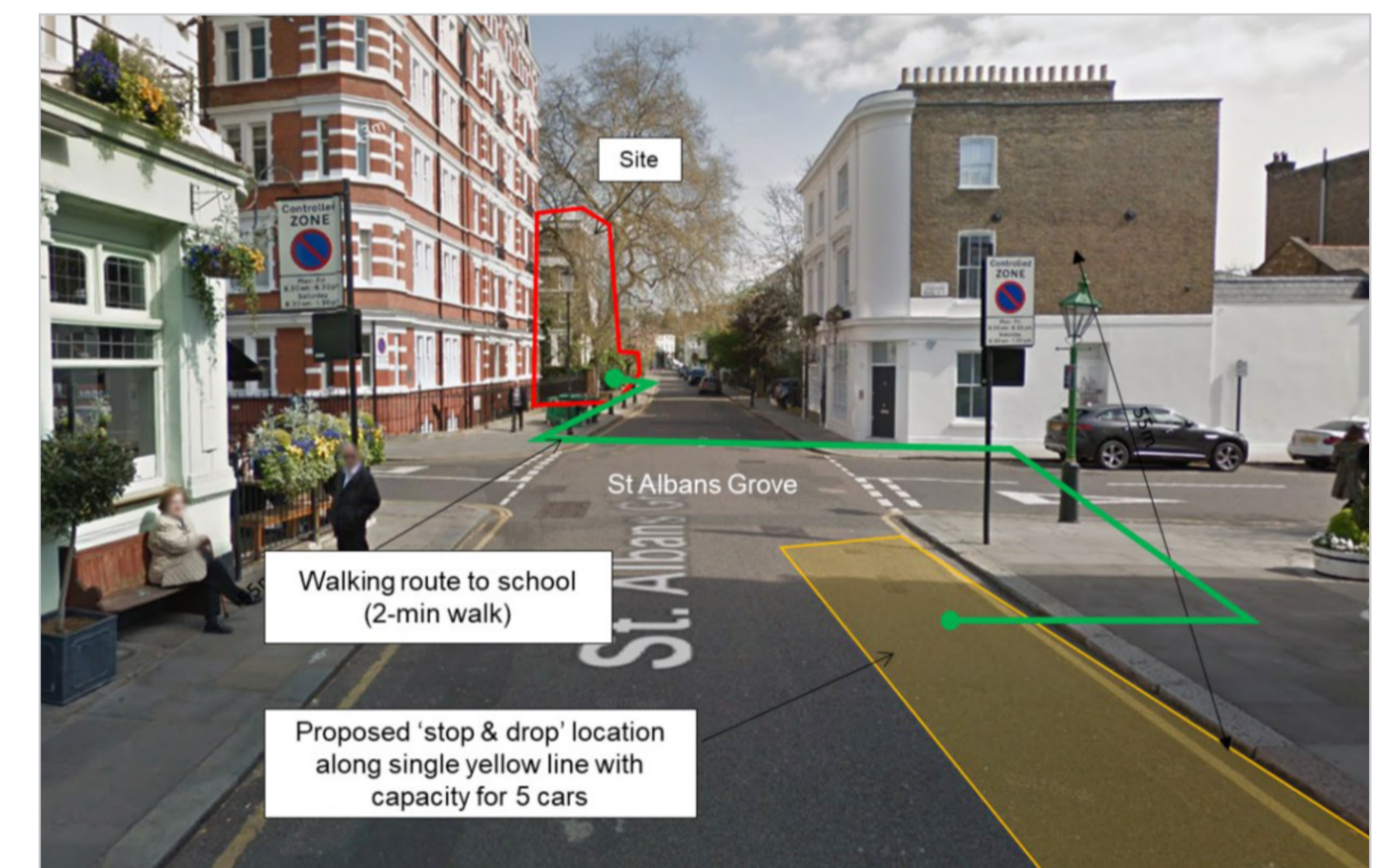


Option A prohibits parent car trips on St Albans Grove with the implementation of a school street during the hours of drop off and pick up (school minibuses and St Albans Grove residents (12-32A) will be exempt). For morning drop-offs, staff would supervise pupils being dropped off at two designated locations, where parents remain in their vehicles, enforcing a “Stop and Drop” policy. In the afternoon, a “Park and Stride” approach is proposed. Parents must find a parking space in the local area and walk to the school to pick up their child/children.

