

LONDON BOROUGH OF BROMLEY

STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

The Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services, Councillor William Huntington-Thresher, has made the following executive decision:

FRIENDLY STREETS- VALLEY SCHOOL GREEN SCREEN TRIAL

Reference Report (ES19073):

Friendly Streets- Valley School Green Screen Trial

Decision:

A green screen is to be installed at Valley Primary School, Shortlands as part of the Shortlands and Bromley Friendly Streets project.

Reasons:

A green screen at the location of Valley Primary School, Shortlands will be installed with strong support from parents of pupils at the school including local fundraising for ongoing maintenance. The school is chosen in view of strong community support and the school's location adjacent to Beckenham Lane (A222) in the Friendly Streets Project area where TfL are able to provide additional funding.

Living green screens will be installed alongside the school's flank fence adjacent to Beckenham Lane. Tree planting will also take place and dwarf tree/shrub planters installed for the playground and in spaces between the school fence and school building. Although details of the screen will be determined by competitive tender, it will most likely be made from Ivy and other evergreen species. As IdVerde will deliver the project, the borough's role will be limited to a client function, engaging with the school and monitoring the success of the trial. The screen's impact will be monitored for the first year with data already being collected on site by the school using an AQMesh pod monitoring device.

The initiative forms part of a larger community led project to enhance green infrastructure at the school, the first stages of which include air quality mitigation measures (e.g. green screens) and air purifiers for classrooms. Other trees will be funded from the community fund and vigorous fundraising led by parents of pupils at the school.

The proposal is estimated to cost £30k, funded from TfL Liveable Neighbourhoods funding. This is in addition to £149k already allocated for feasibility development of the Liveable Neighbourhood in 2019/20. If the additional funding is not secured for any reason the proposed scheme will not be implemented. The cost of ongoing maintenance and liability will be borne by the school.

The proposed decision was scrutinised by the Environment and Community Services PDS Committee on 13th November 2019 and the Committee supported the proposal.

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Implementation Date (subject to call-in): 2 December 2019
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