

Low Traffic Neighbourhood Road Closures

Dear Residents,

Harrow Council have recently implemented a number of motor vehicle road closures across the borough under a 'Low Traffic Neighbourhood (LTN)' scheme without having had an in-depth, consultation with ALL of its residents and businesses prior to implementation to see if they wanted this.

These road closures are in the following places:

- **LTN-03 Francis Road area, Greenhill**
- LTN-02 Pinner View area, Headstone South
- LTN-04 Vaughan Road area, West Harrow
- LTN-06 Southfield Park area, North Harrow

Whilst some residents are happy with the LTN-03 Francis Road area Greenhill roadblock, others might not be. Some of the issues caused as a direct result of these roadblocks are listed below:

Please note that all the key issues outlined below are being experienced currently when both car and pedestrian road use is much lower due to COVID19 circumstances. All the issues are likely to be amplified post-lockdown, when normal traffic and pedestrian levels return.

- The smooth flow of traffic is being seriously disrupted as major roads have been blocked from one end or another, resulting in excessive traffic and journey times.
- Excessive traffic is also being forced onto some narrower, quieter residential roads.
- Pollution has risen and is spreading, while air quality is lower due to increased road congestion and idling traffic.
- Emergency services are being delayed, which could have fatal consequences.
- Disabled, vulnerable and less mobile residents are being discriminated against.
- Home deliveries have become difficult, especially affecting the immobile and elderly.
- Essential services like waste collection are being disrupted.
- Quieter roads have led to thefts and cars being damaged, and have led to personal safety concerns when walking on roads, especially after dark.
- Major cyclist routes are being abandoned or underused due to heavy-traffic and increased local pollution.
- No perceived increase in either in footfall or cyclists, as was anticipated.
- Many local businesses are being negatively impacted due to reduced custom.
- Reduced perceived police presence driving through neighbourhoods potentially encouraging more crime.

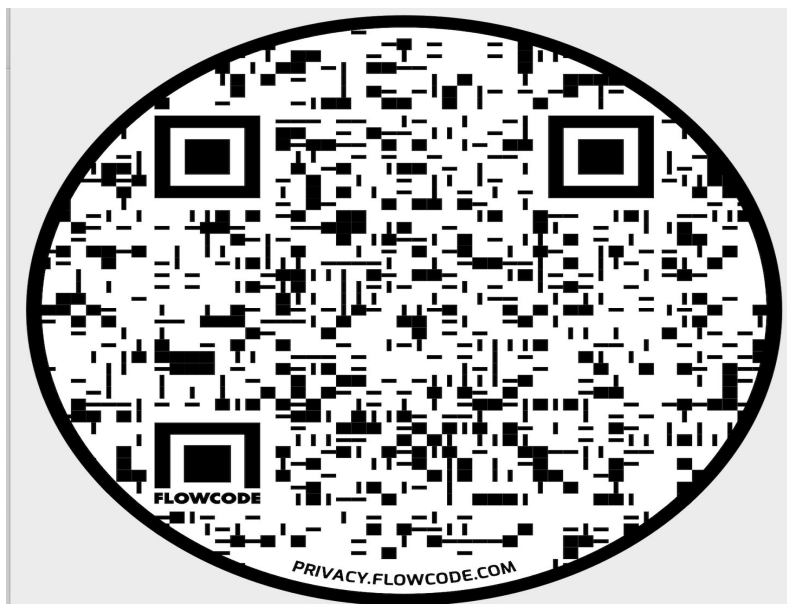
It would appear that Harrow council did not carry out their own pledges to consider all the implications of the changes. Harrow's consultation states; "***Where a consolation does not meet these standards it will not be allowed to launch***". Clearly then, the whole problem stems from a failure to adequately consider or consult. **This is undemocratic, non-transparent and a failure of the council to serve the community responsibly.**

If you feel that you were not consulted about these road closures, and would like to make your voice heard, then please know that there are a few things that you can do:

- 1) Please follow the link below to **sign and share the petition** to remove these roadblocks. Anyone in your household over the age of 18 years can also add their name to this petition.

<https://tinyurl.com/freeharrow>

You can also use the following QR code to navigate to the site for the petition via your mobile:



- 2) Let Harrow Council know how these roadblocks have affected you by leaving either your **positive** or **negative** feedback on their **Harrow Street Spaces Trials website** as this will help them to form a decision on whether these closures should remain in place permanently or be removed:

<https://tinyurl.com/y3hah6ns>

- 3) Write to the following people to let them know how the road closures have affected you:
 - **Keith Ferry** (Labour Councillor Greenhill): keith.ferry@harrow.gov.uk
 - **Ghazanfar Ali** (Labour Councillor Greenhill): ghazanfar.ali@harrow.gov.uk
 - **Sue Anderson** (Labour Councillor Greenhill): sue.anderson@harrow.gov.uk
 - **Graham Henson** (Leader Harrow Council): graham.henson@harrow.gov.uk
 - **Paul Walker** (Traffic and Road Safety Advisory Panel): paul.walker@harrow.gov.uk
 - **David Eaglesham** (Traffic & Highway Network): david.eaglesham@harrow.gov.uk
 - **Gareth Thomas** (MP Harrow West): gareth.thomas.mp@parliament.uk
 - **Varsha Parmar** (Environment Portfolio Holder): varsha.parmar@harrow.gov.uk

If you have any questions then please feel free to send an email to:
removeharrowroadblocks@gmail.com

Thank you for your cooperation.

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