Option A discourages private car use while acknowledging that some parents may still choose to drive their children to school. However, the proposed vehicle routing plan will impact local streets, including Eldon Road, where residential driveways may be affected by drop-off activity, causing inconvenience

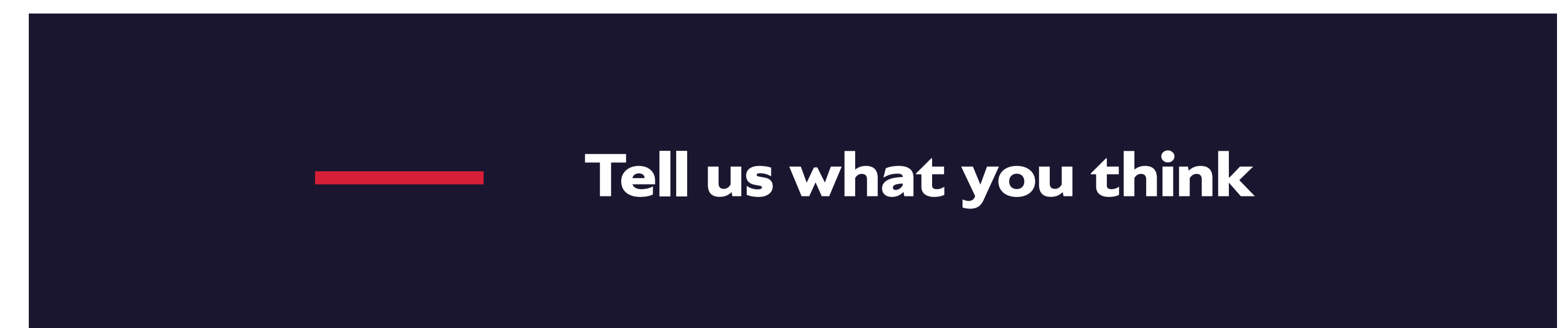


Walking Route from Drop Off 1: Victoria Road

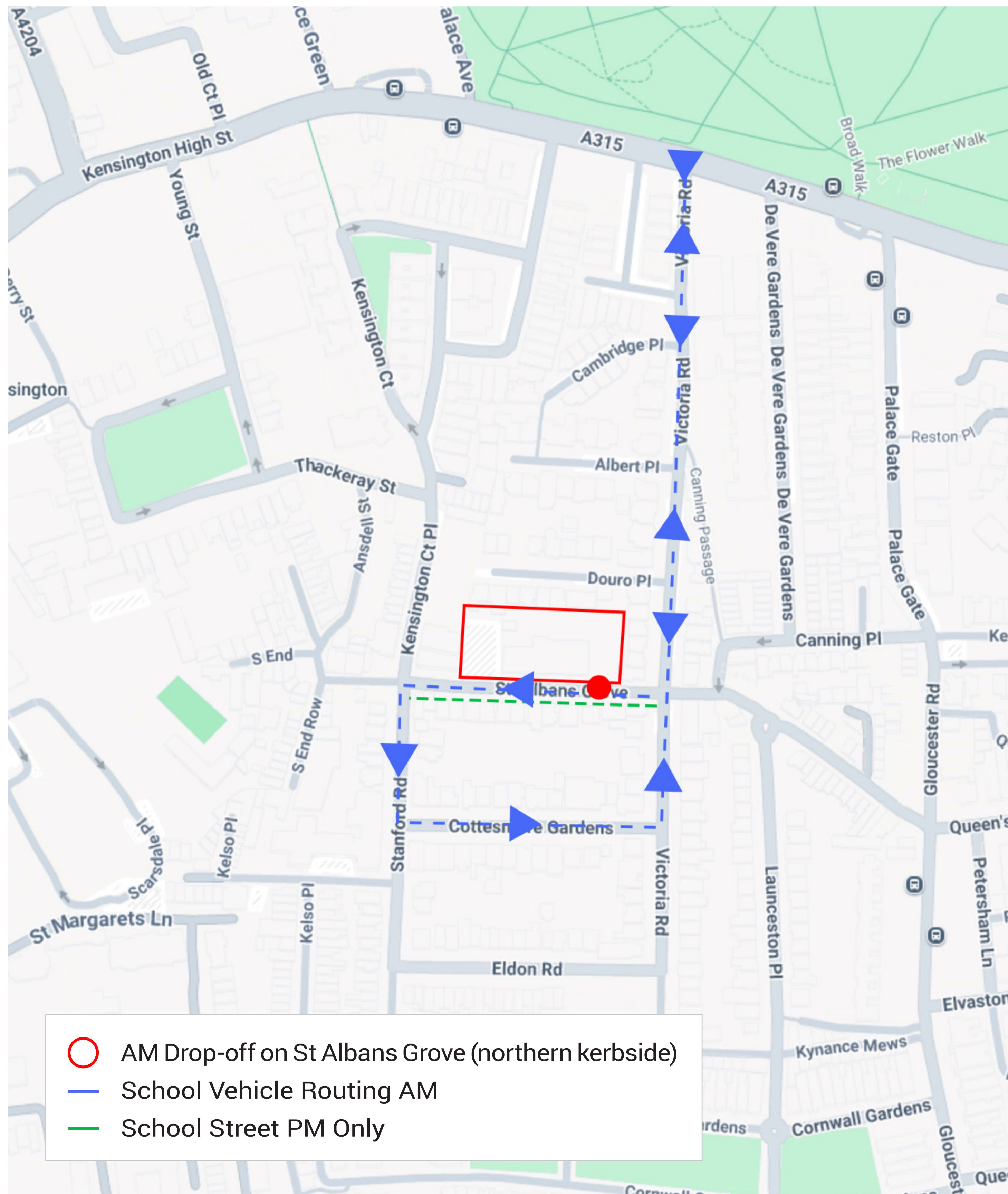


Walking Route from Drop Off 2: St. Albans Grove

for residents, and in the afternoons, cars may circulate through neighbouring streets in search of parking spaces.



OPTION B – AM Drop-off on St Albans Grove and PM School Street



