

Meeting of the

Tower Hamlets Council

Tabled Papers

Wednesday, 16 November 2022 at 7.00 p.m.

VENUE

Council Chamber, 1st Floor,
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Council



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Agenda Item 7

LABOUR GROUP AMENDMENT TO THE ADMINISTRATION MOTION FOR DEBATE – MOTION ON EDUCATION

Proposed by: Cllr Sabina Akhtar

Seconded by: Cllr Sirajul Islam

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This Council notes:

- That education is something that has always been close to the heart of ~~the current Mayor's~~ everyone's vision for Tower Hamlets, since entering public office, and serves as the bedrock for thousands to progress and escape poverty.
- That during his previous term, the current Mayor introduced free school meals for all primary school children from an initiative spearheaded by the Labour Group at the time; introduced the Mayor's Education Maintenance Allowance; introduced the Mayor's University Bursary; invested millions in extracurricular youth services; and continued and enhanced a community language scheme to promote second language skills across the Borough's communities. Several new schools were also built, including St Paul's Way and Bow School, and countless others were improved as part of the Mayor's £380million Building Schools for the Future programme.
- That Tower Hamlets ~~had~~ has some of the best urban schools in the world due to a strong partnership between school staff, pupils, parents and the Council under the previous Labour administration ~~Mayor's last administration~~, with wholesale refurbishment, expansion and rebuilding taking place.
- ~~That despite this historic investment and prioritisation of education in Tower Hamlets, the previous administration stripped back and reversed several of these initiatives, leaving education services in the Borough under-resourced, lacking in investment and care, and undervalued.~~
- The previous Labour administration oversaw strong investment in schools across Tower Hamlets where the education, development and wellbeing of local children was always Labour's first priority. Under Labour, schools in Tower Hamlets were rated among the best in the country, with 97% of children going to either 'Good' or 'Outstanding' school. This was in large part because of the great work of the school staff and the close partnership between schools and the council. Labour also had a programme called 'Building Schools for the Future' which helped realise the borough's aim of accelerating education across all schools.
- The previous Labour administration also prioritised the health of local children in Tower Hamlets by rolling out the Daily Mile to all schools, an initiative where children run or jog at their own pace for 15 minutes a day to improve the physical and mental health of the schoolchildren. In 2021, the Mayor of London released the latest list of Healthy Schools London award winners which revealed Tower Hamlets to be the most successful borough in London for health and happiness.
- ~~That education in the Borough has not accelerated as it should have over the past seven years. Tower Hamlets is behind Islington, Newham, Southwark, Waltham Forest, Redbridge, Lewisham and Lambeth for the % of students staying in education post-18. This is unacceptable.~~
- That children in Tower Hamlets are so much more than being defined by being sent to either of two universities – Oxbridge and Cambridge – and that the priority should always be the development and

wellbeing of the borough's children so they can all be supported in realising their ambition, no matter what they choose to do. That in Newham alone, one school (NCS) sends more pupils to Oxford and Cambridge than all the Schools in Tower Hamlets combined.

- That many of the Borough's best and most promising students are opting to leave the Borough to improve their life chances. This represents a 'brain drain' of the Borough's brightest and best.

- That, ~~for these reasons,~~ education has always been ~~was once again~~ a central tenet of everyone in the borough. Mayor Lutfur Rahman's transformative Manifesto, which was overwhelmingly endorsed by the people of Tower Hamlets in May of this year.

- That the Mayor and his administration have already introduced two key pieces of policy – the reintroduction of the Mayor's Education Maintenance Allowance, a policy created by a Labour Government and the Mayor's University Bursary – to accelerate education in Tower Hamlets, as approved at a meeting of the Council's Cabinet on October 26th, and it is important that the criteria that is set out for the allocation of the Mayor's Education Maintenance Allowance and the Mayor's University Bursary is conducted in a fair and transparent way and every child that is eligible should receive the funds and no child who is eligible should be excluded from the process.

