

Wirral Liveable Neighbourhood

Schools Scoping Report

Initial schools scoping work has focused on desktop research and analysis. Discussions with staff at each of the schools will be essential in shaping their involvement and the development of the overall schools neighbourhood programme.

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Birkenhead Park area

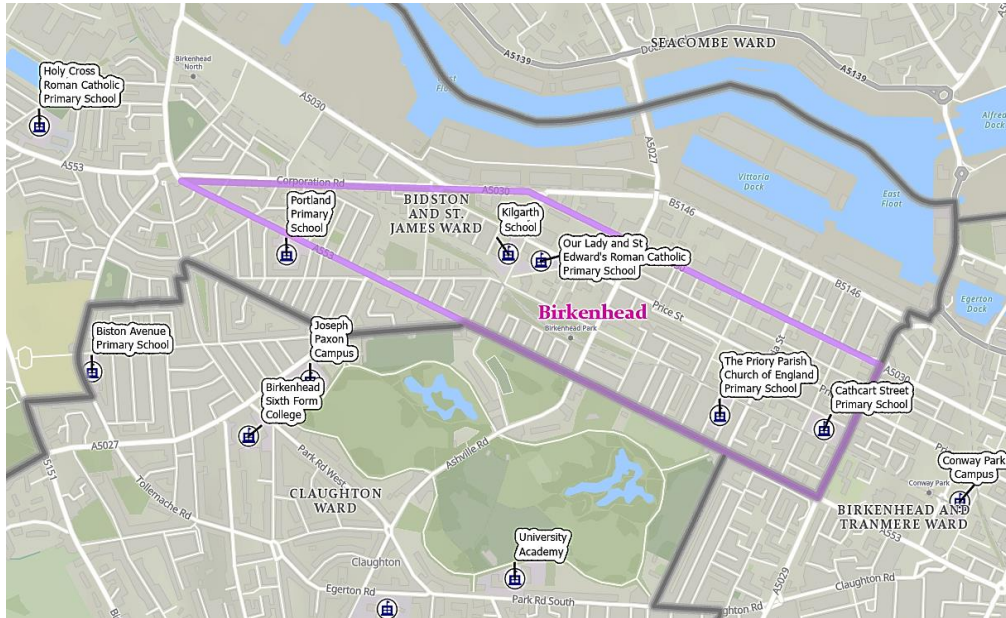


Figure 1. Schools in the Birkenhead Park project area

Schools for Consideration

Table 1. List of schools to be considered

Schools within project boundary	Schools outside boundary within workable distance	Work with this school?
Kilgarth School		Y
Our Lady and St Edward's Roman Catholic Primary School		Y
Cathcart Street Primary School		Y
The Priory Parish Church of England Primary School		Y
	Conway Park Campus, Wirral Met College	Y
	Joseph Paxton College (Wirral Hospital's School)	Y
	Birkenhead Sixth Form College	Y
	Co-op Academy Portland	Y

Table 2. Youth organisations

Youth organisation	Location
Wirral Multicultural Organisation	111 Conway Street Birkenhead Wirral Merseyside, CH41 4AF
Wirral Change	St Laurence's School, St Laurence Dr, Birkenhead CH41 3JD
The Hive Wirral Youth Zone	Bright St, Birkenhead CH41 4EA

1. Schools within boundary

Kilgarth School, Community Special School

51 pupils aged 11 - 16

Caters for children with learning difficulties. Children are admitted from across the Wirral, from a wide mix of socio economic backgrounds. Entrance is on Cavendish Street.

Recommend that we discuss with the school how best we work with them. Given the large catchment area and special travel requirements of the majority of pupils, we would need to evolve new approaches and materials. Working with pupils and parents of children at the school we can gain a better understanding of the accessibility needs of families with children with disabilities in attending school and the local area.

There is a cluster of RTAs at the junction of Cavendish Street and Brassey Street.

