

COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 27TH JANUARY 2010

PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5

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

SUMMARY

1. The Council's constitution provides that a maximum of six deputations and petitions in total are received at any meeting. These are taken in order of receipt within each category. This report sets out the valid petitions and deputations so far submitted by members of the public for presentation at the Council meeting on Wednesday 27th January 2010.
2. The deadline for receipt of deputations and petitions for this meeting is noon on Thursday 21st January 2010. Details of any further deputations or petitions received before the deadline will be tabled at the meeting.
3. In each case the members of the deputation/petitioners may address the meeting for no more than three minutes. Members may then question the deputation/petitioners for a further three 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 PETITIONS

Two petitions have been received at the time of printing as set out below:-

5.1.1 Petition from Ms Carol Smith and Mr. Ashab Ahmed and others regarding the development proposals in Broomfield Street known as Site A:

“We, the undersigned residents of the Broomfield Street and surrounding area, wish to object to some of the development proposals for the area from Poplar Harca, specifically the proposals on the area known as site A in Broomfield Street which would involve the construction of three five bedroom homes. We believe these will be detrimental to the amenity for the following reasons: a) they will make an already overcrowded area more overcrowded; b) they will adversely block the view of existing homes opposite this site; c) they will mean that car parking will become an even bigger problem than it already is as there is very limited parking space in this area; d) with an increase in the number of residents, noise problems, already quite acute, will increase. For these reasons we believe that Poplar Harca should abandon the current plans for site A development.”

5.1.2 Petition from Ms. Selda Bicer and others re: the withdrawal of parking permits at 38 & 40 Horseferry Road and 53 Narrow Street :

“We the undersigned hereby request that this petition is accepted on behalf of all the residents at Horseferry Road and Narrow Street.

Resident permits/scratch cards have been issued to the residents of Horseferry Road since December 2020 and subsequently every year thereafter. In September 2009, a resident went to purchase a new permit and was told that ‘Horseferry Road’ is now a ‘car free zone’. No resident or leaseholder ever signed up to a car free development and no documentation was ever issued. There has never been or isn’t any mention of a car free zone within any tenancy agreement or leaseholders agreement.

We the residents request that the permits/scratch cards to be re-instated.”

5.2 DEPUTATIONS

Two deputations have been received at the time of printing as set out below:-

5.2.1 Deputation from Mrs. Gloria Thienel and others regarding East End Homes Leaseholders & Freeholders Association (Motion 11.4 refers)

“The Tower Hamlets residents whose names, addresses and signatures appear below, request that a deputation be heard at the full Council meeting on 27th January 2010.

The deputation will ask Members to press for full recognition of East End Homes Leaseholders & Freeholders Association by East End Homes Ltd.

A motion has been put by Councillor Tim Archer, Conservative Councillor for Blackwall and Cubitt Town, as follows:

This Council notes:

- The increasing dissatisfaction being registered by leaseholders and freeholders of East End Homes
- The formation of the borough-wide East End Homes Leaseholders and Freeholders Association.
- That East End Homes have refused to recognise this important group of leaseholders

This Council believes:

- That leaseholders need to be treated fairly and equitably, as demonstrated by the Council’s own Independent Audit of Leaseholder Service Charges, and its ongoing commitment to the dispute resolution process.

This Council resolves to:

- Encourage in the strongest possible way East End Homes to recognise the East End Homes Leaseholders and Freeholders Association and to commit to working positively with them to resolve leaseholder issues.”

5.2.2 Deputation from Mr. Mahbub (Mamun) Alam and others regarding Pitsea Estate youth facilities (Motion 11.11 refers)

“We, the undersigned residents of the Pitsea Estate and vicinity, would like the council to establish appropriate facilities for young people, in particular by offering them a location indoors in which they can engage in constructive activities and schemes. We believe this will help keep young people off the streets and out of trouble and will provide positive alternatives. Currently there are three arches in Lipton Road that are disused or under-used. We believe a portakabin in one of these arches would be a good way to both

utilise the unused space and provide a location for a youth club. Lukin Street residents have a youth club like this and it is doing very well. Pitsea Estate has a large number of young people living there who would benefit from the initiative suggested.”