- That teachers in Tower Hamlets do a great job in supporting local children during these difficult economic times, and deserve more credit for the hard work they do and less divisive rhetoric. ~~That there is a shortage of teachers in positions of leadership from a background that incorporates protected characteristics, and reflects the social and ethnic diversity of Tower Hamlets.~~

This Council believes:

- That the students of Tower Hamlets are among the hardest working in the whole country, and deserve as much support as is possible.

- That despite the best efforts of teachers, students, parents and schools in the Borough, Tower Hamlets remains somewhat behind other London Boroughs in terms of performance and top-grade attainment but has continued to improve throughout the last seven years with a key mantra being that a Local Authority with its schools, backed by a range of partners, can dramatically improve the life chances of its children and young people. In 2021 the average attainment 8 score was 53.9 in 2021 as opposed to 49.8 in 2019 (National data, on the other hand, indicates that the average attainment 8 score for England was 53.4 in 2021.

- That the Borough's students deserve to realise their dreams and aspirations by having access to the best educational services and facilities on offer, and the remarkable transformation of attainment and achievement in Tower Hamlets education has shown local children that deprivation is not destiny. In December 2021, seven schools in Tower Hamlets were named in the nation's top 500 schools by Parent Power Schools Guide, published in the Sunday Times.

- That the students of Tower Hamlets need to see teachers in positions of leadership that represents the diversity of the Borough.

- That foundational success alone is not sufficient – education must be accelerated to ensure that Tower Hamlet's young people can access the country's top further educational institutions.

- That ~~more~~ continued support is therefore required to ensure that Tower Hamlets students can compete with the best performers, not only in London, but across the UK.

- That this should ~~represent a step change~~ build on the strong work of the previous Labour administration in the leadership and management of the Borough's educational services.

This Council resolves:

- That the acceleration of educational attainment – from GCSE to University admission – will remain one of the key areas for policy development as part of the Mayor and his administration's vision for Tower Hamlets.

- That to hasten the delivery of excellent educational facilities and services, a cross-party working group will be set up to ~~the Mayor's Leadership Team will~~ oversee the development and delivery of a transformation of the Borough's educational attainment to ensure a fair and transparent process for the benefit of Tower Hamlets schoolchildren.

- To request the Mayor's Leadership Team work with the cross-party working group on Education to set up a fair and transparent system for the allocation of the Mayor's Education Maintenance Allowance and University Bursary to ensure that the Mayor and his administration do not handpick recipients, and that all children who are eligible should receive the funds.

- That the Mayor and the Council will establish an Institution of Academic Excellence in Tower Hamlets, to fully support schoolchildren in their education and helping them to realise their ambition in whatever University, apprenticeship or career they wish to progress to, while also noting that no one's worth is measured by going to a particular elite group of universities. accelerate widespread admission to Oxbridge and Russell Group Universities, while raising all other educational services to this benchmarked standard.

- That the Mayor and the Council will promote the employment of Teachers with protected characteristics into positions of leadership.

- That Officers are instructed to begin the planning of a project, with the involvement of the cross-party working group on education, to deliver this Institute for Academic Excellence, with a plan to be presented at the first available Cabinet meeting of the Council.

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Agenda Item 8

8 – AMENDMENT TO THE OPPOSITION MOTION FOR DEBATE – MOTION ON SCHOOL STREETS

Proposer: Councillor Kabir Ahmed
Seconder: Councillor Saif Uddin Khaled

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This Council notes that:

