



Meeting of the

# Tower Hamlets Council

## Agenda

**Wednesday, 17 November 2021 at 7.00 p.m.**

### **VENUE**

Council Chamber, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor,  
Town Hall, Mulberry Place,  
5 Clove Crescent,  
London E14 2BG

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**To the Mayor and Councillors of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets**

You are summoned to attend a meeting of the Council of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets to be held in **THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 1ST FLOOR, TOWN HALL, MULBERRY PLACE, 5 CLOVE CRESCENT, LONDON, E14 2BG** at **7.00 p.m.** on **WEDNESDAY, 17 NOVEMBER 2021**

Will Tuckley  
Chief Executive



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## **Public Information**

The meeting is being held at the Council's Town Hall– with some Members in attendance and other participants joining from remote locations.

Full Council is made up of the Mayor and the 45 Councillors. It's responsibilities include: deciding the Council's overall policies and setting the budget for the year. It also appoints the Council's Committees at the Annual Meeting. In addition, the Council provides opportunities to discuss local issues and is a means by which the Mayor and Cabinet can be held to account in public

The agenda for this ordinary Council meetings comprises:

- Apologies for absence from Members
- Declarations of Interests.
- Minutes of the previous meeting.
- Announcements from the Speaker or the Chief Executive of the Council.
- Petitions for presentation (over 30 signatures) or for debate (over 2000 signatures). A maximum of 4 Petitions that meet the criteria may be discussed taken in the order of receipt.
- Mayor's report followed by Opposition Leader's response. Written report to be published shortly before the meeting.
- Main Motion debates (including any amendments received)
- Reports requiring Full Council approval
- Member Questions (30 minutes). Questions not put to receive a written response.
- Motions from Members received on notice (including any amendments received). Consideration of these subject to time constraints.
- Any Urgent motions from Members.

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If you are scheduled to present a petition in person at the meeting, please sit in the reserved seating in the front row. You will be called to address the meeting at the appropriate time

If the fire alarm rings please follow the instructions of the Facilities Staff who will direct you to the exits.



## **Procedure at the meeting.**

Just before the start of the meeting, the macebearer will ask everyone to be upstanding for the Speaker. The Speaker of the Council is the Chair of the meeting and is in charge of the debate. Their role is to control the meeting, including the order of speakers, and to ensure that the business is carried out properly. The Speaker will confirm the expected meeting etiquette for Council meeting, including the following:

- The Speaker will determine the order of speakers - usually from a list of speakers.
- That any online participants must mute their microphones when not speaking.
- Such participants should also switch off their cameras when not speaking.
- All Members may contribute to the discussions, but only the Members physically present in the chamber may vote on items requiring a decision.

## **Order of business**

The Speaker may agree to change the order of business at the meeting. In addition, the Speaker may adjourn the meeting for a period of time or agree an extension to the time limit for the meeting (by up to half hour beyond the three-hour limit). To change the order of business, a Member will need to formally move a motion seeking approval for the requested change. Any such motions will be put to the vote.

## **Voting**

The items requiring a decision will normally be determined by a show of hands or an electronic vote (by Members present in the meeting room). If there are an equal number of votes for and against an item of business, the Speaker will have a second or casting vote.

## **Decisions and Minutes**

The decisions will be published on the website 2 days after the meeting. The draft minutes will be published around 10 working days after the meeting.

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## **Publication of tabled papers**

Any additional documents (such as the Mayor's report, amendments to motions and urgent motions) will normally be published on the Council meeting website either shortly before or during the meeting.



# London Borough of Tower Hamlets

## Council

Wednesday, 17 November 2021

7.00 p.m.

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1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

To receive any apologies for absence.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND OTHER INTERESTS**

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Members are reminded to consider the categories of interest, identified in the Code of Conduct for Members to determine; whether they have an interest in any agenda item and any action they should take. For further details, see the attached note from the Monitoring Officer.

Members are also reminded to declare the nature of the interest at the earliest opportunity and the agenda item it relates to. Please note that ultimately it is the Members' responsibility to identify any interests and also update their register of interests form as required by the Code.

If in doubt as to the nature of an interest, you are advised to seek advice prior to the meeting by contacting the Monitoring Officer or Democratic Services.

3. **MINUTES**

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To confirm as a correct record of the proceedings the unrestricted minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2021 and the Extraordinary Freedom of the Borough Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2021.

4. **TO RECEIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS (IF ANY) FROM THE SPEAKER OF THE COUNCIL OR THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**



## **5. TO RECEIVE PETITIONS**

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The Council Procedure Rules provide for a maximum of four petitions to be discussed at an Ordinary Meeting of the Council.

The attached report presents the received petitions to be discussed. Should any additional petitions be received they will be listed to be noted but not discussed.

## **6. MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Council's Constitution provides for the Elected Mayor to give a report at each Ordinary Council Meeting.

A maximum of six minutes is allowed for the Elected Mayor's report, following which the Speaker of the Council will invite the leaders of the opposition groups to respond for up to two minutes each should they so wish. Following those contributions, the Mayor may reply for up to two minutes.

## **7. ADMINISTRATION MOTION DEBATE**

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To debate a Motion submitted by the Administration in accordance with Rules 11 and 13 of the Council's Constitution. The debate will last for a maximum of 30 minutes.

