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Sent by email to: [mayor@hackney.gov.uk](mailto:mayor@hackney.gov.uk)

CC: Sadiq Khan, Mayor of London

Dear Mayor Glanville,

### **Proposed Road Closures in Stamford Hill**

I am writing to you having received messages of acute concern from the Jewish community in Stamford Hill, regarding plans to close certain roads for periods of the day during the school week.

While there is widespread sympathy for the overall aims of the project, to create safer streets for local schoolchildren and to improve the air quality of the local area, you will be aware of numerous concerns relating to the proposals. These include, but are not limited to, likely negative impacts on equality for older and disabled residents, as well as access for Hatzola emergency vehicles; school transport for local residents; access to places of worship, particularly for elderly or disabled residents; and local journey times.

There is particular concern at the speed with which these proposals are being introduced, without sufficient consideration being given to other alternatives that may achieve some or all of the desired objectives, whilst mitigating or eliminating the negative impact of the current proposals. We have seen correspondence from council officials suggesting that the scheme be imposed and its impacts then be considered. We regard this as the wrong way around and as a recipe for chaos.

We would urge the Council to engage in proper consultation on this *before* the proposals go live, so that the proposals that eventually go forward can command the support of local residents; minimise inequalities and other negative impacts; and deliver the positive changes you are rightly seeking.

Given the alarm that this process has caused, we would also call on you to hold a public meeting so that you can hear, respond to and act on the concerns of local residents.

Given the wide spread interest in this issue within our community I will be publishing this letter.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,



**Marie van der Zyl**  
President