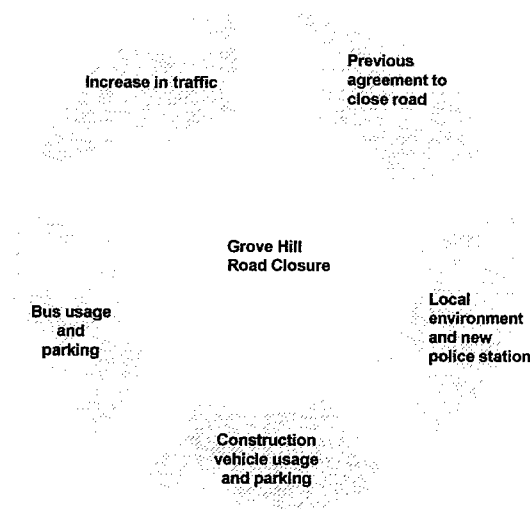


The Council of the London Borough of Harrow

Dear Harrow Council,

Please find attached a petition for the permanent closure of one end of Grove Hill Road in Harrow (HA1). The residents and businesses located on Grove Hill Road, supported by local councillors and following consultations with Harrow Police would like to close one end of Grove Hill Road to traffic. We would like pedestrian access to remain.

The reasons for closure are highlighted below and described in detail further on:



Why do the residents and businesses on Grove Hill Road want to close one end of the road?

1. **Increase in traffic.** The road has experienced an increase in traffic in recent years due to local constructions such as Platinum House. There are also other large developments either in construction or currently in planning. These include Gayton Road, Neptune Point, Harrow College, the old Post Office in Harrow Town Centre and Lowlands Recreation Ground. The increase in noise and pollution levels is of particular concern.

2. **Bus usage and parking.** There has been an increase in usage of Grove Hill Road by double-decker buses both for “on-diversion” and as a general short-cut. Buses are also parking on the road. This is particularly annoying as they tend to leave their engines running.
3. **Construction vehicle usage and parking.** Large construction vehicles are often using Grove Hill Road and also parking on the road. Several incidents have occurred recently with construction firms performing works on Peterborough Road parking their Lorries on Grove Hill Road blocking the driveways of residents.

Given the current plans for Central Harrow, Harrow College and Lowlands Recreation Ground, we anticipate that usage by large construction vehicles will increase massively in the next few years.

4. **Local environment and new police station.** The area around Central Harrow is currently rather congested. There is also a new 24/7 police station directly opposite Grove Hill Road and the old Gayton Road library is due to house several hundred new residents in the near future. Additional construction at Neptune Point, Harrow College, the old post office and Lowlands Recreation Ground will increase significantly the congestion on Grove Hill Road.
5. **Previous agreement to close road.** Harrow Council previously agreed to close the Peterborough Road end of Grove Hill Road. Council records will show this and some residents remember the agreement from some years ago. It was stopped due to one resident not agreeing to the closure for personal reasons.

What possible objections can there be to closing the road?

1. Traffic turning right from Lowlands Road into Peterborough Road. Although this turning is allowed, some cars prefer to use Grove Hill Road to avoid waiting at the traffic lights on Lowlands Road.
2. Cars performing u-turns and driving the wrong-way down Grove Hill Road (in violation of traffic laws as it's a one-way road).

Following discussions with the council we do not expect objections from the emergency services for access to the town centre because this part of Peterborough

Road is more than 4 double-decker buses wide. Inspector Stuart Ward from Greenhill Police Station on Peterborough Road has been consulted on the road closure.

Which end of Grove Hill Road?

There is consensus that the Peterborough Road end of Grove Hill Road should be closed.

How should the road be closed?

The consensus among residents, businesses and councillors is for banks of trees to be used to close the road. This will achieve the following:

1. Green-up a dull entrance to Harrow town centre.
2. Help Central Harrow achieve Mayor Boris Johnson's targets of a greener-London and his tree planting targets. (reference "Leading to a greener London: <http://www.london.gov.uk/mayor/publications/2009/docs/leading-greener-london-300709.pdf>).

Regards,

The residents and businesses of Grove Hill Road, HA1.

Cc: Narinder Mudhar, Local Councillor.

Cc: Rt Hon. Tony McNulty. Harrow East MP. House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA.

Cc: Rachel Joyce. Conservative Parliamentary Candidate, 10 Village Way Pinner, Middlesex, HA5 5AF.

Cc: Boris Johnson. Mayor of London, Greater London Authority, City Hall, The Queen's Walk, More London, London SE1 2AA.

Cc: Kulveer Ranger. Greater London Authority Director for Transport Policy, City Hall, The Queen's Walk, More London, London SE1 2AA.

Grove Hill Road Residents Association

The attached petition is for the closing of one end of Grove Hill Road, HA1.

Name	House No.	Date	Signature