- Tower Hamlets has one of the highest levels of motor vehicle traffic in the country, partly due to vehicles travelling through the borough, and the average lung capacity of a child in Tower Hamlets is up to 10 per cent less than the national average. This demonstrates that the imposition of School streets has not directly improved the negative impact of pollution of the children of the Borough.
- The Air Quality Action Plan 2022-2027 was presented at a meeting of the Mayor's Cabinet meeting on Wednesday 26th October 2022 which stated in its research that 'studies, including one carried out in Tower Hamlets, show that children's health is being negatively affected living in highly polluted areas. Children in Tower Hamlets have reduced lung function, which they may never recover.'
- The previous Labour administration ~~introduced 26 School Streets across the borough, an initiative to improve air quality for children by reducing car traffic around schools. This policy was largely successful, resulting in a 30% reduction in pollution near schools and there are now 547 School Streets across nearly every London borough. did little to invest in education. They scrapped the Mayor's Education Maintenance Allowance, and the Mayor's University Bursary, removing the little support that many of the Borough's poorest children had to pursue their academic ambition. This Mayor has reinstated these crucial measures of support.~~
- In his transformative Manifesto, Mayor Lutfur Rahman, pledged to open the roads and get the Borough moving, removing restrictions that impacted the poorest and most vulnerable in Tower Hamlets.
- However, this administration has also demonstrated that it is a listening administration, evident in the decision to retain the Wapping Bus Gate. It will also listen – where there is overwhelming support – to calls to retain the school streets infrastructure.
- ~~After a thorough consultation and a local campaign headed by parents, teachers and young people in the area, a School Street was installed at Chisenhale Primary School in order to prevent excess car pollution and keep the local schoolchildren and residents safe.~~
- ~~Despite the scheme having proved successful with large community support, the Mayor of Tower Hamlets has announced that he will remove the School Streets without prior consultation.~~

This Council believes that:

- ~~The local community has made it clear that they want to keep the School Street at Chisenhale Primary School, and their concerns must be heard.~~

- This overwhelming support for the retention of the Chisenhale school street scheme has not been forthcoming, with a well-organised minority pushing their agenda the hardest.
- That large numbers of residents have contacted the Mayor voicing their support for the Scheme's removal, and that therefore it's removal following the lapsing of the Experimental Traffic Order – which Labour Councillors acknowledged was temporary at the time – is more than justified.

This Council therefore resolves:

- ~~To call on the Mayor of Tower Hamlets to immediately reverse the decision to close the School Street at Chisenhale Primary School.~~
- ~~To call on the Mayor of Tower Hamlets to hold a public meeting with parents, local residents, teachers, Ward Councillors and school children about possible alternatives.~~
- ~~To ensure that in future each School Streets scheme is carefully considered on a case-by-case basis and with thorough consultation with the local community before any action is taken which may cause distress to local residents.~~
- To remove the Chisenhale School Street's scheme with immediate effect.
- To assess all other School Street's schemes on a case-by-case basis and – where wanted – to retain them, if this is the wish of the majority of residents and other stakeholders.
- To build upon the productive meeting with the Mayor of London's Office and other London-wide bodies to improve air quality and educational attainment for all of the Borough's children, not just a select few.

Non-Executive Report of the: Council Wednesday 16 November 2022	 TOWER HAMLETS
Report of: Janet Fasan, Director of Legal and Monitoring Officer	Classification: Unrestricted
REPORT UNDER SECTION 5 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING ACT 1989	

Originating Officer(s)	Janet Fasan, Director of Legal and Monitoring Officer
Wards affected	Stepney Green

Special Circumstances Justifying Urgent Consideration

This report was not available for despatch with the Council agenda as the issue raised has only recently come to light. It is not possible to wait for the next meeting of Council as the report needs to be considered within 21 days of being circulated to Members. This means that if the report is not taken at this meeting then an Extraordinary Meeting of Council would be required.

Executive Summary

Breach of Article 5 of the Town and Country Planning (Mayor of London) Order 2008 – Failure to notify the Mayor of London prior to a decision being issued in respect of an application of Potential Strategic importance.

