

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 2011

PETITIONS

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

SUMMARY

1. The Council's constitution as amended provides that a maximum of three petitions are received at any meeting. These are taken in order of receipt. This report sets out the valid petitions submitted for presentation at the Council meeting on Tuesday 29th November 2011.
2. The deadline for receipt of petitions for this meeting is noon on Wednesday 23rd November 2011. However, at the time of agenda despatch three petitions had been received as set out overleaf which is the maximum number to be heard.
3. In each case the petitioners may address the meeting for no more than three minutes. Members may then question the petitioners for a further four minutes. Finally, the relevant Cabinet Member or Chair of Committee may respond to the 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 Petition on behalf of the White Swan, Commercial Road, E1 regarding the Sex Establishments Policy:

“We, the undersigned, note that Mayor Lutfur Rahman and Tower Hamlets Council, is committed to equality for the gay, lesbian and transgender community and that this should extend beyond mere publicity, but to actively opposing discrimination.

The White Swan, Commercial Road, E1 caters for the gay community. It has been under the same management for twenty six years. There is no prostitution or exploitation on the premises and there has never been any complaint about the White Swan by residents, police or the licensing authorities.

We are therefore surprised and shocked that a venue which has an international reputation is being targeted for closure by the Council as a so-called “sex” establishment.

We call on the Council to prove its commitment to equality and exclude the White Swan from this discriminatory policy.”

5.2 Petition from Mr Mark Taylor, Ms Brenda Daily and others regarding the “Save Mother Levy’s” campaign:

“We the undersigned petitioners ask Peabody to keep and convert the front parts of 22 & 24 Underwood Road as a small but important remnant of the former Jewish Maternity Hospital and as a memorial to the pioneering achievements of Alice Model MBE.”

5.3 Petition from residents of Lanrick Road regarding transport and satellite:

“We are the residents of Tower Hamlets borough, we all live in Lanrick Road, Poplar Harca Housing and you will be pleased to hear that we are very happy with Harca. But there is two things which make all of us trouble – one of those is transport (in and out) and another is satellite.

1. Road

We don’t have any out going road that’s why we have to go by Canning Town station and come back even if we want to go to Portree Street from Lanrick Road (Portree St is our side road of the buildings). The road we have, it has been blocked by Poplar harca, its make us trouble every single day. Because we have a few situation here some of us have elderly, mental health problem, physically disabled people, Asthma patient, school children, all of us have private car, school bus and day centre bus. The problem is if they enter by Lanrick Road then they have to get out by Lanrick Road following Canning Town then they have to come to Abbott Road, but if we have the Portree Street road open then we don’t need to do that much trouble, but if you think

you can make it as a gate system for security we are agree with it, then you can give all of us a key & whenever we use it we open it & when we don't use we will lock it. We just want this road to be open. Please help us.

2. Satellite

We don't have good reception in our antenna, it does not fixed/fitted properly. We can't see all free channel, some of them come and some of them does not come.

We are facing this problem since we moved in are here, we informed it to housing officer so many times but engineer came and told us to change the wire and few of us change it three times but there is no change still same problem we are facing.

At last we want to say that please solve our problem and make our life easier.”