

Sheffield

Now the Government wants to trash your Referendum vote !

Take action -
write to your MP!



Sheffield can't go back!

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GOING AGAINST THE WILL OF SHEFFIELD VOTERS – we cannot go back!

WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT?

In May 2021 our city held an historic referendum – we chose to get rid of the undemocratic ‘strong leader’ system of decision-making in our council. A system that had dramatically failed us.

Citizen action and communities working together won the legal right to have a referendum where all voters in Sheffield decided how our council must work. Sheffield is the only city to have done this.

We decided by 65% to 35% to change to a more democratic modern ‘Committee System’ where all our councillors have a say, not just the chosen few.

Now the Government wants to overturn the will of Sheffield people and scrap our clear referendum result.

ARE YOU SERIOUS?!

Yes! In law, we were promised at least ten years of our council working under the committee system, and, at the end of that time, another city-wide referendum would be required to make any changes.

But now the government wants to force Sheffield back to the exact same top-down ‘strong leader’ system that Sheffield resoundingly rejected.

SO HOW CAN THE GOVERNMENT DO THAT?

They’re going to change the law! They’re going to IGNORE our result and force our council to go back - to precisely what we rejected.

SO HOW DO WE STOP THE GOVERNMENT OVERTURNING OUR DECISION?

Firstly, we need EVERYONE to write to their MP - to tell them that the will of Sheffield people must be respected, and our referendum vote must stand - just as we were promised in law. Tell your family, friends, neighbours to write too! It is MPs and Lords who will decide this time, not us, not our councillors (though it wouldn’t hurt to tell them your thoughts too!).

WE CANNOT GO BACK!

If we don’t take action and make our voices heard AGAIN then Sheffield’s democratic rights WILL be ignored and our referendum vote WILL be overturned.



**To find out more on what we can do to stop
the government’s plan to overturn
Sheffield’s democratic decision, visit:
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