

Rumours abounding of more protests tonight.

Rumours have been flying about for 48 hours of potential demonstrations tonight. A list of 30 towns found its way on line, giving addresses of either the local Immigration bureaux, offices, or Immigration solicitors as the focus of mass protests at around 7pm/8pm this evening. By teatime tonight the Telegraph was talking of 100 such protests. The 'list' is generally believed to be a hoax or some kind of wind up.



**REFUGEES
WELCOME
STOP THE FAR RIGHT
WEDNESDAY 7 AUGUST**
**7pm Waltham Forest
Immigration Bureau (opposite
McDonalds), 187 Hoe St. E17 3AP**

STAND UP TO RACISM

However Stand Up to Racism and the other usual suspects are taking the "threat" seriously enough to form counter rallies and to panic local people into going home early in taxis and cancel any evening activity.

I can't follow every town named. I have concentrated on the east London borough where I grew up, the now heavily Islamised Waltham Forest, in particular Walthamstow. I didn't even know the address left, a lawyer specialising in immigration

matters until I saw this. When I was a kid the site that is now McDonalds was a J Lyons Tea Room and very nice it was too.

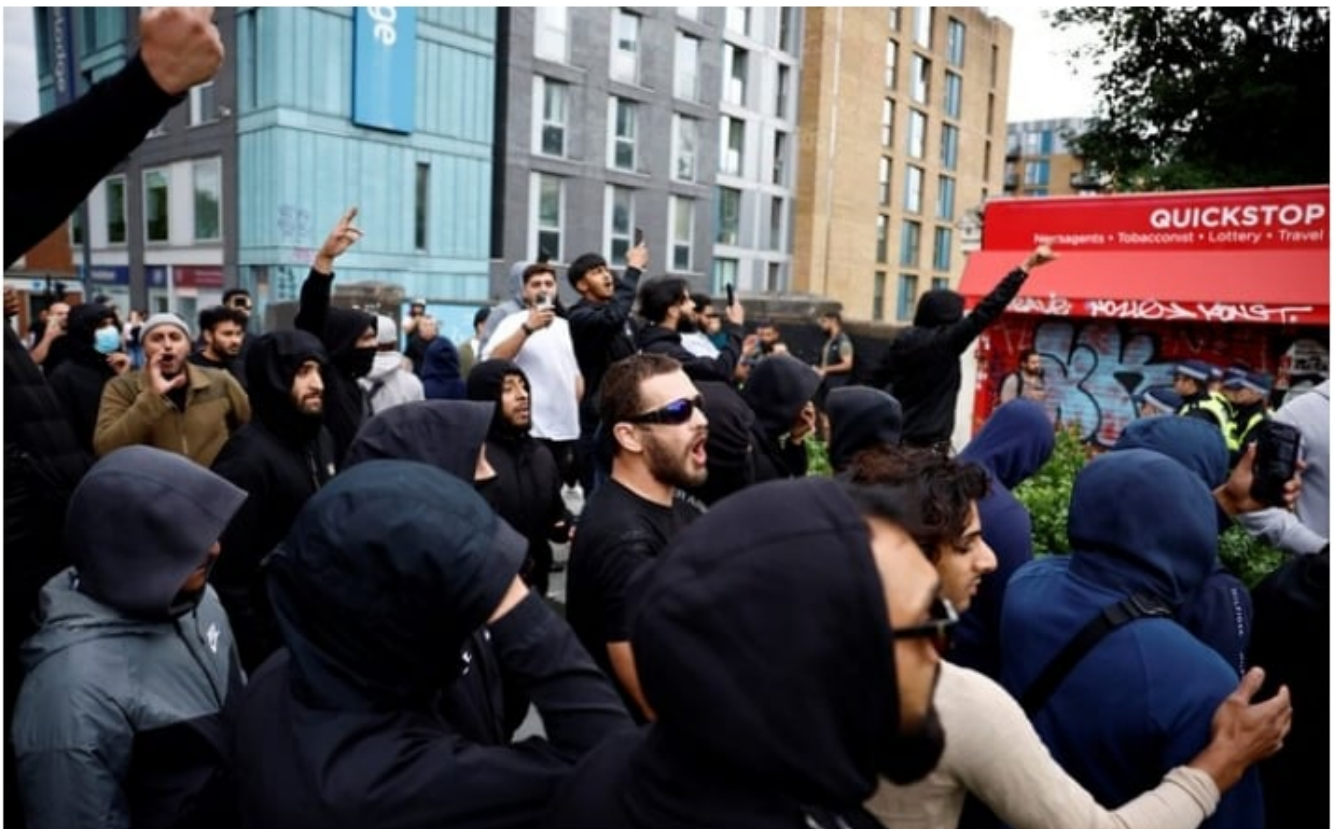
The EDL has not existed in any street form since 2017 but in [2012 I wrote this](#) ahead of the first EDL demo in that district. The photographs no longer download but you'll get the gist of the conditions.

Anyway, the [Telegraph has a report](#) of the preparations to defend Awesomestow, as the [MP Stella Creasy](#) and her acolytes call it (and elsewhere).

6:06PM

Pictured: Group of residents chant 'Allahu Akbar'

A group of people chanted "Allahu Akbar [God is Greatest]" at a counter-gathering ahead of an anti-immigration protest called by far-Right activists, outside the Waltham Forest Immigration Bureau offices in Walthamstow.



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and later.



Police officers disperse a group of residents chanting 'Allahu Akbar' | CREDIT: BENJAMIN CREMEL/AFP

Walthamstow is subject to a very [wide dispersal order today until 4am tomorrow](#) morning; it covers my old schools, my old home and my parent's grave.

[Dave Hill](#) writes about London's politics. He used to write for the Guardian. Maybe he still does.



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Pavements now full on both sides of street here in Walthamstow. Every teeny, tiny ultra left group minutely represented. Several Palestine flags and a burst of chanting. Police very adeptly getting the few young men wearing them to remove masks. Much waiting. Much vaping,





It's a cloudy but dry evening – some fresh air will do them good.