The application was made by the London Borough of Tower Hamlets, for the redevelopment of a site comprising demolition of existing buildings (including Harriott House, Apsley House, Pattison House, The Redcoat Centre and Redcoat Community Centre) to provide 412 residential units. The application was granted on 21 March 2022, subject to planning obligations being fulfilled. As this was an application of potential strategic importance, the aforementioned Article 5 requires that the Mayor of London is notified prior to any decision being issued. However, no such prior notification was given.

This means that the process did not comply with the legislation and the appropriate action is to seek the quashing of the Decision Notice by Judicial Review.

Recommendations:

The Council is recommended to:

1. To seek the quashing of the Decision Notice issued on 2nd November 2022, in respect of planning application PA/21/02703.

1. REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS

- 1.1 The Decision Notice was issued without prior notification to the Mayor of London, in breach of Article 5 of the Town and Country Planning (Mayor of London) Order 2008. The Monitoring Officer is required to report to Council on this issue as it is a breach of the legislation and the Decision Notice needs to be quashed.

2. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 2.1 The alternative action is to revoke the decision but this is not recommended for reasons set out in Section 7 of the report.

3. DETAILS OF THE REPORT

The Background

- 3.1 PA/21/02703 sought permission for the redevelopment of the site comprising demolition of existing buildings (including Harriott House, Apsley House, Pattison House, The Redcoat Centre and Redcoat Community Centre) to provide 412 residential units (Class C3) and 1,192m² GIA of community use (Class E (e-f), Class F1 (e-f), Class F.2 (b)) provided across buildings ranging in height from 4-8 storeys, together with associated landscaped communal amenity space, accessible car parking, secure cycle parking spaces and refuse/recycling storage facilities. The applicant is the London Borough of Tower Hamlets

The Contravention

- 3.2 On 21 March 2022 the Council through its Development Committee acting in its statutory function as the local planning authority pursuant to the Town and Country Planning Act (as amended) 1990 resolved to grant planning permission in respect of planning application PA/ 21/02073.
- 3.3 The recommendation put to the Development Committee was “that subject to any direction by the Mayor of London, conditional planning permission is GRANTED subject to the following planning obligations” – paragraph 8 of the Officer’s Report to Committee.
- 3.4 As this was an application of potential strategic importance, Article 5 of the Town and Country Planning (Mayor of London) Order 2008 requires that the Mayor is notified prior to any decision being issued.
- 3.5 No such notification took place yet the Decision Notice granting planning permission was issued by the Council on 2 November 2022. The GLA was notified of the issue of the Decision Notice on the same day.
- 3.6 On 3 November 2022 the Council received an email from the GLA advising that a decision had been issued without the statutory referral to the GLA

required by Regulation 5 of the Town and Country Planning (Mayor of London) Order 2008.

- 3.7 The appropriate procedure to resolve the contravention is for the issue of the Decision Notice on 2 November 2022 to be quashed through judicial review proceedings.
- 3.8 The quashing of the Decision Notice of 2 November 2022 will not affect the decision of the Development Committee of 21 March 2022 to grant permission subject to planning obligations and any direction of the Mayor of London. It will enable the Council to comply with Article 5 of the Town and Country Planning (Mayor of London) Order 2008 by sending the information required by that Article to the Mayor of London.

The Mayor of London may either -

- Notify the local planning authority in writing that he is content for the application to be determined in accordance with the information provided; or
 - Issue a direction that the application be “called in” to permit it to be determined by the Mayor; or
 - Direct refusal of the application
- 3.9 Once the Mayor of London has responded, a Decision Notice may then be issued in accordance with the decision of the Development Committee of 21 March 2022 and any direction or notification issued by the Mayor of London.
- 3.10 The Monitoring Officer will keep members apprised of developments and will report back to the next Full council meeting

4. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no equalities implications arising from the report.

5. OTHER STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 This section of the report is used to highlight further specific statutory implications that are either not covered in the main body of the report or are required to be highlighted to ensure decision makers give them proper consideration. Examples of other implications may be:
- Best Value Implications,
 - Consultations,
 - Environmental (including air quality),
 - Risk Management,
 - Crime Reduction,
 - Safeguarding.
 - Data Protection / Privacy Impact Assessment.