## **8. OPPOSITION MOTION DEBATE**

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To debate a Motion submitted by the Opposition Aspire Group in accordance with Rules 11 and 13 of the Council's Constitution. The debate will last for a maximum of 30 minutes.

## **9. REPORTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE AND THE COUNCIL'S COMMITTEES**

### **9.1 Report of Cabinet, Cumulative Impact Assessment Policy 2021-24**

**55 - 158**

To consider, under the Budget and Policy Framework, the report of Cabinet on the review of the Licensing Act Cumulative Impact Assessment Policy 2021-24.

### **9.2 Report of the Audit Committee, Appointment of External Auditors for 2023-2024 (plus 5 years)**

**159 - 168**

To consider the report of the Audit Committee proposing the appointment of external auditors for 2023-24 (plus 5 years).



**9 .3 Report of the Standards Advisory Committee: Update on the new Member Code of Conduct 169 - 200**

To consider the report of the Standards Advisory Committee proposing the introduction of a new Member Code of Conduct based on the new Model Code developed by the Local Government Association.

**10. OTHER BUSINESS**

**10 .1 Proposed changes to Borough Ward names 201 - 228**

To consider the report of the Director of Legal and Monitoring Officer following consultation on proposals to change a number of Ward Names in the Borough.

**10 .2 Spitalfields Neighbourhood Plan – Post-Referendum Report**

A report may be required on the Spitalfields Neighbourhood Plan depending on the result of the referendum taking place on Thursday 11 November. The report will be published in a supplementary agenda pack if required.

**11. TO RECEIVE WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL 229 - 232**

The questions which have been received from Councillors to be put at this Council meeting are set out in the attached report. A maximum period of 30 minutes is allocated to this agenda item.

**12. TO CONSIDER MOTIONS SUBMITTED BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL 233 - 240**

The motions submitted by Councillors for debate at this meeting are set out in the attached report.





# Agenda Item 2

## **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AT MEETINGS– NOTE FROM THE MONITORING OFFICER**

This note is for guidance only. For further details please consult the Code of Conduct for Members at Part C, Section 31 of the Council's Constitution

### **(i) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI)**

You have a DPI in any item of business on the agenda where it relates to the categories listed in **Appendix A** to this guidance. Please note that a DPI includes: (i) Your own relevant interests; (ii) Those of your spouse or civil partner; (iii) A person with whom the Member is living as husband/wife/civil partners. Other individuals, e.g. Children, siblings and flatmates do not need to be considered. Failure to disclose or register a DPI (within 28 days) is a criminal offence.

Members with a DPI, (unless granted a dispensation) must not seek to improperly influence the decision, must declare the nature of the interest and leave the meeting room (including the public gallery) during the consideration and decision on the item – unless exercising their right to address the Committee.

**DPI Dispensations and Sensitive Interests.** In certain circumstances, Members may make a request to the Monitoring Officer for a dispensation or for an interest to be treated as sensitive.

### **(ii) Non - DPI Interests that the Council has decided should be registered – (Non - DPIs)**

You will have 'Non DPI Interest' in any item on the agenda, where it relates to (i) the offer of gifts or hospitality, (with an estimated value of at least £25) (ii) Council Appointments or nominations to bodies (iii) Membership of any body exercising a function of a public nature, a charitable purpose or aimed at influencing public opinion.

Members must declare the nature of the interest, but may stay in the meeting room and participate in the consideration of the matter and vote on it **unless:**

- A reasonable person would think that your interest is so significant that it would be likely to impair your judgement of the public interest. **If so, you must withdraw and take no part in the consideration or discussion of the matter.**

### **(iii) Declarations of Interests not included in the Register of Members' Interest.**

Occasions may arise where a matter under consideration would, or would be likely to, **affect the wellbeing of you, your family, or close associate(s) more than it would anyone else living in the local area** but which is not required to be included in the Register of Members' Interests. In such matters, Members must consider the information set out in paragraph (ii) above regarding Non DPI - interests and apply the test, set out in this paragraph.

### **Guidance on Predetermination and Bias**

Member's attention is drawn to the guidance on predetermination and bias, particularly the need to consider the merits of the case with an open mind, as set out in the Planning and Licensing Codes of Conduct, (Part C, Section 34 and 35 of the Constitution). For further advice on the possibility of bias or predetermination, you are advised to seek advice prior to the meeting.

### **Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act, 1992 - Declarations which restrict Members in Council Tax arrears, for at least a two months from voting**

In such circumstances the member may not vote on any reports and motions with respect to the matter.

**Further Advice** contact: Janet Fasan, Divisional Director Legal and Interim Monitoring Officer,  
Tel: 0207 364 4800.

## **APPENDIX A: Definition of a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest**

(Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012, Reg 2 and Schedule)

Subject	Prescribed description
Employment, office, trade, profession or vacation	Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain.
Sponsorship	Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from the relevant authority) made or provided within the relevant period in respect of any expenses incurred by the Member in carrying out duties as a member, or towards the election expenses of the Member. This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.
Contracts	Any contract which is made between the relevant person (or a body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest) and the relevant authority— (a) under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and (b) which has not been fully discharged.
Land	Any beneficial interest in land which is within the area of the relevant authority.
Licences	Any licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the area of the relevant authority for a month or longer.
Corporate tenancies	Any tenancy where (to the Member's knowledge)— (a) the landlord is the relevant authority; and (b) the tenant is a body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest.
Securities	Any beneficial interest in securities of a body where— (a) that body (to the Member's knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of the relevant authority; and (b) either—  (i) the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or  (ii) if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.

**LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS**

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL**

**HELD AT 7.00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER 2021**

**THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 1ST FLOOR, TOWN HALL, MULBERRY PLACE, 5  
CLOVE CRESCENT, LONDON, E14 2BG**

**Members Present:**

Mayor John Biggs*	Councillor Asma Islam
Councillor Faroque Ahmed	Councillor Sirajul Islam
Councillor Kabir Ahmed*	Councillor Denise Jones
Councillor Rajib Ahmed*	Councillor Tarik Khan*
Councillor Sabina Akhtar	Councillor Eve McQuillan
Councillor Amina Ali	Councillor Ayas Miah
Councillor Shah Ameen	Councillor Harun Miah*
Councillor Asma Begum	Councillor Abdul Mukit MBE*
Councillor Rachel Blake	Councillor Victoria Obaze*
Councillor Kevin Brady	Councillor Mohammed Pappu
Councillor Mufeedah Bustin*	Councillor Leema Qureshi
Councillor Kahar Chowdhury*	Councillor Zenith Rahman*
Councillor Shad Chowdhury	Councillor Candida Ronald
Councillor Dipa Das*	Councillor Gabriela Salva Macallan*
Councillor David Edgar*	Councillor Dan Tomlinson*
Councillor Marc Francis*	Councillor Helal Uddin
Councillor Peter Golds*	Councillor Abdal Ullah
Councillor Ehtasham Haque	Councillor Motin Uz-Zaman*
Councillor Danny Hassell	Councillor Val Whitehead
Councillor Mohammed Ahabab Hossain*	Councillor Andrew Wood*

\*Councillors present in person in the Council Chamber.  
(Remaining Councillors attended from remote locations).

**The Speaker of the Council, Councillor Mohammed Ahabab Hossain in  
the Chair**

The Speaker of the Council provided his update to the Council. He firstly welcomed to the Council meeting, Councillor Kabir Ahmed following his recent election at the Weavers Ward by-election.

He was pleased to say that he had the honour of hosting and attending a number of events. These included:

- The launch of the film festival as part of the programme of activities for the 50th Anniversary of Bangladesh.

- Hosting his first in person civic event to celebrate this occasion in July – featuring an afternoon and evening of film, songs, dancing and food celebrating Bangladesh.
- Attending community fun days in Bancroft and on the Isle of Dogs, as well as All Points East in Victoria Park.
- Several other community events to celebrate achievements. The Speaker thanked everyone in the community that had been working hard, to provide help where needed in this difficult times.

Looking forward, the Freedom of the Borough ceremony would be taking place in October, for only the second time in over 20 years, to give the highest honour to people who have given many years of service to Tower Hamlets.

Turning to some sad news – the Speaker expressed regret about the recent death of the former Weavers Ward and Liberal Democrat Councillor, Tim O'Flaherty. He would be remembered as a good Councillor and a nice person, who served as a Councillor whilst disabled.

The Council were also deeply saddened by the loss of another innocent young woman, Ms Sabina Nessa a school teacher, on our streets.

The Council observed a minutes silence to remember everyone that had been affected by this and had lost their lives in similar circumstances.

## **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of:

- Councillor Sufia Alam (maternity leave)
- Councillor Rabina Khan
- Councillor James King
- Councillor Puru Miah
- Councillor Krysten Perry and
- Councillor Bex White

Apologies for lateness were received on behalf of Councillor Denise Jones.

## **2. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND OTHER INTERESTS**

The Monitoring Officer report that under paragraph 32, of the Code of Conduct for Members, she had granted a dispensation to all Councillors in relation to Agenda item 12.3 (Motion on Local Government pay to council).

As a result of this, Councillors with a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in this item did not need to declare this and would be able to stay in the meeting room, participate in the discussion and vote on the item. (This motion was not considered)

Councillor Ayas Miah declared a Non - Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in Agenda Item 11.16, Member Question regarding the COVID restart grants. This was on the basis that he and other family Members owned businesses in the Borough, but they had not applied for a Covid restart grant.

Councillor David Edgar declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in Agenda Item 12.2, Motion regarding One Housing Group Takeover by Riverside Housing Association. This was on the basis that a family member had a leasehold property with the One Housing Group. He indicated that he would leave the meeting for the consideration of this item.

Councillor Candida Ronald declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in Agenda item 12.2 , Motion regarding One Housing Group Takeover by Riverside Housing Association. This was on the basis that Councillor Ronald was a tenant of the One Housing Group. She indicated that she would leave the meeting for the consideration of this item.

### **3. MINUTES**

#### **RESOLVED:**

1. That the unrestricted minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021 be confirmed as a correct record and the Speaker be authorised to sign them accordingly.

