
QUESTION NO. 7 – CLOSURE OF HARWOOD TERRACE

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To: Councillor Wesley Harcourt, Cabinet Member for the Environment

Question:

“LBHF Council has sought public consultations as “best practice” in experimental traffic orders in other road closures in the area; for example, most recently regarding Perrymead/Studdridge/Rycroft Streets. As a local resident, I received notification of this and was able to submit comments at the time. Unusually, the Harwood Terrace experimental traffic order only consulted 40 Harwood Terrace addresses -- in short, primarily those standing to benefit directly from such a closure. This restricted consultation resulted in 60-40% rejection of the closure proposition. Nonetheless, the Council took the radical action of closing the street thereby causing major traffic disruption in this previously relatively quiet and manageable area.

Shouldn't the Council have followed a similar best practices strategy in the Harwood Terrace experimental traffic order by at least consulting those residents living in the area most directly affected on Bagleys Lane, Acfold Road, Bovingdon, Cresford and Maltings Place? These streets are most severely and directly impacted by this experimental closure as they are sandwiched between the now bottle-necked egresses of Wandsworth Bridge Road/Imperial Road/New Kings Road. I ask this question especially in light of the rejection of the original “informal” consultation?”