



COUNCIL MEETING – 5 JULY 2018

PETITION DEBATE

Motion to debate the petition: Reduce traffic on new Islington Quietway

Motion moved by: Councillor Claudia Webbe, Executive Member for Environment & Transport
Motion seconded by: Councillor Rowena Champion, Chair of the Environment & Regeneration
Scrutiny Committee

This Council notes that:

- In October 2014 this Council agreed to introduce measures to encourage members of the public to actively participate in Full Council meetings, including allowing questions without notice to be asked of members of the Executive and the Chairs of Scrutiny committees, making it easier for members of the public to set up petitions by introducing e-petitions, and allowing a debate at an ordinary meeting of full Council if a petition attracts 2,000 signatures or more.
- A petition was received at the Council meeting on 22 February 2018 which had over 2,000 signatures.

This Council resolves to:

- Continue to encourage residents to participate in local democracy by carefully considering the concerns raised in the petition and to undertake the debate in a spirit of openness and transparency.

The text of the petition is set out overleaf.

Petition received at the 22 February 2018 meeting of the Council

Reduce traffic on new Islington Quietway

Islington has secured money from TfL to build a cycling Quietway from Finsbury Park to Clerkenwell. The route is quieter than Holloway Road, but it is still heavily used by through traffic. We want the council to trial removing the majority of traffic from this route by only providing local access. After a 6-month trial and comprehensive traffic counts before and during, the council can make an informed decision about the proposal.

This is a great opportunity for cycling money to be used to benefit local communities. Installing traffic filters at strategic points on Westbourne Road, Thornhill Road, Gillespie Road and Amwell Street will reduce pollution and traffic noise for those living and working here. At the same time, it will create a truly "Quiet" route north to south through Islington. Everyone from school children to pensioners will be able to walk, scoot, and cycle here in comfort and safety.