Road safety very relevant here as the same RTA cluster as mentioned above is close to this school's gate. School Street is not likely to be possible here due to pupil catchment.

Head teacher - Ms Jane Westlake

Our Lady and St Edward's Roman Catholic Primary School

469 pupils aged 3 - 11

Would recommend we prioritise work with KS2 at this school. Big Street Survey and design workshops are both highly relevant as many families here will live inside project area and so children will have good local knowledge.

The school entrance has two entrances, Price Street, a main road and Old Bidston Street, which is filtered at one end. There is high potential for a School Street closure here as only one end would need to be blocked off in the morning drop off and the afternoon pick up.

As there is a cluster of RTAs at the junction of Cavendish Street and Brassey Street a school street could improve the safety of children in approach to the school. There is a cluster of serious road traffic accidents on two boundary roads, Park Road North and Cleveland Street.

Head teacher – Mrs Elaine McGunigall

Cathcart Street Primary School

223 pupils aged 2 – 11

Would recommend that we prioritise work with KS2 at this school. Big Street Survey and design workshops linked to the liveable neighbourhood are both highly relevant as many families here will live inside project area and so children will have good local knowledge.

Low potential for School Street closures here as the school entrance is already on a filtered road, Dover Road off Cathcart Street.

There is a cluster of serious RTAs on A5029 project boundary as well as on both Park Road North and Cleveland Street project boundaries. Cluster of RTAs at the junctions with Cathcart Street and Price Street.

Head teacher – Mrs Deborah Richards

The Priory Parish Church of England Primary School

203 pupils aged 2 – 11

Would recommend we prioritise work with KS2 at this school, which is important to the project due to location. Big Street Survey and design workshops linked to the liveable neighbourhood both highly relevant as many families here will live inside project area and so children will have good local knowledge.

Good potential for School Street closures here.

There is a small cluster of RTAs along Park Road North project boundary and a serious RTA at junction with Beckwith Street and Trinity Street.

Head teacher - Mr Greg Edwards

2. Schools outside boundary

Conway Park Campus – Wirral Met College

Approximately 1,800 students aged 16 – 19

457 metres from the project boundary

Road safety is relevant here as there are road traffic accident clusters on the main roads leading to the college on Conway Street near the junction with Europa Boulevard. There have been two fatal accidents. There is no parking at the college before 3.45pm. The college is next to Conway Park Station.

A School Street is not appropriate for the age range or for the street context. Students are likely to travel here from outside the area, so local knowledge cannot be assumed. Sustrans could explore ways to link to Art & Design A' levels and Btec vocational programmes here as well as Construction and the Built Environment.

Head teacher – Mrs Sue Higginson

Joseph Paxton College (Wirral Hospital Schools)

80 pupils age 11-17.

619 metres from project boundary

The school caters for children who are unable to attend mainstream school.

Recommend that we approach this school and discuss how we can work with them. The school offers full-time education to students aged 11-17, key stage 3 and 4. Admissions are for young people with mental and physical problems including anxiety, depression, self-harm, eating disorders, chronic fatigue syndrome, sometimes alongside social and communication difficulties and autism spectrum conditions. If we did work here we would need to adopt new approaches and materials. This would be a great challenge for Sustrans.

The main entrance is on Park Road North. A School Street is not appropriate for the age range at this school and the possible special travel requirements of the majority of pupils. The school has a large catchment area of the whole of the Wirral, so students are more likely to arrive by car.

There is a cluster of RTAs on Park Road North and on Park Road West near the project boundary.

Head teacher – Mr P Arrowsmith

Birkenhead Sixth Form College

1400 students aged 16 – 18

94 metres from project boundary

Road safety is relevant here as there are road traffic accident clusters on the main roads leading to the college including Upton Road, Park Road North and the road the college is on Park Road West. A School Street is not appropriate for the age range or for the street context. Students are likely to travel here from outside the area, so local knowledge cannot be assumed. Sustrans could explore ways to link to Geography and Art & Design A' levels and Btec vocational programmes here in order to reach a larger number of students.