### **4. TO RECEIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS (IF ANY) FROM THE SPEAKER OF THE COUNCIL OR THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

The Chief Executive provided an update regarding the following issues:

- Covid - 19 and Vaccines. He was pleased to report on the falling case numbers in the Borough. It now had one of the lowest infection rates in London. Further progress had also been made with the roll out of the vaccine programme in the community and in schools. In addition, a booster, flu and evergreen vaccination programme was in place.
- The Council had hosted the postponed visit by the Local Government Association Peer Review Team. A report would be published in due course
- Staffing update. Amanda Marcus, Director of Workforce, Occupational Development & Business Support was leaving the Council to re-join the NHS. Ali Littlewood would be joining on 4<sup>th</sup> October to cover the role. Richard Baldwin, Director of Supporting Families, would be leaving the Council to take up a new post of Director of Children's Services in Bromley. He thanked both for all their hard work. The action to recruit to these posts was well in advance.
- Emergency matters. The Council had been approached by Clarion Housing regarding the evacuation of Clare House in Bow due to concerns over building safety.
- The Council was in a strong position regarding fuel supplies, but it was noted that staff, and those that deliver services on behalf of the Council, have been affected.

- Education success. He congratulation students Fahim Miah and Saqif Chowdhury who have recently been accepted to study History at Oxford and Cambridge respectively and start in October.

## **5. TO RECEIVE PETITIONS**

### **5.1 Petition regarding Antisocial behaviour on Bishops Way.**

Carole Boletti addressed the meeting on behalf of the petitioners and responded to questions from Members. Councillor Sirajul Islam, Cabinet Member for Community Safety then responded to the matters raised in the petition. He stated that he was sorry to hear about the Petitioner's personal experiences with ASB that she had outlined. He reassured the Petitioner that the Council's ASB team, the Police and relevant agencies were aware of these problems. They have undertaken a range of steps to address the problems. This included issuing a Community Protection Notice Warning with a view to issuing a closure order.

#### **RESOLVED:**

1. That the petition be referred to the Corporate Director, Health, Adults & Community for a written response within 28 days.

### **5.2 Petition regarding the pedestrianisation of Brick Lane and Liveable Streets**

Matthew Hewitt addressed the meeting on behalf of the petitioners, and responded to questions from Members. Mayor John Biggs then responded to the matters raised in the petition.

The Mayor welcomed the residents contribution, and also stated that he was also aware of the divisions in the community in relation to traffic reduction schemes across London.

In view of this, the Council will continue to review the options for Brick Lane, and to carry out further consultation and engagement where necessary.

A more detailed announcement will be made in the next couple of days.

#### **RESOLVED**

1. That the petition be referred to the Corporate Director, Place for a written response within 28 days.

## 6. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor presented his report to the Council.

The Opposition Group Leader's then responded briefly to the Mayor's report.

- Councillor Peter Golds, Leader of the Conservative Group,
- Councillor Kabir Ahmed, Leader of the Aspire Group.

The Mayor provided concluding remarks.

## 7. ADMINISTRATION MOTION DEBATE

Councillor Mufeedah Bustin **moved** and Councillor Motin Uz – Zaman **seconded** the motion as printed in the agenda.

Councillor Andrew Wood **moved** and Councillor Peter Golds **seconded** the following amendment to the motion as set out in the supplementary agenda:

Amendments underlined.

This council notes:

1. The Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) intends to close the JobCentre Plus branch based at Dod Street, Poplar.
2. That the reasons for the closure are due to the landlord not renewing the lease due to the intended redevelopment of the site for much needed new housing.
3. The submission in late 2019 of planning application PA/20/00123/A1 for 13-15 Dod Street to build an 8-storey residential building with 84 homes where the single storey job centre is now (plus the 3-storey office building behind it)
4. The Applicant engaged in four meetings with the Council's planning team. The pre-application meetings were held on 12th July 2019, 27th September 2019, and 22nd November 2019.
5. That on the 5<sup>th</sup> November 2020 the Development Committee voted unanimously to approve the application to re-develop the site. That in the Committee Report it said "The current occupiers are due to vacate the site and relocate their services to Mansell Street, E1"
6. That on the 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019 the Council approved an earlier permitted development application for 35 homes on this site.
7. That in the DWP Estates Proposals 26.01.2017 v1.0 it was proposed to retain Dod Street as well as Mansell Street job centres in Tower Hamlets plus centres in Hackney, Stratford, and Canning Town.
8. That the 29<sup>th</sup> August 2019 update on job centre closures in 2018 by the DWP did not include any closures in London but did mention co-location with local authorities as a way of finding new premises.