This option proposes a “Stop and Drop” system to operate for morning drop-offs. Staff will be on hand to assist children entering the school, whilst parents remain in their vehicles. Vehicles will access the school by driving south on Victoria Road, then turning right onto 1 St Albans Grove to drop off their child, followed by being routed down Stanford Road and Cottesmore Gardens, before turning left back onto Victoria Road.

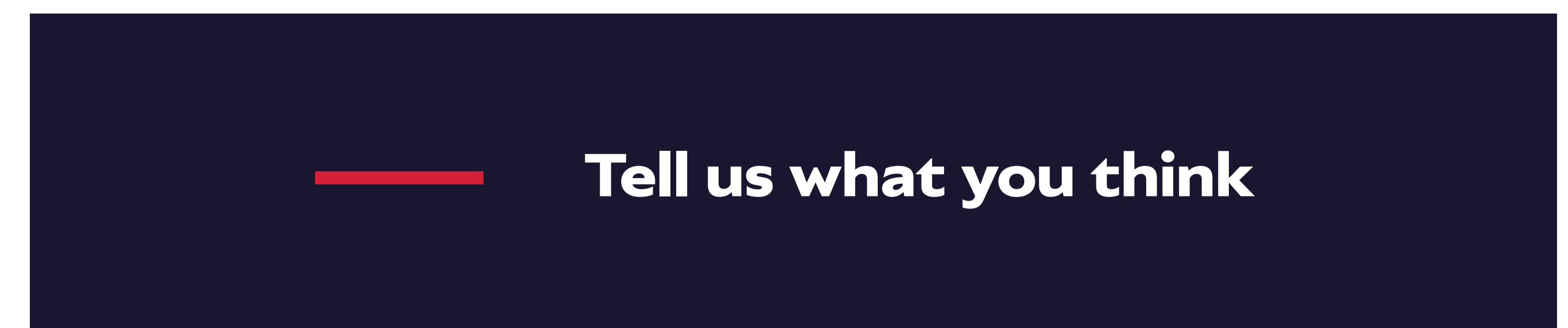
Parents will need to drive away from the drop off point immediately after leaving their child at the school to ensure a continuous flow of traffic. Additionally, there is a risk of congestion on St Albans Grove in the mornings as non-school vehicles may attempt to drive eastbound while school drop-off traffic moves westbound, leading to potential conflicts.

