

# Petition Delivered: 1,241 Residents Call on Brent to Withdraw the Kingswood–Salusbury ETO Scheme

## Full Text: Sanjay Nazerali's Cabinet Speech

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*"I respect how busy Cabinet is, so I'm very grateful for your time this morning.*

*My name is Sanjay Azim Nazerali and the petition I'm representing is a direct successor to the one brought here a year ago by Alastair Balfour. This is part 2, if you like. His included the ETOs between Kingswood Avenue and Salusbury Road, while this one focuses exclusively on them.*

*I'll make two brief points today.*

*First, these ETOs have created deep and lasting division in our community. They've created a two-tier ward in which the relief enjoyed by a few has created a commensurate level of pain for their neighbours. The ETOs aren't just about traffic; they're also about community cohesion. The fact that I am here, with a similar petition, and similarly high numbers as Alastair Balfour a year ago shows that this thorn in our side is not going away.*

*Second, petitioners do not believe that Brent has listened to this pain. A report was published about Queens Park Healthy Neighbourhoods and it stated that the 1400 previous petitioners "welcomed the scheme". That is factually untrue, so a formal complaint was made, seeking amendment. I hope that Cabinet will be as shocked as I was to discover that the officer appointed to investigate the complained-about report was... the officer who wrote the complained-about report. Apart from being highly irregular governance, that also falls foul of Brent's own published complaints policy.*

*Throughout this year, the community has hoped that, if not officers, then our Queens Park Ward Cllrs might listen to this growing dismay. But when asked by many people to answer a simple question: "do you believe your constituents' views were fairly represented in the report?", there was no response from them. Cllr Butt, you know this as I've had to escalate the non-response to you. In fact, when asked to take notice of 1400 petitioners' sentiments, one Cllr's response was, I quote, "well to be fair, there's a strong sentiment held by about 20-30 people". That's quite belittling.*

*In summary, we now have a socially regressive policy that has created division and that has eroded trust in the Council's commitment to transparency.*

*What over 2000 individual petitioners seek is this: cancel this divisive and unfair ETO and develop more holistic solutions to benefit the many, not the few.*

*I thank you again for your time and I hope that actions will now arise to restore trust in the Council and to heal our community."*