9. That in 2021 the DWP set up temporary jobcentres to deal with increased demand including at 100 Leman Street, this is to provide more space for safe meetings
10. The failure since 2019 to identify and then offer an alternative location to the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) in one of the many planning applications to go through LBTH
11. That the possibility of offering the DWP space in the new Town Hall at centre of Whitechapel has never been raised with Town Hall Steering Group
12. That Tower Hamlets for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year running has missed the housing delivery targets set by the Mayor of London as a result of which there is now greater pressures on us to deliver new housing.
13. The ~~closure~~ transfer of this branch will result in longer travel times for some residents needing ~~of~~ a critical layer of support for our residents in Tower Hamlets, at a time when Universal Credit uplift ends, the furlough scheme closes, and the government imposes an increase in National Insurance.
14. The central position of the Dod Street branch is located close to some of the areas of highest deprivation in our borough: the ~~closure~~ transfer ~~will~~ may result in increased deprivation through residents not claiming the benefit support that they are entitled to.
15. That while Dod Street has a Public Transport Accessibility Level (PTAL) of 4 (where 6B is best and 1 worst) due to its bus connections on Burdett Road it is not that well connected to the DLR or Underground network. We should aim for it to be relocated to an area with a higher PTAL and which is more prominently located and visible.
16. That access to welfare support is becoming increasingly digitised and those in most need of support ~~are~~ maybe less likely to have the digital capability to access that support.
17. That LBTH has itself closed many opportunities for face-to-face support or over the phone and moved services online

This council believes:

1. The DWP's JobCentre Plus branches provide vital face-to-face support to residents who are unemployed and/or are claiming benefit support.
2. Within Tower Hamlets, there are ~~just~~ 3 JobCentre Plus branches, ~~both~~ all three in Poplar & Limehouse constituency, which provide vital support for many Tower Hamlets residents.
3. The recently published "Poverty Review" highlighted that residents were not always aware of the benefit support available to them, and that there is high correlation between illiteracy, digital exclusion and poverty. Face to face advice is often vital for many residents to understand and access the support they need.



4. That provision of employment and welfare support can be conducted in a variety of buildings and places that are accessible and welcoming to residents, and closer working between the DWP, council frontline services, and the borough's advice centres, can only benefit our residents.

This council resolves:

1. To ask the Mayor and Lead Member to write to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions Thérèse Coffey MP and the Minister for Employment Mims Davies MP to:
  1. To welcome the redevelopment of the centre for housing and
  2. ~~express concern at the closure of Dod Street JobCentre Plus,~~  
and
  3. offer support in finding alternative suitable accommodation perhaps including at the new Town Hall
2. To call on our local MPs to raise our concerns with the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions about the failure since early 2019 of LBTH and the DWP to find an alternative location.

Following debate, the amendment moved by Councillor Andrew Wood was put to a vote and was **defeated**.

The substantive motion was put to a vote and was **agreed**.

#### **RESOLVED:**

This council notes:

1. The Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) intends to close the JobCentre Plus branch based at Dod Street, Poplar.
2. That the reasons for the closure are due to the landlord not renewing the lease.
3. The closure of this branch will result in the removal of a critical layer of support for our residents in Tower Hamlets, at a time when Universal Credit uplift ends, the furlough scheme closes, and the government imposes an increase in National Insurance.
4. The central position of the Dod Street branch is located close to some of the areas of highest deprivation in our borough: the closure will result in increased deprivation through residents not claiming the benefit support that they are entitled to.
5. That access to welfare support is becoming increasingly digitised and those in most need of support are less likely to have the digital capability to access that support.

This council believes:

1. The DWP's JobCentre Plus branches provide vital face-to-face support to residents who are unemployed and/or are claiming benefit support.
2. Within Tower Hamlets, there are just 2 JobCentre Plus branches, both in Poplar & Limehouse constituency, which provide vital support for many Tower Hamlets residents.
3. The recently published "Poverty Review" highlighted that residents were not always aware of the benefit support available to them, and that there is high correlation between illiteracy, digital exclusion and poverty. Face to face advice is often vital for many residents to understand and access the support they need.
4. That provision of employment and welfare support can be conducted in a variety of buildings and places that are accessible and welcoming to residents, and closer working between the DWP, council frontline services, and the borough's advice centres, can only benefit our residents.

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1. To ask the Mayor and Lead Member to write to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions Thérèse Coffey MP and the Minister for Employment Mims Davies MP to:
  - a. express concern at the closure of Dod Street JobCentre Plus, and
  - b. offer support in finding alternative suitable accommodation
2. To call on our local MPs to raise our concerns with the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions.

## 8. OPPOSITION MOTION DEBATE

Councillor Andrew Wood **moved** and Councillor Peter Golds **seconded** the motion as printed in the agenda.

The motion was put to a vote and was **defeated**.

## 9. REPORTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE AND THE COUNCIL'S COMMITTEES

There were none

## 10. OTHER BUSINESS

### 10.1 Re-appointment of Standards Advisory Committee Co-Opted Members

The Council considered the report of the Director of Legal and Monitoring Officer regarding the appointment of Independent Co-Opted Members of the Standards Advisory Committee

#### RESOLVED:

1. Agree the re-appointment of the following Independent Co-Opted Members of the Standards Advisory Committee for a new four-year

term ending on 30 September 2025:

- Nafisa Adam
- Fiona Browne
- Mike Houston
- John Pulford MBE

## 10.2 Appointment of the Chair of the Strategic Development Committee

The Council considered the report.

Councillor Tarik Khan **moved** and Mayor John Biggs **seconded** the following:

- A nomination for the position of the Chair of the Strategic Development Committee.
- An additional recommendation to the report regarding the appointment of a Mayoral Advisor and a nomination to that position.

### **RESOLVED:**

1. That Councillor Kevin Brady be appointed as Chair of the Strategic Development Committee for the remainder of the 2021-22 municipal year
2. That Councillor Eve McQuillan be appointed to act as a Mayoral Advisor until the point that Councillor Sufia Alam returns from maternity leave on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022.