Risk Management

- 5.2 Organisations that have good governance use clear decision-making processes, behave openly by reporting on their activities, actively engage with their stakeholders, effectively manage the risks they face, and take responsibility for controlling and protecting their assets, including their reputation.
- 5.3 Current measures to manage the decision issuing process include a series of checks and ultimate sign off by a senior manager. Going forward to formalise this further, Officers responsible for finalising decision notices are completing a post-decision template to ensure that all the steps required to be undertaken following a decision to either grant or refuse a planning application have been undertaken. This template is to be checked and signed by senior managers in the service before a decision is issued.

6. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

- 6.1 There are no significant financial implications arising from this report.

7. COMMENTS OF LEGAL SERVICES

- 7.1 Section 5 of the Local Government & Housing Act 1989 requires the Council to appoint an Officer to act as the Council's Monitoring Officer. The Act provides that it is the personal duty of the Monitoring Officer to report formally to the Council on any proposal, decision or omission by the Council, which has given rise to, or is likely to, or would, give rise to, the contravention of any enactment, rule of law or statutory code of practice.
- 7.2 In preparing a Statutory Report the Monitoring Officer must formally consult with the Chief Executive, as Head of the Paid Service, and the Finance Director.
- 7.3 As soon as practicable after completion of the report a copy must be sent to each Member of the Council. Members are required by the Act to formally consider the report at a meeting of the Full Council, which must be held not more than 21 days after copies of the report have been first sent to them. This report is triggered by the above-mentioned failure to comply with Article 5 which is a contravention of legislation
- 7.4 Judicial review proceedings are the most appropriate route to quash the decision.
- 7.5 An alternative option which is not recommended is to revoke the planning permission under S.97 of the Town and Country planning Act 1990. This would normally require compensation to be paid but it is unlikely to in this case as the Council was the planning applicant but there is a remote possibility that third parties might make a claim.
- 7.6 However, revocation would require a new planning application and updated consultation whereas quashing of the Decision Notice simply requires the Decision Notice to be reissued following the correct procedure.

- 7.7 In addition, revocation rather than quashing could be considered an abuse of process. The Court of Appeal decision in *R v Bassetlaw Council ex p Oxbly* (1997) refers where it was held that the correct approach in respect of a invalid permission was to seek a quashing of the grant of permission by way of Judicial Review proceedings.
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Linked Reports, Appendices and Background Documents

Linked Report

- Report to the Development Committee – 21 March 2022.

Appendices

- None.

Local Government Act, 1972 Section 100D (As amended)

List of “Background Papers” used in the preparation of this report

List any background documents not already in the public domain including officer contact information.

- None.

Officer contact details for documents:

N/A

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12.2 Amendment to Motion regarding Access to GPs

Proposed by Councillor Maium Talukdar
Seconded by Councillor Kibria Choudhury

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This Council notes that:

- Primary care is in crisis, with people across Tower Hamlets and the rest of the UK struggling to access GP services and dental treatment.
- New figures from NHS England show that 18% of people in the NHS North East London Integrated Care Board, covering Tower Hamlets, could not get an appointment to see or speak to a GP or nurse the last time they tried.
- The Government has failed to remain on track to deliver 6000 additional GPs by 2024-25.
- Our doctors and nurses across the NHS in Tower Hamlets work hard for residents while grappling with the biggest staffing crisis in its history in the face of Government inaction.
- That social and domiciliary care in this Borough have declined over the past seven years, following on from a series of cuts, underfunding and poor policy decisions.

This Council believes:

- That everyone should be able to get an appointment to see a doctor when they need to and has the right to receive dental treatment when they need it.
- That preventative measures and initiatives, such as a good, effective social and domiciliary care service, will also push down the demand on GPs and appointment spaces.