This proposal also does not support

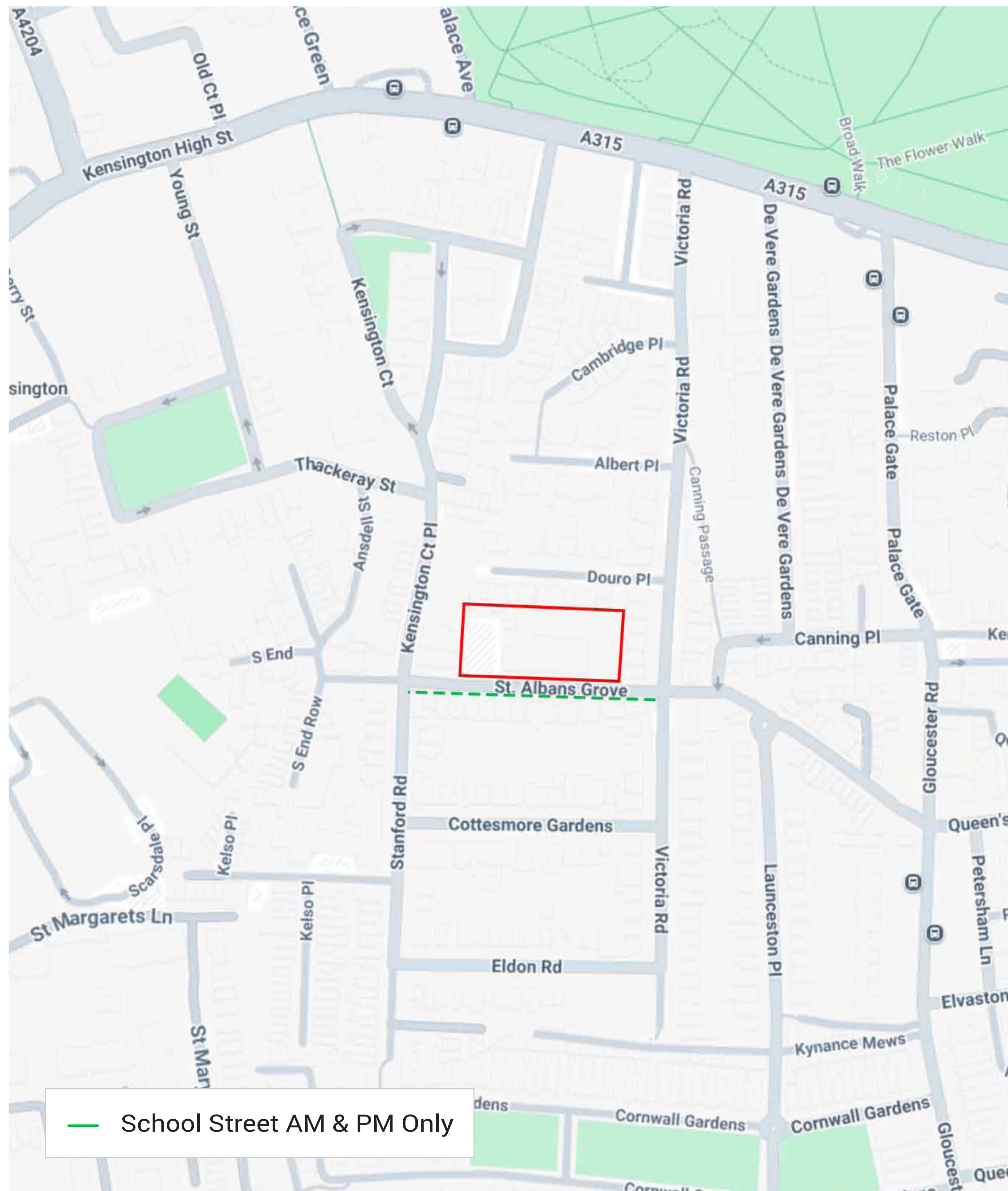


efforts to promote a shift towards more sustainable travel options, as it facilitates easy vehicle drop-offs. However, fewer cars will be circulating the area looking for parking spaces.

A “Park and Stride” approach is suggested for the afternoon. The School Street would restrict vehicle access along St Albans Grove during set times in the afternoon (residents and school minibuses will be exempt). A school street encourages active travel, yet cars will be circulating neighbouring streets looking for parking spaces.



OPTION C - School Street AM and PM with no Locations 1 and 2



The strategy promotes active travel and encourages changes in travel behaviour as Thomas's will not be facilitating vehicle drop-offs. Parent car trips will be prohibited from driving on St Albans Grove.

School minibuses will be allowed to access St Albans Grove and will be exempt from School Street restrictions, alongside residents living on the restricted section of the road.

If parents do choose to drive to the school, there are circa 165 free parking spaces in the morning (within a 400m walk, as drop-off occurs before the Controlled Parking Zone starts at 08:30). Meanwhile, for pick-up (15:00-16:30), 180 free spaces are available, and 84% of students have borough-wide resident parking permits. Additional paid parking options are also available for non RBKC residents.



This option does not involve vehicle traffic being managed by Thomas's staff, and cars will be circulating the neighbouring streets looking for parking spaces.