## 10.3 Proportionality and Allocation of Places on Committees of the Council

The Council considered the report of the Director of Legal and Monitoring Officer regarding the Proportionality and Allocation of Places on Committees of the Council

The Council also noted the tabled allocations for opposition Members, published on the Council's website in the supplementary agenda.

### **RESOLVED:**

1. To note the review of proportionality as at Section 3 of the report and the allocation of seats on Committees and Sub-Committees for the Municipal Year 2021/22 as set out at paragraph 3.6 of the report.
2. To note the Committees set out for the municipal year 2021/22 listed in paragraph 3.6 as agreed at the Annual Council meeting held on Wednesday 19 May 2021.
3. Agree the changes to the memberships as set out in the tabled allocations for opposition Members, and published in the supplementary agenda.

4. Agree that the Monitoring Officer be authorised to approve the appointment of Councillors required to fill positions that fall vacant during the municipal year in line with the proportionality arrangements set out in this report.
5. Agree that the Monitoring Officer be authorised to approve the appointment of ungrouped Councillors to any committee places not allocated by the Council to a political group, after consultation with those Councillors and the Speaker of the Council.
6. Agree that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and General Purposes Committee should now consider any necessary proportionality changes to their sub-committees following this report.

#### **10.4 Appointment of Political Advisors**

The Council considered the report of the Director of Legal and Monitoring Officer regarding the appointment of political advisors.

Councillor Tarik Khan **moved** and Mayor John Biggs **seconded** a proposal that the existing second political advisor post should be retained by the Conservative Group.

#### **RESOLVED:**

1. That the existing second political advisor post should be retained by the Conservative Group.

#### **11. TO RECEIVE WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL**

The following questions and in each case supplementary questions were put (except where indicated) and were responded to by the Mayor or relevant Executive Member.

##### **11.1 Question from Councillor Tarik Khan:**

Will the Mayor provide an update on the Liveable Streets programme?

##### **Response of Mayor John Biggs:**

I continue to support the principles behind Liveable Streets for providing better, safer, calmer streets, reduce rat run traffic and to improve air quality and the street environment. However, the Administration now needs to take time to reflect on the impact of the scheme on residents, so the decision has been taken to pause the programme. The Council intended to complete the existing programmes in the seven areas, where the consultation had taken place, subject to undertaking any amendments necessary in light of the consultation or pause. The Council also remained committed to carrying out it's Schools Streets programme.

No supplementary question was asked.

**11.2 Question from Councillor Kabir Ahmed:**

Can the Mayor give a break down of how much money has been spent to date on his liveable streets project? (This includes costs for; Consultants/ so called consultation, Planters, Transport costs, Council Officer time/cost, Any other cost for this project)

**Response of Mayor Biggs:**

Since the introduction of the programme, several years ago, £6.9 million had been spent on the project, from capital resources not from revenue resources. Most of which had been spent on physical works. As the programme was concluded, an even bigger amount will be spent on physical works. I wish to emphasise that the aims of the programme were not just about closing roads but about improving the streets scene, cycle and motorist provision and providing pocket parks, as well as other services. It represented a good investment in the public realm.

**Supplementary question from Councillor Kabir Ahmed:**

Can the Mayor clarify the reasons for leaving the planters on Virginian Road?

**Mayor Biggs response to supplementary question:**

They were placed there at a time when the closure was due to go ahead. This decision now forms part of the review. It was unlikely that this closure would take place as intended. In that case, they will need to be removed.

**11.3 Question from Councillor Leema Qureshi:**

How is the Mayor's Covid Recovery Fund being used?

**Response of Mayor John Biggs:**

The Mayor's Covid Recovery Fund will help initiate the Borough's economic and social recovery from Covid 19. Nearly £3m of grants has been committed. The main heading for the funding comprised:

- Community led recovery – almost £700,000.
- Healthy recovery – almost £900,000.
- Community recognised and celebrated - £44,500
- Economic recovery programme - £500,000

It will provide support in the areas where Government programmes had failed to cover.

It offers good value and will help raise the capacity of the Borough and support the community, helping us ease our way out of a crisis.

No supplementary question was asked.

**11.4 Question from Councillor Peter Golds:**

Will the Mayor outline his plan to mitigate the anti-social behaviour at St Andrews Wharf, Masthouse Terrace and the Basketball Area of Millwall Park which is increasingly blighting the peace of local residents?

**Response of Councillor Sirajul Islam, Cabinet Member for Community Safety:**

The skate park at St Andrews Wharf, Masthouse Terrace is currently the subject of proactive monitoring by the Police Task Force and Tower Hamlets Enforcement Officers. The Council's Youth Services are also ensuring that the facilities at this location are now being utilised by young people, without causing a detrimental affect on the community. While the proactive action by the Police and the Community Safety resource has had a positive affect, it is likely that ASB will continue to be a problem at this location, whilst it remains insecure. We are working with partners to explore solutions to secure this area.

Multi agency action between Parks and Highways took place in June in relation to Millwall Park and the underpass. In relation to light pollution contributing to the situation, we will revisit this and the ASB that has been occurring of late. A new ASB case will be opened to investigate ongoing issues in this area. We are liaising with TfL regarding changes to the position of DLR track lighting and the potential installation of a timer function.

