

## **Petition – Save Havers Shops from closure**

Our local shops are not just a place to purchase goods; they are the heartbeat of our community. Havers Shops provide a place for local people to gather, connect, and support each other. These shops are woven into the fabric of our daily lives, providing convenience and a personal touch that large chain stores simply cannot match. Many of us rely on these shops for our everyday needs, from fresh groceries to essential services.

However, our beloved Havers Shops are facing the threat of closure due to rising rents and increasing competition from large retail chains. This is not just the loss of a business - it's the loss of a central part of our community and the livelihoods of the people who work there. These shops employ many locals, offering them jobs, flexibility, and a sense of purpose.

Statistics show that every £ spent at a local independent business returns more money to the community than spending at a national chain. Supporting Havers Shops means preserving not only jobs but also the unique character and economic vibrancy of our neighbourhood.

We call on our local government and community stakeholders to take definitive action to protect our local businesses. This can include offering tax incentives to local business owners, reducing rental rates, and promoting community initiatives that encourage shopping locally.

Ensuring the survival of Havers Shops means preserving a way of life that values community, sustainability, and local identity. Please help us protect our local shopkeepers, maintain our neighbourhood's charm, and continue to support the people who reside and work here by signing this petition.

Together, we can make a difference and ensure that Havers Shops continue to be a vital part of our community for generations to come. Let's show that we value local over corporate and people over profits.

Not to mention the strain on our roads if those who can will need to rely on their cars to travel to further shops.

This ePetition was started in June 2025 and is still open on the change.org website. As of 15 July 2025, 724 people had signed the petition.