There is a cluster of serious RTAs on Park Road North Project boundary and Park Road West. The college has entrances on both roads.

Head teacher - Mr Mike Kilbride

Co-op Academy Portland (Formerly Portland Primary School)

176 pupils aged 3-11

10 metres from project boundary

Would recommend we prioritise work with KS2 at this school. Big Street Survey and design workshops linked to the liveable neighbourhood both highly relevant as many families here will live inside project area and so children will have good local knowledge.

Low potential for School Street closures here as the entrance is on a project boundary road Laird Street, which is also a busy main road on a bus route. There is a "Home Zone" network of streets leading to the school with modal filters to restrict traffic to residents and priority is given to walking and cycling.

There is a cluster of RTAs on Laird Road near to the school entrance.

Head teacher – Mrs Peace

Bebington area

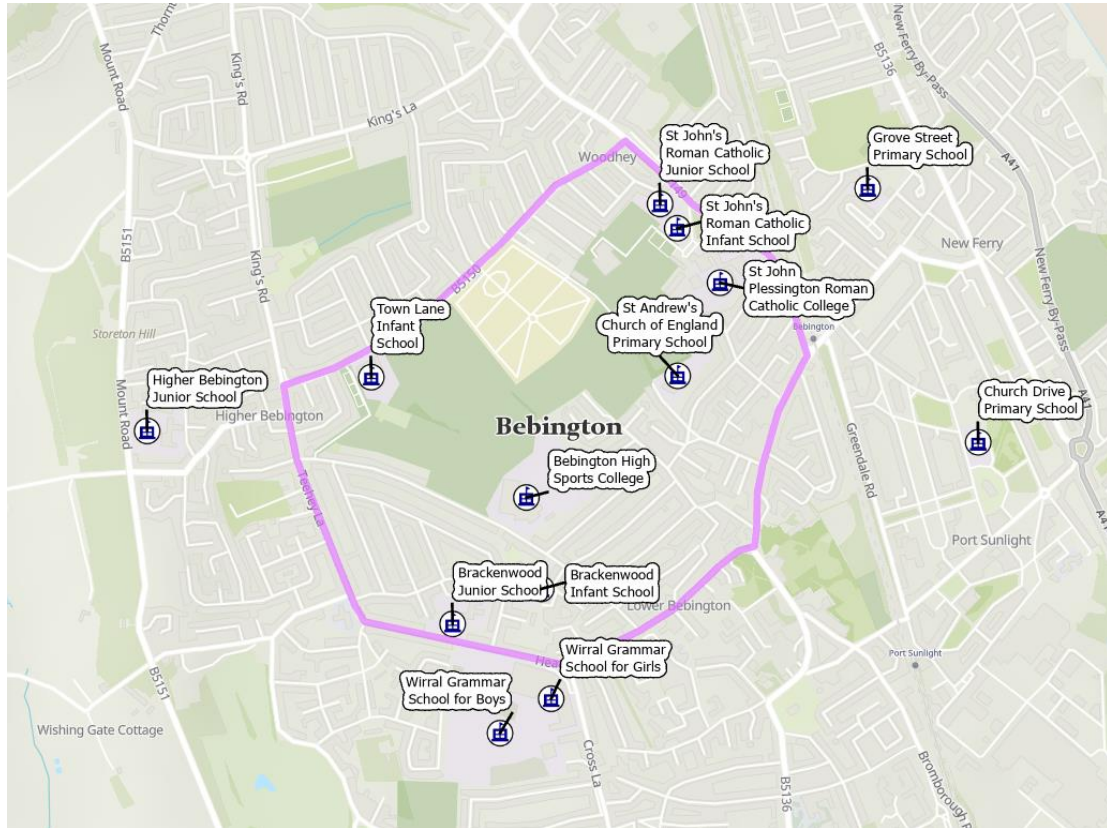


Figure 23. Schools in the Bebington area

Schools for Consideration

Table 35. List of schools to be considered

Schools within project boundary	Schools outside boundary within workable distance	Work with this school?
Town Lane Infant School		Y
St John's Roman Catholic Junior School		Y
St John's Roman Catholic Infant School		Y
St John Plessington Roman Catholic College		Y
St Andrew's Church of England Primary School		Y
Bebington High Sports College		Y
Brackenwood Junior School		Y
Brackenwood Infant School		Y
	Wirral Grammar School for Girls	Y
	Wirral Grammar School for Boys	Y

Table 46. Youth organisations

Youth organisation	Location
Higher Bebington Juniors Football Club	25 Woodburn Blvd, Bebington, Wirral CH63 8NG

1. Schools within boundary

Town Lane Infant School

356 pupils age 3 – 7

Main entrance on Town Lane, a residential street. They could have parking and traffic problems especially during drop off pick up time. There are traffic calming measures for example speed cushions on Town Lane outside school.

Would recommend we prioritise work with KS1 at this school. A tailored version of the Big Street Survey and design workshops could be worked into the Forest School lessons here. Many families here will live inside the project area and children although very young will have good local knowledge. Behaviour change activities would work well at an infant school.

Low potential for School Street closures here as Town Lane is on a bus route and a main route to Bebington.

There is a cluster of RTAs at the junction of Town Lane and Kings Road near the shops.

Head teacher – Kate Large

St John's Roman Catholic Junior School

249 pupils age 7 – 11