This Council, therefore, resolves to:

- Forward a copy of this motion to the new Secretary of State for Health and Social Care and call on her to urgently bring forward a plan to fix the crisis in primary care, to meet the Government's GP target and ensure everyone who needs an NHS dentist can access one.
- Request the local Members of Parliament support this motion and raise this important issue in Parliament.
- Work with the local NHS trust to ensure Tower Hamlets residents have full access to their GP and dentists.

- Support the Mayor in his pledge to invest in the provision of care for vulnerable members of society, including children and adults, to enhance preventative measures against demand for appointments and on GPs.
- Support the Mayor in his pledge to look after Tower Hamlets' care workers to make sure they are adequately rewarded, and supported, for their work for the most vulnerable members of our community.

12.3 Amendment to Motion on Local Electricity Bills

Proposed by Councillor Saied Ahmed
 Seconded by Councillor Musthak Ahmed

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This Council notes:

1. The efforts that ~~this council has made under the previous administration~~ the current administration has made to improve the previous administration's efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and promote renewable energy, including:
 - ~~i. Declaring a climate emergency in March 2019;~~
 - ~~ii. Launched the Net Zero Carbon (NZC) Partnership Action Plan in November 2021 to become a net zero carbon council by 2025 and a net zero carbon borough by 2045 or sooner;~~
 - ~~iii. Planted hundreds of street trees;~~
 - ~~iv. Approved 400 new electric vehicle charging points across the borough;~~
 - ~~v. In 2021, Tower Hamlets Council was named the greenest local authority in the country.~~
 - i. The development of a Mayor's Greener Future for Tower Hamlets policy programme, including the creation of four interconnected bodies to deliver this plan including:
 - a. The Mayor's Energy Fund to help the poorest and most vulnerable with their energy bills
 - b. The Mayor's Advisory Board on Climate Change to develop a cohesive strategy that tackles the threats of the climate emergency
 - c. The Mayor's Waste Management Taskforce to tackle the appalling levels of dirt and waste on the Borough's streets left to this Administration
 - d. The Keep Our Borough Moving Taskforce to ensure that people can move cleanly and quickly around Tower Hamlets.

- ii. Committing to reducing the Council's shift towards net-zero as soon as possible, without punishing the working and most vulnerable people of Tower Hamlets;
 - iii. Committing to plant a greater number of trees compared to existing levels;
 - iv. Increasing the number of charging points for electric vehicles
 - v. Installing green heating systems on our estates, including the use of solar panels, wind turbines and heat and power schemes
- ~~2. That very large financial setup and running costs involved in selling locally generated renewable electricity to local customers result in it being impossible for local renewable electricity generators to do so.~~
- ~~3. That making these financial costs proportionate to the scale of a renewable electricity supplier's operation would enable and empower new local businesses, or councils, to be providers of locally generated renewable electricity directly to local customers.~~
- ~~4. That revenues received by new local renewable electricity providers could be used to help improve the local economy, local services and facilities and to reduce local greenhouse gas emissions.~~
2. That the Mayor has committed £28million worth of subsidization for 850 businesses across the Borough with help for their energy bills.
3. That the Mayor has already held several meetings with businesses, residents and stakeholders to continue this support.
4. That the Mayor has already pledged to use Section 106 money from the Council's *Carbon Fund* to ensure that schools, businesses and homes receive as much new, green technology to keep energy prices down.

This Council resolves to:

1. To support the Local Electricity Bill, supported by 306 MPs which, if made law, would establish a Right to Local Supply which would promote local renewable electricity supply companies and co-operatives by making the setup and running costs of selling renewable electricity to local customers proportionate to the size of the supply operation.
- ~~2. Inform the local media of this decision.~~
- ~~3. Instruct the Mayor to write to the borough's Members of Parliament local MPs, asking them to support the Bill.~~
- ~~4. Instruct the Mayor to write to the organisers of the campaign for the Bill, Power for People, (at 8 Delancey Passage, Camden, London NW1 7NN) expressing its support.~~

2. Support the Mayor and his administration to continue to liaise and work with key stakeholders, including other elected representatives, businesses, residents and third sector organisations to ensure that existing support continues and is built upon.
3. Call on all members support the Mayor and his administration in delivering these changes and savings.

