

# Referendum on the Low Traffic Neighbourhood schemes implemented from 2015



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Petition detail:

**We the undersigned request the LBWF Council to implement a clear “Yes” or “No” referendum on the removal or retention of road closures implemented in the London Borough of Waltham Forest under Mini Holland and Low Traffic Neighbourhood schemes since 2015.**

**For everyone who is on the electoral register in the London Borough of Waltham Forest**

**Do you want to have your democratic say on whether roads in Waltham Forest are re-opened?**

**We believe that it is time for residents to confirm whether or not they want roads to stay closed. If you agree, please sign this petition calling for a referendum. The requisite number of signatures needed to get a referendum held is 9,503 electors, which is 5% of the total electorate as per the Council's statutory petition notice published on 23 February 2021.**

People have told us that they think the original consultations did not reflect the views of the electorate. The Council let anyone in the UK to vote about an area, whereas of course it was the residents and businesses that were affected but their opinions not prioritised. Some of the questionnaires seem to have been written in such a way so there will be only one outcome. We know that lots of households, especially those who live in estates, did not receive consultation papers. We know the many people whose first language is not English, or who are not familiar with computers, felt excluded from the debate. We know that some people did not understand the consequences of roads being closed until after they experienced them.

Therefore, in the interests of democracy, now that more than 70 closures have had time to “bed in”, that everyone on the electoral register in the borough should get to vote on whether they wish to retain them. It is possible that the majority will vote for them to stay. However, we cannot know that without asking people. Therefore, we are asking for a clear, fair well-publicised referendum to find out.

**The following two pages of this document can be printed on A4 paper and used to collect hand written signatures.**

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