

PETITION:

Call on Waltham Forest Council to halt their plans to close Hale End Library and move it to smaller rented premises in Signal Walk.

Hale End Library in Highams Park is under threat.

Waltham Forest Council is considering shutting down our library. It plans to build housing on the existing site, and to provide a much smaller library in units which it will rent from Tesco. The Council argue that the Tesco development will be a better location and that a new library will be better designed.

However, the cost of renting units from Tesco will be extremely high and Waltham Forest Council will have a break clause in the lease which means that the library could cease to exist at all in short to medium term.

Therefore, if you believe in the huge importance of libraries within communities it is imperative to save the library we have.

Hale End library at the junction of Castle Avenue and The Avenue, the last civic building in Highams Park, is a unique community asset and it would be a devastating blow to the local community to lose it. We believe that our existing library which was fully refurbished in 2007 is incredibly well designed to serve the community as it is. We, the community, know that the existing location is at the heart of the Highams Park community and that the heart of our community is NOT in a unit on the Tesco development. We do not believe that moving it to a new site is viable in the long term or of any benefit to the community.

If you want to know more about Waltham Forest Council's plans and our community response to those plans please visit here <http://highamsparkplan.org/>

And if you want to call on Waltham Forest Council to **halt their plans to close Hale End Library and move it to smaller rented premises in Signal Walk**, please sign our petition before it's too late.

Petition signatures must be returned to 14 St Leonards Avenue, E4 9QX (off Handsworth Avenue) please return by 11pm Sunday 10th July

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The Highams Park Planning Group will hold your information only in respect of this campaign and will not share it with anybody else. If you do not want to be contacted, please e-mail

highamparkplan@gmail.com to have your data removed.

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