

Petitioner(s):	Mairi Tullett, Sarah Montgomery, Lucy Flanner
Petition:	Ensure proper consultation on Greenwich Council's Horn Park Low Traffic Neighbourhood Plan
Number of signatures:	119
The petition read as follows:	<p>We the undersigned object to the introduction of the Horn Park Lower Traffic Neighbourhood plan by the Royal Borough of Greenwich without a substantial consultation process in advance of any changes being implemented. At a minimum we propose that a consultation should include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A full consultation with the wider community, including a clear question, which seeks direct support or opposition for this particular scheme.</li> <li>2. A comprehensive assessment of traffic flows within the proposed LTN and nearby areas pre 2019 to date. This data should then be used to inform the proposal and communicated to the public.</li> <li>2. A proper assessment of the likely impact on traffic flows resulting from the proposed changes before any scheme is implemented. This should include a plan for future monitoring of the impact of the plan both within the proposed LTN and wider area.</li> <li>3. A clear equalities impact assessment considering the impact of limiting vehicle movement on blue badge holders, disabled people, people with health conditions or impairments and other residents who struggle with mobility.</li> <li>4. An assessment of the impact on local businesses should the LTN be undertaken as well the impact on families with young children</li> <li>5. An assessment of the impact of the proposed LTN on wider inequalities including health inequalities.</li> <li>6. Transparency on the stages of the consultation and opportunities for residents to voice their opinions.</li> </ol>

Cabinet Member:	Environment, Sustainability and Transport
Ward(s):	Eltham North
Directorate:	DRES
Submitted to Council on:	25 February 2021
Presented by:	Councillor Charlie Davis

## I. **Petition Response**

I.1 The Council has undertaken initial engagement with residents and other stakeholders on proposals to introduce a low traffic neighbourhood (LTN) to reduce through traffic and improve the environment for local residents in the Horn Park and Weigall Road area on the CommonPlace consultation platform in February 2021,.

The proposals were for the following closures listed from north to south:

- Weigall Road west of the junction with Moorhead Way.
- Abergeldie Road at the Eastern end (the junction with Sidcup Road)
- Eastern end of the Westthorne Avenue service road (the junction with Sidcup Road)

I.2 It was proposed that the closure points on Weigall Road and Abergeldie Road use camera enforcement instead of bollards or planters. This means that these roads can be closed either:

- at specific times of day, when data shows that these roads are at their busiest with through traffic, or
- 24-hours a day, stopping through traffic at all times of the day and night.

I.3 Under either option there would be unimpeded access for the emergency services, taxis and people travelling by foot, bicycle, wheeling (wheelchair or pushchair) or bus.

I.4 Residents and businesses would still be able to access their homes and premises, but their routes may be slightly different.

I.5 We proposed closing the Westthorne Avenue service road, with a planter or lockable bollard, to motor vehicles at the eastern end with the junction with

Sidcup Road, while maintaining continued access or travel through the area on foot, bicycle or by wheeling.

- I.6 This scheme would be implemented under an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order. Schemes of this type include a public consultation period, of at least six-months, once the experimental scheme is implemented. This allows residents and other stakeholders the opportunity to see how the scheme works while the measures are in place.
- I.7 During the initial engagement exercises described above, a statement was made by the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Member for Environment, Sustainability and Transport in response to concerns raised by residents on the proposed LTNs across the borough. It noted the significant volume of responses received, including significant concerns raised about the proposals. It continued to assure residents and businesses that their responses were being heard and would inform decisions on the issue. It undertook to undertake further analysis and engagement.
- I.8 Officers are currently completing the analysis of the initial engagement exercise which once completed will inform decisions on the Low Traffic Neighbourhood schemes, including Proposals for a Horn Park and Weigall Road Area Low Traffic Neighbourhood.
- I.9 Whilst early engagement on proposals has been undertaken, the scheme proposals are still in development and this request can be considered as part of the further development of consultation on the proposals.
- I.10 The consultation requested by this petition would be carried out as part of the proposal to make the Experimental Traffic Regulation Order. In addition, if a decision is made to make the Experimental Traffic Regulation Order, further consultation would also be undertaken after that order is made and considered alongside scheme monitoring result
- I.11 The petition was reported to the Highways Committee and suggested that further traffic analysis and modelling should take place; further consideration will be made of enforcement options; and further engagement with residents and other stakeholders will be undertaken before any proposals are progressed.

1.12 The Highways Committee noted the report at the meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> July 2021. Members stressed the need to liaise with Lewisham Council due to the proximity of their traffic reduction scheme.

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

2.1 Engagement on the proposals has been undertaken and the initial results are still being analysed. More engagement with resident and other stakeholders is planned before progressing to the experimental phase.