Main entrance on Old Chester Road, not good potential for School Street as it is a busy main road with a bus route leading to Port Sunlight and Birkenhead. Subjects: Geography, Art, PE.

Would recommend we prioritise work with KS2 at this school, which is important to the project due to location. Big Street Survey and design workshops linked to LN project both highly relevant as many families here will live inside project area and so children will have good local knowledge.

There is a cluster of RTAs along Old Chester Road and at the junctions with other roads.

Head teacher – Mrs Elaine Mullins

St John's Roman Catholic Infant School

230 pupils age 3 – 7

The school entrance is off Chester Old Road on a one way street, not on a bus route. The school neighbours the popular Oval Leisure Centre and athletics track, a high school and junior school. With large traffic volumes on the busy main road there is low potential for a school street here.

Would recommend we prioritise work with KS1 at this school, which is important to the project due to location. A tailored version of the Big Street Survey and design workshops could be work at this school. Many families here will live inside the project area and children although very young will have good local knowledge.

There are road traffic accidents at the junctions of the roads leading to the school.

Head teacher – Mrs M S Bulmer

St John Plessington Roman Catholic College

1570 pupils age 11 – 18

One entrance on Old Chester Road, another on a side road leading to the busy Oval Leisure Centre and Athletics track. This school and the previous two are on the same road, very close to each other. Low potential for School Street here as the Athletics track and swimming pool draw large numbers of visitors using the road to access the large car park.

Would recommend we prioritise work with year 7 at this school the Big Street Survey and design workshops linked to the LN project both highly relevant as many pupils will have good local knowledge as they live inside and travel through project area. Sustrans could explore ways to link to Geography and Art & Design A' levels here in order to reach a larger number of students.

Their Sixth Form Course information guide recommends Travel Routes to the College via bus, train and car. There is a traffic free route to the school via the park to the rear of the Oval track.

There have been road traffic accidents at the junctions of the roads leading to the school.

Head teacher – Ms Maria Sharratt

St Andrew's Church of England Primary School

212 pupils aged 4 – 11

Main entrance on Townfield Lane, residential road, leads to a public footpath through the park. Good potential for School Street as it is on a dead end and it is not on a bus route, there have been no reported traffic incidents near the school.

