

Petitioner:	Sally Hughes
Petition:	A petition to Greenwich Council to listen to US and stop the West Greenwich 'low traffic neighbourhood'
Number of signatures:	422
The petition read as follows:	<p>We, the undersigned, call on the Royal Borough of Greenwich to admit that the West Greenwich Traffic Scheme has improved the amenity privileged residents of the 'Hills and Vales' at the expense of increased congestion and pollution on Blackheath Hill, Greenwich South Street and other overburdened boundary roads, such as Trafalgar Road, intensifying inequality and reducing life chances for the many that live there.</p> <p>The scheme obstructs vital journeys by the emergency services, holds up public transport, causes danger to pedestrians and reduces the livelihoods of essential workers. At the same time, the Council has failed to provide evidence to justify its actions and misled the government by claiming to promote 'safety' and COVID measures to justify the current Orders underpinning the scheme. <b>We ask the Council to take appropriate action to put this right by ending the Scheme.</b></p> <p>We also call on the Council to acknowledge that the 'Greener Safer Greenwich' consultation does not directly address major problems, including hardship arbitrarily inflicted on many residents who depend on vehicles: blue badge holders; those with urgent or long-term conditions needing care and support from key workers, relatives and friends; people with disabilities; those who rely on public transport or trade vehicles; parents of small children; and school pupils. <b>We ask the council to take into account, fairly and openly, the views of all those affected by the scheme, whether or not they benefit privately at this public expense.</b></p>

Previous Cabinet Member:	Environment Sustainability and Transport
Current Cabinet Member:	Climate Change, Environment and Transport
Original Wards:	Greenwich West and Peninsula
Current Wards:	Greenwich Park and Greenwich Creekside
Directorate:	DCEC

  

Submitted to Council on:	26 January 2022
Presented by:	Councillor Aidan Smith

## 1. **Petition Response**

- 1.1 The West Greenwich Low Traffic Neighbourhood (LTN) trial was implemented under an Experimental Traffic Order, which meant public consultation happened whilst the experimental scheme was in place. This allowed people to provide feedback based on their actual experiences of the changes. The results of the engagement exercise ended on the 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022.
- 1.2 The new petition received will be considered within the analysis of the wider West Greenwich Low Traffic Neighbourhood (LTN) experimental scheme consultation, so that the petition can be considered alongside other local feedback received since the scheme was implemented.
- 1.4 The petition follows several other petitions concerning this scheme, considered at previous meetings of the Highways Committee. These previous petitions will all be included and considered in decision reports on how the scheme is taken forward.

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

- 2.1 Prior to the Highway Committee meeting (2<sup>nd</sup> March 2022) where the recent petition has been presented, a decision has now been formally made on the West Greenwich LTN Scheme. It has therefore been agreed for the removal of the West Greenwich LTN (and the return of streets to how there were before the trial period) by allowing the existing experimental Traffic Management Order to expire. Officers will now begin the process of developing an alternative LTN traffic scheme for West Greenwich.
- 2.2 The petition lead will be notified of the recent decision and any further scheme taken forward will be subject again to public consultation