Tell us what you think

The proposed Delivery and Servicing Management Plan (DSMP) supports sustainable development, following TfL's guidelines. Its key objectives are to ensure safe, efficient, and environmentally friendly deliveries and waste removal, reduce and consolidate deliveries during peak times, improve delivery reliability, lower operational costs, and minimise freight impact on residents and the environment. The school monitor and review the DSMP at defined regular intervals to identify what works well and what can be improved upon.

Delivery and servicing activities have long taken place on the street for the existing school buildings. The new school, however, consolidates these operations at a single location designed for direct on-site delivery access via St Albans Grove. **Security staff will manage gated access** to ensure no vehicle waiting on the street.

Key deliveries include catering, chemicals, laundry, maintenance, and postal services.

Both the catering provider and the waste supplier are current suppliers that drop off at Thomas's Kensington and they understand the need to mitigate disruption to our neighbours as much as possible.

Delivery vehicles up to 7.5 tonnes can access the site, with most vehicles expected to be smaller.

Catering deliveries are scheduled with Harrison Catering, using transit-sized vans, and larger Panel vans for less frequent deliveries.

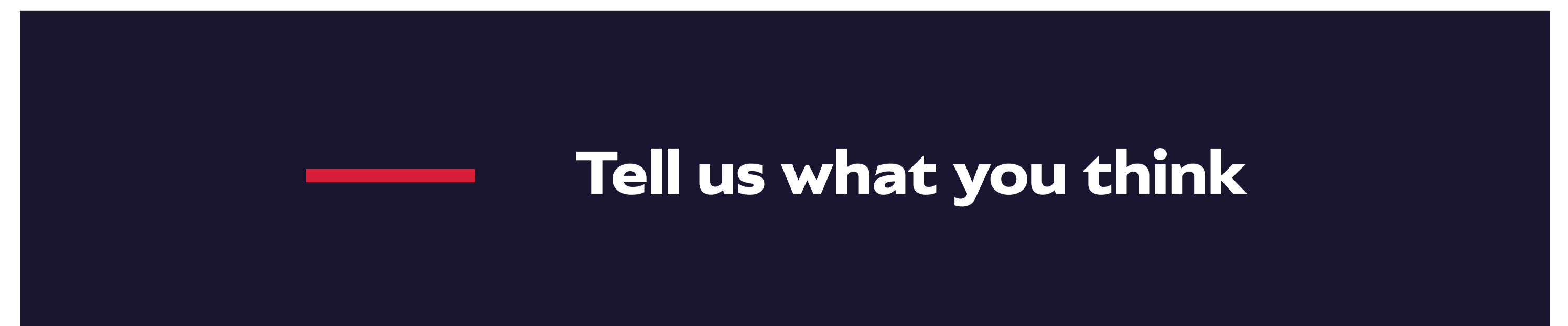
Chemical and laundry deliveries occur weekly or bi-weekly.

