

We are a group of residents from the Hilltop area:
The Drive, Seaford Rd, Howard Rd,
Falmer Rd, Hurst Rd and Rectory Rd.

We believe calmer streets would make our area healthier and better for everyone, and we want plans developed by and for our community that we can *all* get behind.



What We Want

- Safer streets for everyone - the elderly, children & disabled.
- Access for emergency vehicles - we propose lockable bollards at each 'filter'.
- A trial period so the design can be adapted if necessary.
- A new small park in the area for all the community to use.

What We're Asking You to Do

- Walk along nearby streets that have been closed to outsider traffic (like Browns, Byron, Milton, Aubrey and Tower Hamlets) and ask yourself if they are worse or better to live on than before.
- Think about what changes you'd like so we can discuss it when we knock on your door.
- Go to hilltop-community.org to add your name to our list of supporters or share ideas.
- Ensure you make your voice heard by filling in the 2017 consultation document when it arrives, and returning it before the deadline.

What Your Neighbours Think



**Katie,
Hurst Rd**

"I've seen road improvements across Walthamstow and I'd love our neighbourhood to be included. There's an increase in traffic using our roads as a rat run since other road closures have been in place."



**Liz,
Falmer Rd**

"Right now we have the worst of both worlds – the downsides of mini-Holland on surrounding streets without the benefit of it on ours! Making one extra turn to drive to my house would be a small price to pay for a safer, quieter street to live in."



**Claire,
Howard Rd**

"I want my children to have the independence I had at their age. Our 11-year old walks short distances on her own, but crossing our own road is dangerous as cars travel very fast. I'm also concerned about pollution and our children's health: our middle child suffers from asthma, and I want our new baby's lungs to get the best possible start."

There are a lot more supporters than you might realise! See them on our website

What is Mini Holland?

It's a scheme to remove traffic on residential streets, making it safer for walking and cycling. You still have full access to your road and can park close to your house. Access to essential services are still maintained.

How does it work?

Cul-de-sacs are created by installing bollards at one end of the road. People can still walk and cycle through them, and you can still access your road by vehicle at any time from the other end - but non-residents cannot use them to cut through.

How does it affect residents?

If you travel by car, you may need to drive one extra turn to enter or exit your road. If you walk or cycle there will be no change to how you get about.

Consultation 2017

In 2015, Hilltop residents narrowly voted against traffic calming for our streets. Unfortunately, every other residential area from Blackhorse Road to Wood Street voted to close their streets to through traffic. As a result our streets have become busier, while all around us we can see quieter, safer streets with small parks and community spaces for people to enjoy.

We understand that not everyone feels positive about Mini Holland, so all we ask is for you to stop for a moment the next time you are visiting local streets. Browns, Byron, Milton, Aubrey and Tower Hamlets Roads have all been closed to through traffic, and they are a short distance from us. Have a look around and ask – would less traffic be a bad thing? Can you see any of the things you are concerned about? And with our streets being the only ones still open, where will all the traffic go that used to travel through these streets? You will probably have already noticed an increase in traffic since Aubrey Road has been closed to through traffic. Will more traffic have a good or bad impact on our roads and community?

In early 2017 we will have another chance to give input about the kind of community we want to live in. The Mini Holland scheme is being extended along Forest Road, and the situation on adjoining streets can be revisited as part of this. We have an opportunity to propose a plan to the council that we would like, and would work for us. We welcome suggestions to how you think the changes would work best. The council ARE prepared to listen to our ideas.



Grove Road: a model for Hilltop?

BEFORE

Grove Road used to be very busy, with frequent accidents involving vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists.



AFTER

Now it's a relaxing place where you can enjoy visiting the cafe or shops. Residents in the area can still drive home and park at their front door, deliveries can still be made, refuse collections and anything else that happens on a residential street still go on as normal - just without the noisy and often dangerous traffic from people who don't live there.

What are Hilltop Community proposing for our area?

1. A trial period before any road changes are put in place. Only then will we know what has worked, what hasn't and what needs tweaking. A trial should give us an idea of what living on a traffic calmed street is like.
2. Lockable bollards for all our 'filters', which would probably be where Rectory Rd and Howard Rd meet Church Hill. We would prefer to have wooden, removable bollards installed rather than the fixed metal type. This would mean emergency services would be able to unlock the bollards and access our roads quickly in times of emergency.
3. A small park at the junction of The Drive and Church Hill. It would be immediately next to the block of flats on The Drive, providing outdoor space for those who don't have access to a garden.
4. What else? You tell us! It's up to us to put forward a plan that's right for our area.

Have your say and help improve our neighbourhood
at hilltop-community.org