**Supplementary question from Councillor Peter Golds:**

Can the Council look at locking the gates at dusk at St Andrews Wharf, to deal with the problems with ASB that are ruining the residents quality of life on a 24 hour 7 days a week basis?

**Councillor Sirajul Islam's response to supplementary question:**

As highlighted in my answer, the Council were working with partners to find solutions in this area and I can communicate this back to you. I am very happy to visit this particular area at St Andrews Wharf and I can arrange this.

**11.5 Question from Councillor Eve McQuillan:**

What is the council's response to the Government's announcement on social care, and how much has the council itself invested in social care in 2020/21?

**Response of Councillor Rachel Blake, Deputy Mayor & Cabinet Member for Adults, Health and Wellbeing:**

The Council is deeply disappointed by this Government's response to what is now a social care crisis. In particularly, it's attempts to force the costs on the Council and hard working people.

I wish to thank all the hardworking people working in our care services – from the social workers to the unpaid workers, who support some of the most vulnerable residents.

In direct answer to your question, the Council works with nearly 4000 people and has spent £98m on supporting people in relation to social care.

**Supplementary question from Councillor Eve McQuillan:**

Can you comment on the impact of a national social care service for residents and careers in Tower Hamlets?

**Councillor Rachel Blake's response to supplementary question:**

I believe that only a locally secured social care service, supported by a national care service that recognises diversity of local needs, will really be able to support the vulnerable people in Tower Hamlets. This will take a national strategy and only a Labour Government has the vision to deliver this

**11.6 Question from Councillor Harun Miah:**

According to the THLP website the Labour Mayor and Cllrs are 'fighting for Cleaner, safer and fair for Tower Hamlets'

- Rubbish not being collected-failed
- Crime gone up - failed
- Some roads blocked others open, how is that fair - failed

Can the Mayor explain who is politically responsible for delivering a cleaner, safer and fair Tower Hamlets?

**Response of Mayor John Biggs:**

The Council regularly monitors the performance of the waste services. However, during the Covid period, there had been difficulties, sometime caused by, for example, car parking on certain estates which makes it difficult for the vehicles to collect the waste.

Crime levels in the Borough had gone down during the pandemic. But there is a challenge now with the lifting of the restrictions. We are not responsible for crime but we continue to work with the Police in relation to crime.

The subject of road closures has already been discussed during the opposition motion debate.

It is the responsibility of the Administration to deliver a cleaner, safer and fair Tower Hamlets. We have a far better record in securing this, compared to the previous Administration.

No supplementary question was asked.

**11.7 Question from Councillor David Edgar:**

According to the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, 63% of the 200 million tonnes of waste generated in Britain annually is construction debris. The construction industry contributes around 40% of the country's total emissions. The London Plan 2021 Policy SI 7 sets a target for the London Mayor, waste planning authorities and industry of at least 95% of waste from construction and demolition to be reused, recycled or recovered. What steps has the council already taken or is planning to take through its planning framework, regeneration and other policies, and work with partners such as housing associations to minimise the waste and CO2 emissions from construction work and reuse rather than demolish buildings?

**Response of Councillor Asma Islam, Cabinet Member for Environment and Planning:**

The Tower Hamlets Reuse, Recycling and Waste Supplementary Planning Document SPD has recently been published. Our SPD (which can be found in the Council's Local Plan), sets out our expectations and requirements for managing waste and for securing the aim of increasing recycling rates, through specific policies.

Developers and contractors are legally bound by this plan through the planning application process. The Council may take enforcement action in relation to any breaches.

**Supplementary question from Councillor David Edgar:**

Can you confirm your plans to promote the SPD and ensure that Members are aware of developments as they take place?

**Councillor Asma Islam's response to supplementary question:**

The Council works with partners as part of a partnership summit, who were committed to reducing waste and encourage recycling during construction work.

We have also developed an action plan which is due to be published at the end of November, and in this we have included actions to address these specific issues.

**11.8 Question from Councillor Andrew Wood:**

Can the Mayor provide an update on the discussions with the London Fire Brigade as to the use of Community Infrastructure Levy monies to fund additional fire safety equipment?



**Response of Councillor Danny Hassell, Cabinet Member for Housing:**

The London Fire Brigade (LFB) have informed us that they have a strategic approach to the provision of fire safety equipment. Any additional equipment needs to be considered in that context. They have also advised us of the limitations on the provision of aerial appliances and where they can be situated, based on their facilities. They have advised us of the following:

- That 64m aerial appliances could not be accommodated in any of the stations in Tower Hamlets due to their size and weight.
- The additional costs associated with servicing, and training staffing to operate specialist appliances. This would create a substantial burden across the lifetime of the vehicle. This was in addition to the upfront costs, (which could be provided through capital funding).
- Due to the procurement timetable, it would take a number of years before they could be built and put into operation.
- That the LFB had bought three such appliances for stations in London and the first one is due to come in operation at the end of the year

We will continue to work with the GLA and LFB on the issue of fire safety equipment and how we can address the challenges of fire safety.

**Supplementary question from Councillor Andrew Wood:**

Can the Lead Member also provide an update on the discussions about the provision of other fire safety equipment not only ladders?

