

COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 17th DECEMBER 2008

DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5

**REPORT OF THE SERVICE HEAD,
DEMOCRATIC SERVICES**

SUMMARY

1. The Council's constitution provides that a maximum of three deputations and three petitions are received at any meeting. These are taken in the order of receipt. This report sets out the deputations and petitions submitted by members of the public for presentation at Council on 17th December 2008.
2. Members will note that the report includes the maximum three petitions for the meeting. At the time of agenda despatch no deputation requests had been received. The final deadline for requests is noon on Thursday 11th December and any further deputations received before that date will be circulated to Members prior to the meeting.
3. In each case the members of the deputation/petitioners may address the meeting for no more than five minutes. Members may then question the deputation/petitioners for a further five minutes. The relevant Lead Member or Chair of Committee may then respond to the deputation or petition for up to three minutes.
4. Any outstanding issues will be referred to the relevant Corporate Director for attention who will respond to those outstanding issues in writing within 28 days.
5. Members should confine their contributions to questions and answers and not make statements or attempt to debate.

5.1 DEPUTATIONS

At the time of agenda despatch, no requests for a deputation to the Council Meeting had been received.

5.2 PETITIONS

Three petitions have been received as set out below:-

5.2.1 Petition from Pat O’Riordan and others regarding land south of Rainhill Way

“We the undersigned object to the flagrant disregard shown by Swan Housing Group to the Secretary of State’s decision to return the land south of Rainhill Way back to its original condition. We object to Tower Hamlets Planning Department turning a blind eye to this. We demand that Swan Housing return the land to open green space and give binding assurances that the land will remain so permanently for the enjoyment of all our children and indeed our children’s children.”

5.2.2 Petition from the Khoodeelaar! Campaign regarding Crossrail

“We the undersigned electors, residents, traders and work and community and socially-related daily and regular visitors of the area known as the London Borough of Tower Hamlets support this formal petition organised by the Khoodeelaar! Campaign as per the constitutional rights of the community – against the planned Crossrail holes and other implied and foreseeable attacks on the East End of London – to the ‘local’ Tower Hamlets Borough Council for that Council’s formal decision-making at and via the scheduled ‘meeting of the full council’ on 17 December 2008. We support ALL the written and other communicated questions, queries, demands and representations as made to Tower Hamlets Council by KHOODEELAR! And we support the latest updated contents and implications and demands of the same campaign as made to all the relevant employees, officers and members of the said Tower Hamlets Council between January 2004 and now, November 2008. We oppose the Crossrail holes. We oppose the Tower Hamlets Council’s role in backing the Crossrail holes plan and other planned attacks and policies. We call on Tower hamlets Council to drop their backing of the poverty-creating, discrimination- perpetuating, uneconomic Crossrail hole plot, plan and scheme.”

5.2.3 Petition from London Muslim Heritage Centre (LMHC) and others regarding a Mosque and community centre at 73 Bishops Way, E2.

“We the undersigned support the London Muslim Heritage Centre’s (LMHC) initiative to establish a Mosque and community centre at 73 Bishops Way (former St James LHO), London E2. We understand there are ongoing negotiations with the Council over the potential acquisition of this building and we the undersigned support the organisation’s approach.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the LMHC for obtaining these premises for temporary usage during the month of Ramadan from the LBTH. This has been tremendously helpful for the local Muslim Community of this area, especially for the elderly, women and young people to utilize this local facility during the blessed month of Ramadan.”