Postal and parcel deliveries will utilise existing street facilities.

Waste collection, handled by First Mile, will reduce to weekly pickups, with bins prepared by school staff.

Emergency maintenance or ambulances will use the allocated bay at the school as required. The caretaker will be informed ahead of arrival by Thomas's staff members.

Any bulky deliveries to the site will need to be pre-arranged. The delivery time and duration will be agreed in advance with the site management team to minimise the impact upon the routine daily servicing requirements of the development and other occupiers.





Van

Delivery Timetable

Type of Delivery	Type of Vehicle	Average Frequency	Delivery Timing	Location
Catering (Fruit & Veg)	Van	Daily	9:30 - 10:00	On-site
Catering (Meat)	Van	Monday, Tuesday and Friday	9:30 - 10:00	On-site
Catering (Bidfood Other Grocery)	Panel Van	Monday, Wednesday and Friday	9:30 - 10:00	On-site
Chemical	Van	Once every two weeks	9:30 - 10:00	On-site
Laundry	Van	Thursday (every week)	9:30 - 10:00	On-site
Royal Mail	Van	Daily	Dependent on Royal Mail	On-street
Amazon, DTP, Stationary, Others	Panel Van	Twice a week	Dependent on dispatcher	On-street
Contractors (Maintenance, Works, etc)	Van or Car	Ad hoc	Ad hoc	On-site
Waste Collection	Luton Van	Thursday (every week)	9:30 - 10:00	On-street



Luton Van



Panel Van

Minibuses & Parking

- When the vehicles are not in use, they will be parked in the local area, and they will not be left unattended.
- We avoid using any hired buses and utilise our trained inhouse drivers.
- No onsite parking is allowed other than for the minibuses one parking space for 'blue badge' holders.
- Thomas's has a dedicated transport manager and admin support team to coordinate all travel to and from the school.
- The home to school minibus route for next year is a single route and drops in the morning only arriving circa 08:20. There is no home run in the afternoons (parents pick up pupils themselves in the afternoons).



Minibus Schedule

Day	Time Out	Activity	Return Time	No. of Buses
Monday	10:30am	Other Sports	12:30pm	4
	1:00pm	Field Games	3:30pm	3
Tuesday	9:30am	Swimming	10:40am	1
	10:00am	Swimming	11:10am	1
	10:30am	Other Sports	12:30pm	3
	1:00pm	Field Games	3:30pm	3
Wednesday	9:00am	Swimming	10:10am	1
	9:30am	Swimming	10:40am	1
	10:00am	Swimming	11:30am	1
	10:30am	Other Sports	12:10pm	3
Thursday	9:30am	Swimming	10:40am	1
	10:00am	Swimming	11:20am	1
	10:30am	Other Sports	12:10pm	4
	1:00pm	Field Games	3:30pm	3
Friday	10:30am	Swimming	1:00pm	2
	10:30am	Other Sports	12:00pm	3
	10:30am	Swimming	12:30pm	1
	11:00am	Swimming	12:00pm	1
	1:00pm	Other Sports	3:30pm	4

Thank you

Thank you for taking the time to visit our consultation event to review our proposed management plans for the future operation of Thomas's Kensington at 1 St Albans Grove. We hope you have found it insightful.

We will be hosting two additional consultation events this autumn in October and November.

Please get in touch if you have any questions or queries via email or post.

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Timeline:

Autumn 2024 - Management Plans Consultations

Early 2025 - External Building Works Completed

Autumn 2025 - School opens



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