Would recommend we prioritise work with KS2 at this school, which is important to the project due to location. Big Street Survey and design workshops linked to the LN project both highly relevant as many families here will live inside project area and so children will have good local knowledge.

Head teacher – Mrs A Lamkin

Bebington High Sports College (Co-op Academy Bebington)

997 pupils age 11-18

Main entrance on Higher Bebington Road, it can also be accessed from the neighbouring park leading to the Bebington Oval leisure centre.

Would recommend we prioritise work with year 7 at this school. The Big Street Survey and design workshops linked to the LN project would both be relevant as many pupils will have good local knowledge as they live inside and travel through project area. Sustrans could explore ways to link to Geography and Art & Design A' levels here in order to reach the older students.

There are RTAs all along Bebington High Road outside the school.

Head teacher - Ms. Catherine Kelly

Brackenwood Junior School (converted to Academy status 2021)

242 Pupils aged 7 – 11

Would recommend we prioritise work with KS2 at this school. Big Street Survey and design workshops both highly relevant as many families here will live inside project area and so children will have good local knowledge.

Good potential for School Street closures here as the main entrance on Norbury Road is not a main road. The school is on the boundary road but has an entrance off the boundary road.

The residential roads surrounding the schools have had a number of RTA's including one fatality.

Head teacher - Mr C Holmes

Brackenwood Infant School

176 pupils age 5 - 7

Would recommend we prioritise work with KS1 at this school, which is important to the project due to location. A tailored version of the Big Street Survey and design workshops could work for this school. Many families here will live inside the project area and children although very young will have good local knowledge. The school is doing WOW with Living streets so they are already reinforcing the active travel messages and will be doing behaviour change activities which work well at an infant school.

Good potential for School Street closures here as the main entrance is on Pulford Road. There is also a park nearby, a traffic free route to the school.

There are a number of road traffic accidents recorded near the school including one fatality.

Head teacher - Mr C Mervyn

2. Schools outside boundary

Wirral Grammar School for Girls

1183 pupils age 11 - 18

72 metres outside project boundary

Main entrance on Heath Lane on a bus route to New Ferry, Port Sunlight and Bebington.

Would recommend we prioritise work with year 7 at this school the Big Street Survey and design workshops both highly relevant as many pupils will have good local knowledge as they live inside and travel through project area which is close to the school. Sustrans could explore ways to link to Geography and Art & Design A' levels here in order to reach the older students.

There is a small cluster of RTAs at the junction of Heath Lane and Cross Lane leading to the school.

Head Teacher – Mrs E Cogan

Wirral Grammar School for Boys

1058 pupils age 11 - 18

170 metres outside project boundary

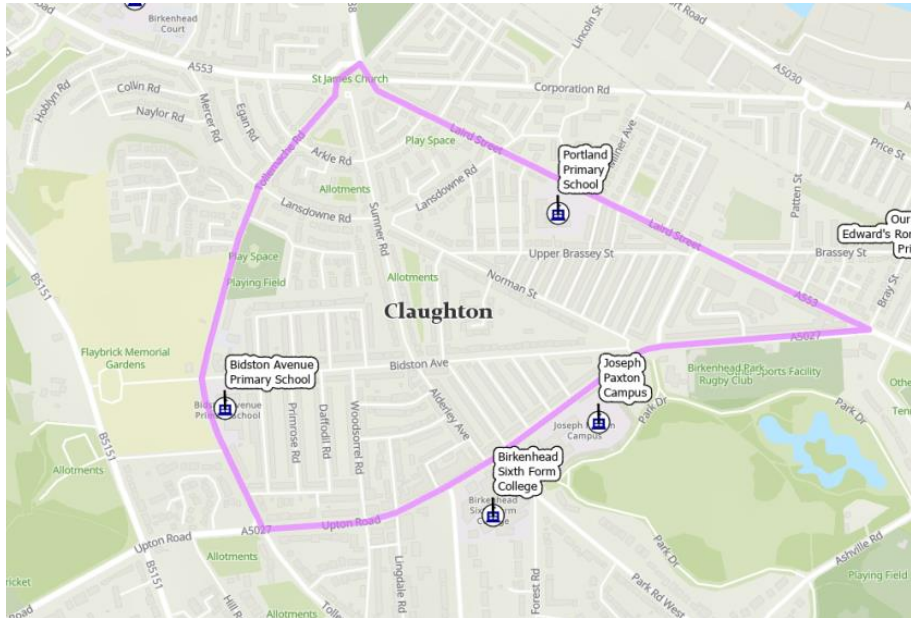
Main entrance on Cross Lane on a bus route.

