

Petitioner:	Miles Hellon
Petition:	Urgent Relaunch Of Traffic Management Scheme For West Greenwich
Number of signatures:	14
The petition read as follows:	<p>We, the undersigned, call upon the Council to implement an urgent relaunch of a Traffic Management Scheme in West Greenwich.</p> <p>We are signatories across streets in west Greenwich but we are not representing our streets. We have deliberately not gone out to get large numbers of signatures for this petition as the consultation results on the recent West Greenwich LTN speak for themselves.</p> <p>We call upon RBG as a matter of urgency to:</p> <p>a) scrutinise the decision to remove the West Greenwich LTN.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Council has written all residents advising that there was excessive and dangerous traffic for this residential area with a high footfall, 1000 school children and millions of visitors as part of historic Greenwich</li> <li>• Independent consultants found the objectives of the trial LTN had been met; minor modifications such as blue badge holder passes could have been implemented to overcome equality concerns</li> <li>• The trial had massive majority support of over 70% of residents living within the LTN scheme area and over 50% for the extended letter distribution area.</li> <li>• There was no evidence that the scheme was the major contributory factor for the rise in traffic East Greenwich or on other border roads. In fact, pollution was down.</li> <li>• In the light of all this evidence why did officers arrive at recommendation 3 withdraw the scheme and why was this recommendation followed by the Cabinet Member for the Environment, Sustainability and Transport.</li> </ul>

	<p>b) start the consultation for a traffic reduction scheme in West Greenwich and commit to a timescale for design, consultation and full implementation as early as possible in 2022. The starting point is the LTN scheme but with modifications if required.</p> <p>c) work with our neighbours in East Greenwich and Westcombe Park to provide an alternative scheme for this area and the remaining streets left in those areas that do not have any existing traffic reduction treatments.</p>
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Previous Cabinet Member:	Environment Sustainability and Transport
Current Cabinet Member:	Climate Change, Environment and Transport
Original Ward:	Greenwich West
Current Ward:	Greenwich Park
Directorate:	DCEC

Submitted to Council on:	16 March 2022
Presented by:	Councillor Aidan Smith

## I. **Petition Response**

I.1 The petition has been considered by Officers and a report was presented to the Highways Committee on 22 June 2022.

I.2 The proposal in the report to the Highways Committee was that the lead petitioner be advised -

- that following the Cabinet Member's February 2022 decision to authorise Council officers to start developing an alternative traffic reduction scheme for West Greenwich by means of a permanent TMO, the Council has committed to carrying out public consultation prior to deciding whether to introduce a traffic reduction scheme for West Greenwich, and therefore no commitment to its implementation can be given.
- that a commitment to a timescale for the design and consultation will only be provided once the funding settlement for 2022/23 from the Secretary of State for Transport to the Mayor of London is known.
- how a member of the public can suggest a topic for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and its Scrutiny Panels to review

- 1.2 At the meeting the representative of the lead petitioner, the representative of Greenwich Cyclists, and the Ward Councillor who submitted the petition to Council, commented on the proposal. During the meeting LTNs and funding sources were discussed. Officers took note of the matters raised.
- 1.3 The Highways Committee recommended some amendments to the proposal. Officers took note of the Highways Committees' recommendations, and they will be considered by the Cabinet Member for of Climate Change, Environment and Transport and the Director of Communities, Environment and Central when making any decision.

## **2 Current actions being taken in relation to matter raised in petition**

- 2.1 The Head of Highways and Traffic advised that work on developing an alternative traffic reduction scheme for West Greenwich started in June 2022. The Council has committed to carrying out public consultation prior to deciding whether to introduce any scheme. Ahead of that consultation, council officers are scheduled to engage with the community and key stakeholders this autumn to fully understand the issues that currently need addressing and to help shape what scheme(s) will be consulted on. The outcome of that engagement is scheduled to coincide with the Council publishing its Transport Strategy. Together, these will inform what scheme(s) progress to public consultation early in 2023