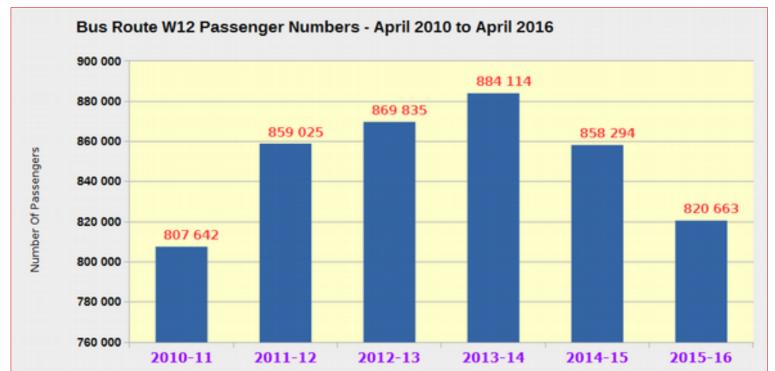


The Rise & Fall Of The W12

In the years before the introduction of Walthamstow's Mini-Holland scheme passenger numbers were rising on the W12.

They reached a peak of 884,114 in 2013-14. Two years on, 63,451 passengers have ditched the service. A drop of almost 7.2%



The principal cause of passenger loss is unreliability, shown by:

- ***** Extended journey times ***** Buses bunching together
- ***** Wide gaps in the service
- **X** Journeys shortened, missing out the ends of the route

Transport For London (TfL) confirmed that reliability on the W12 suffers due to congestion caused by the Mini-Holland road closures. To counter reliability issues, TfL added an extra vehicle to the route in an attempt to maintain the current timetable.

A more frequent, reliable, free-flowing service is needed to restore the fortunes of the only bus serving Walthamstow Village, Coppermill Lane and Snaresbrook Road.