Would recommend we prioritise work with year 7 at this school the Big Street Survey and design workshops both highly relevant as many pupils will have good local knowledge as they live inside and travel through project area which is close to the school. Sustrans could explore ways to link to Geography and Art & Design A' levels here in order to reach the older students. There is an enrichment programme in 6th form which Sustrans could link into. For example, the school offers Duke of Edinburgh awards and opportunities for community service and volunteering.

There is a small cluster of road traffic accidents at the junction of Heath Lane and Cross Lane leading to the school

Head teacher – Mr Simon Ascroft

Cloughton area



1 Figure 32. Schools in the Cloughton area

Schools for Consideration

Table 53. List of schools to be considered

Schools within project boundary	Schools outside boundary within workable distance	Work with this school?
Co-op Academy Portland		Y
Bidston Avenue Primary School		Y
	Joseph Paxton College (Wirral Hospitals School)	Y
	Birkenhead Sixth Form College	Y

Table 64. Youth organisations

Youth organisation	Location
Community Action Wirral	The Lauries, 142 Cloughton Road, Birkenhead, Ch41 6EY
Wirral Change	St Laurence's School, St Laurence Dr, Birkenhead CH41 3JD
The Hive Wirral Youth Zone	Bright St, Birkenhead CH41 4EA

1. Schools within boundary

Co-op Academy Portland (Formerly Portland Primary School)

160 pupils aged 3-11

Would recommend we prioritise work with KS2 at this school. The Big Street Survey and design workshops linked to the liveable neighbourhood both highly relevant as many families here will live inside project area and so children will have good local knowledge.

Low potential for School Street closures here as the entrance is on a project boundary road Laird Street, which is also a busy main road on a bus route. There is a “Home Zone” network of streets leading to the school with modal filters to restrict traffic to residents and priority is given to walking and cycling.

There is a cluster of RTAs on Laird Road near to the school.

Head teacher – Mrs Peace

Bidston Avenue Primary School

420 pupils aged 4 – 11

Would recommend we prioritise work with KS2 at this school. The Big Street Survey and design workshops linked to the liveable neighbourhood both highly relevant as many families here will live inside project area and so children will have good local knowledge.

There is a cluster of accidents near the entrance to the school at the junction of Tollemache Road and Upper Flaybrick Road. The school is on a project boundary road and so a School Street closure will not work here.

Head teacher - Mr S Brady

2. Schools outside boundary

Joseph Paxton College (Wirral Hospital Schools)

80 pupils age 11-17

10 metres from project boundary

The school caters for children who are unable to attend mainstream school. The main entrance is on Park Road North on the Claughton project boundary.

Recommend that we approach this school and discuss how we can work with them. The school offers full-time education to students aged 11-17, key stage 3 and 4. Admissions are for young people with mental and physical problems including anxiety, depression, self-harm, eating disorders, chronic fatigue syndrome, sometimes alongside social and communication difficulties and autism spectrum conditions. If we did work here we would need to adopt new approaches and materials.

A School Street is not appropriate for the age range at this school and the possible special travel requirements of the majority of pupils. The school has a large catchment area of the whole of the Wirral, so students are unlikely to arrive at school on foot or cycle.

