

WANDSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL – 16th JULY 2025

ITEM 16

Motion, notice of which has been given by Councillor Brooks and Councillor Jeffreys in pursuance of Standing Order No. 22

Putney Traffic Chaos and Congestion

This Council notes the chaos and congestion on Putney's roads and the growing anger of local residents following the Administration's changes to the junction by Putney Bridge. The daily gridlock around on Lower Richmond Road, Putney Bridge Road and Putney High Street is not an accident—it is the direct result of a series of political failures at every level of Labour government.

This Labour-run Administration imposed damaging road layout changes at Putney Bridge without commissioning an updated traffic study. These changes were introduced after the closure of Hammersmith Bridge—controlled by Labour-run Hammersmith and Fulham—and yet the Administration relied on outdated modelling, misleading both the public and the Council's committees. The Administration then ignored residents who immediately saw the error and degree of harm. Predictably, traffic has worsened dramatically, choking Putney and impacting drivers, cyclists and bus users.

Instead of standing up for Wandsworth, Labour councillors have stood by while their colleagues in Hammersmith and Fulham closed off surrounding residential roads to through traffic, funnelling even more vehicles into Putney. The Labour Mayor of London has offered no support. The Labour Government has stayed silent. Meanwhile, residents sit in traffic and pollution rises.

This Council, therefore:

- acknowledges that the changes to the road layout around Putney Bridge were a mistake and that they should be reversed immediately;
- demands the publication of all up-to-date NO₂ data including the latest readings from 2025;

- calls on the Mayor of London, the Secretary of State for Transport and Hammersmith and Fulham Council to urgently prioritise and fund the full reopening of Hammersmith Bridge;
- opposes further road closures in neighbouring boroughs that worsen congestion for Wandsworth residents; and
- demands that the Administration commits to a transport and environmental policy that is transparent, evidence-based, and genuinely in the interests of residents—not shaped by political convenience or Labour’s party loyalties.

This Administration cannot continue to deny what residents know all too well: Putney is paralysed, pollution is surely rising, and Labour have failed. It is time to put residents first.

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