12.5 Motion on Road Safety

Proposed by Councillor Kabir Hussain
Seconded by Councillor Suluk Ahmed

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This council notes that:

- There have been a recent spate in road traffic accidents across Tower Hamlets, including:
 - In St Katherine's & Wapping on 29 February 2022 – a motorcyclist was left with life changing injuries.
 - In Whitechapel in May 2022 – in which a cyclist was rushed to hospital after having been hit by a lorry.
 - In Limehouse on 22 August 2022 – a man was left with life threatening injuries.
 - In Shadwell, a man died on 11 September 2022 after being hit by a lorry.
 - On Mile End Road on 9 October 2022 – in which a teenager was seriously hurt.
 - Along Bow Road on 21 October 2022 – in which a several pedestrians were injured.
 - In Bow West, along Old Ford Road, a young man was left with life changing injuries after a crash in August 2022.
 - Also along Old Ford Road, two crashes in 2022 left neighbours with serious property damage which is still being repaired.
 - Outside Olga Primary School, a child was hit by a car in October 2022, and is mercifully unharmed but the experience was very traumatic for all witnesses.
- A number of campaign groups have highlighted the need for road safety improvements in the last few months. This, however, does not equate to the continued closure of roads around the Borough, nor the restriction of traffic to move around more freely.
- Traffic speed limits in all areas of the borough are consistently flouted and there are few areas where speed cameras enforce the speed limits on drivers.

This is following seven years of under-investment by the previous administration.

- ~~— That the most vulnerable road users and those going about their lives should be protected from poor driving behaviour.~~
- That all road users – from drivers, to cyclists and pedestrians – should be aware of their surroundings and follow the highway code.

This council acknowledges that:

- ~~— Railings and other protective infrastructure for vulnerable road users is not sufficient to genuinely ensure pedestrian safety.~~
- ~~— The removal of Chisenhale School Street and other school streets risks the safety of children and their carers when attending schools in the borough.~~
- ~~— The regular serious accidents make people across the borough feel unsafe around roads, discouraging residents from choosing healthier modes of transport~~
- Congestion, oversaturation of traffic on main roads and diversion of traffic onto smaller roads is not helping the safe moving of traffic around the Borough.
- The directing of traffic onto roads where large numbers of children do not have the luxury of a road closure is putting thousands of young and vulnerable lives at risk.
- There is a need to safely accommodate all road users and all forms of transport, rather than penalising specific groups for car use.

This council resolves to:

- ~~— Request the Mayor of Tower Hamlets to set up a comprehensive programme to improve safety for road users which echoes the Highway Code's hierarchy of road users which acknowledges the risks of vehicle transport and gives priority for vulnerable road users such as pedestrians.~~
- Work with the Highways team, TfL and the Mayor of London to ensure that roads are safe for all road users.
- Increase the number of speed cameras and other speed enforcement infrastructure ~~by 100%.~~
- Encourage and support local groups to engage in speed watch with local police teams.
- Examine all School Street schemes on a piecemeal, case by case basis to ensure that their imposition is not in fact contributing to such dangers by saturating certain roads with more traffic, thus increasing risk.
- ~~— Make all school street schemes which are currently under experimental traffic orders across the borough permanent.~~
- ~~— Request the Mayor of Tower Hamlets to write to the Mayor of London to request speed enforcement cameras along all TfL roads in the borough.~~
- ~~— Instruct the Highways Team to research methods of reducing traffic speeds in residential areas, such as planting schemes, continuous pavements etc. and present their findings to the administration.~~

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