Head teacher – Mr P Arrowsmith

[Birkenhead Sixth Form College](#)

1400 students aged 16 – 18

94 metres from project boundary

Road safety is relevant here as there are road traffic accident clusters on the main roads leading to the college including Upton Road, Park Road North and the road the college is on Park Road West. A School Street is not appropriate for the age range or for the street context. Students are likely to travel here from outside the area, so local knowledge cannot be assumed. Sustrans could explore ways to link to Geography and Art & Design A' levels and Btec vocational programmes here in order to reach a larger number of students.

Head teacher - Mr Mike Kilbride

The Breck area

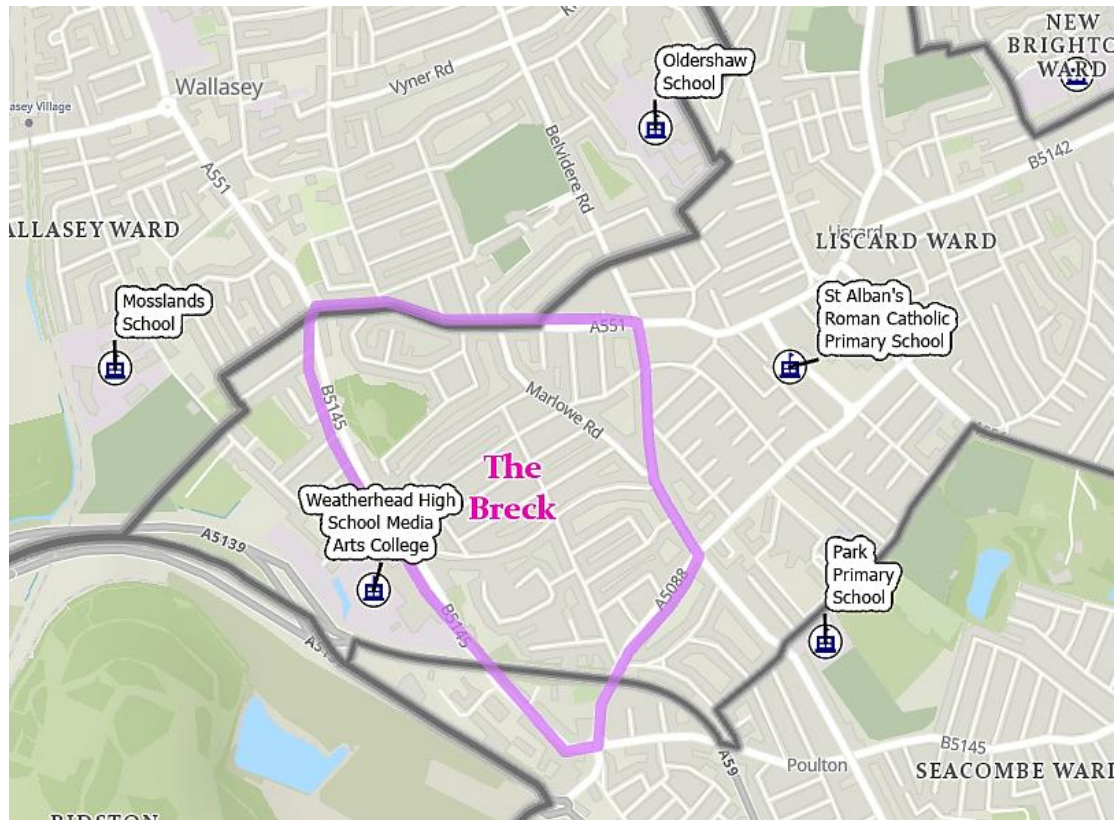


Figure 4. Schools in The Breck area

Schools for Consideration

Table 7. List of schools to be considered

Schools within project boundary	Schools outside boundary within workable distance	Work with this school?
	The Oldershaw Academy	Y
	St Mary's Catholic College	Y
	The Mosslands School	Y
	Weatherhead High School Media Arts College	Y
	Park Primary School	Y

Table 8. Youth organisations

Youth organisation	Location
Community Action Wirral	The Lauries, 142 Claughton Road, Birkenhead, CH41 6EY
Wirral Change	St Laurence's School, St Laurence Dr, Birkenhead CH41 3JD
The Hive Wirral Youth Zone	Bright St, Birkenhead CH41 4EA
Make it happen	72-74 Market St, Birkenhead, Wirral, CH41 5BT
Wheels for All Birkenhead, Cycling Projects	Park Drive Birkenhead Wirral Merseyside CH41 4HY
Hype Merseyside	http://hype-merseyside.co.uk/bike-hub/

1. Schools within boundary

There are no schools within the boundary

2. Schools outside boundary

The Oldershaw Academy

852 pupils aged 11 – 19. 581 metres outside the project boundary.

The main approach is on Valkyrie Road but the entrance is on Fieldway. Courses for Sixth Form: Geography, Sport, Children's Play, Learning and Development. The school is on a narrow road with a lot pavement parking. Many people would be affected by a Street Closure. A School Street is not appropriate for the age range. Learners are likely to travel here from outside the area, so local knowledge cannot be assumed.

There is a cluster of road traffic accidents on the A551, Wallasey Road on the project boundary a couple of streets away from the school.

Head teacher - Mr Jon Bush

St Mary's Catholic College

1077 children aged 11 – 18. 725 metres outside the project boundary.

Main entrance is on a busy road, Wallasey Village which is also a bus route. A School Street is not appropriate on the main road into Wallasey Village. High school students are more

likely to travel here from outside the area, so local knowledge cannot be assumed. Courses for Sixth Form include Geography, Sport, Engineering, Health and Social Care.

There is a cluster of road traffic accidents along Wallasey Village including one fatality.

Head teacher - Mr Anthony Boyle

The Mosslands School

1107 children aged 11 – 18. 433 metres outside the project boundary.

This large boys school has the main entrance on Mossland Drive a residential road near to Wallasey Village. There could be parking problems at pick up/drop off but most children will travel to high school independently.

A School Street is not appropriate for the age range. Learners are likely to travel here from outside the area, so local knowledge cannot be assumed. Sustrans could also explore ways to link with the A Level Courses for 6th Form which include Geography, Sport, Engineering and Art

There is no significant cluster of RTAs on the roads surrounding the school.

Head teacher - Mr Adrian Whiteley

Weatherhead High School Media Arts College

1586 children aged 11 – 18

This Girls school has three separate sites around Wallasey. The College has a main entrance on the proposed project boundary on Breck Road.

Sustrans could also explore ways to link to the A Level Courses in 6th Form which include Geography, Sport, Engineering and Art.

There is a cluster of road traffic accidents outside the school on Breck Road.

Head teacher - Miss Annmarie Whelan

Park Primary School

465 children aged 3 – 11. 264 metres outside the project boundary.

School main entrance is on Love Lane which leads to a dead end and a footpath. There is a cycle route past the school

Would recommend we prioritise work with KS2 at this school, which is important to the project due to location. Big Street Survey and design workshops both highly relevant as many families here will live inside project area and so children will have good local knowledge.

Good potential for School Street closures here as one end of Love Lane is a dead end.

There is a cluster of road traffic accidents on Poulton Road near the school.

Head teacher - Mr Michael Mellin

Schools scoring for each area

School	Schools within boundary	Score	Schools outside boundary within workable distance. Distance for juniors <300m secondary <800m	Score	Schools with main pupil access ON road	Score	Score total	Score adjusted	Adjusted score to nearest integer
Birkenhead Park	4	8	4	4	1	-1.5	10.5	5.25	5
Bebington	8	16	2	2	3	-4.5	13.5	6.75	7
Claughton	2	4	2	2	3	-4.5	1.5	0.75	1
The Breck	0	0	5	5	1	-1.5	3.5	1.75	2

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