**Councillor Danny Hassell's response to supplementary question:**

Our conversations with LFB are ongoing and we will continue to provide updates.

**11.9 Question from Councillor Amina Ali:**

Can the Mayor provide an update on the Council's Building Safety Pledge and how it is supporting residents in Tower Hamlets?

**Response of Councillor Danny Hassell, Cabinet Member for Housing:**

Building safety is a key priority for the Council given that the Borough has the highest number of tower blocks in the country. This has been brought home by the events in the last couple of days. The Building Safety Pledge was launched in July. It was released to highlight the situation, as well as the resulting financial responsibilities and pressures this places on the Council.

We have embarked on a number of initiatives to raise awareness of the draft pledge and fire safety issues, including:

- Raising awareness of the pledge through media campaigns including the website, resident magazines, e – newsletters and social media.

- Holding an 'Ask the Mayor Event' with key partners, including the LFB and Tower Hamlets Homes to provide an opportunity for residents to ask questions and receive information.
- Working with the LFB in relation to consultation and engagement exercises and the Housing Forum to provide education on behaviours that can contribute to increased risk.
- Lobbying Central government on fire safety issues

More information can be found on the Council's website which will be updated following a review of the Council's webpages.

No supplementary questions was asked.

#### **11.10 Question from Councillor Shah Ameen:**

Can the Mayor update members on the council's plans to mark the 50th anniversary of Bangladesh's independence?

#### **Response of Councillor Sabina Akhtar, Cabinet Member for Culture, Arts and Sports:**

I am really pleased to say that the Arts, Parks and Events Team have been delivering a wide range of activities and events, both on line and in person to celebrate the anniversary of Bangladesh's independence. Some of these highlights have include:

- Launching the dedicated webpage Bangladesh@50 to celebrate the programme, and other events delivered by partners.
- The Tower Hamlets Bangladeshi Film Festival, which had just taken place at the Rich Mix and the Brady Arts Centre. Preparations were also underway to deliver a special season of Bangla dramas, called Freedom and Independence.
- Installation of new art work at the Whitechapel Idea Store.
- A new exhibition at the Idea Store about the history of the independence struggle and the contributions of Tower Hamlets residents and the language struggle in the East End.

The events were being advertises on line.

No supplementary question was asked.

#### **11.12 Question from Councillor Marc Francis:**

Will the Lead Member for Housing state how many applications from homeless households for a review of the suitability of the temporary accommodation they have been placed in by LBTH were received in 2020/21, and how many of those were dealt with within the 56day period stipulated in the Government's Homelessness Code of Guidance?

**Response of Councillor Danny Hassell, Cabinet Member for Housing:**

I can confirm that between January 2020 to March 2021, the Council completed 77 suitability reviews within the stipulated timescale. 74 were completed outside the timeframe.

Whilst we note this is guidance and that some issues will overrun (due to the circumstances), we are also mindful that we need to do more. In the period April to August 2021, we have seen an increase in the number of reviews requested. Despite this, we successfully managed to conduct a similar number of reviews by the timescale.

We have taken a number of steps to deal with reviews in a more timely way including the recruitment of an officer to assist with this work and to deal with the increased demand.

**Supplementary question from Councillor Marc Francis:**

Can the Lead Member provide assurances that the number of suitability reviews exceeding the deadline will be reduced, and also undertake to look at the Court judgements about the quality of the placements, where they have overturned a Council decision? This is to ensure we learn best practice.

**Councillor Danny Hassell's response to supplementary question:**

Yes, we want to look at the lessons learnt. I am happy to look at the court judgements and make sure that staff were better equipped to carry out reviews. It was hoped, with the recruitment of the additional officer, we will be able to complete the suitability reviews on time.

**11.13 Question from Councillor Val Whitehead:**

What assessment has been made of the impact in Tower Hamlets of the Government's plans to cut Universal Credit by £20 per week?

**Response of Councillor Mufedah Bustin, Cabinet Member for Social Inclusion:**

We were very disappointed to hear about this decision – especially given the gravity of the impact of the pandemic on low income families, which was still largely unknown.

However, I can assure you that anyone receiving a 100% discount in their Council Tax support will continue to do so. Those receiving less will be reassessed to take account of their needs. We were currently working on the overall impact of the changes to Universal Credit, the end of the furlough scheme, the energy price cap, the increase in food prices, and the changes to National Insurance. This is with a view to producing a report, using the income family tracker dash board. We should have more information on this in the coming weeks.

Nearly 6 in 10 families with children in Tower Hamlets receive Universal Credit, or Working Tax Credits. The loss of £1040 a year will lead to additional hardship for households. Not to mention the large number of households with legacy benefits who did not receive the uplift in the first place.

No supplementary question was asked.

**11.14 Question from Councillor Abdul Mukit MBE:**

What does the Mayor plan to do with the Liveable Streets programme in Weavers ward especially after the many concerns raised by residents at the doorstep, email and on social media?

**Response of Councillor Kahar Chowdhury, Cabinet Member for Highways and Public Realm:**

The Council has taken the decision to pause the scheme to review the programme, and the feedback from local residents and stakeholders. Following this further period of engagement, we intend to prepare further recommendations and to consult on these.

**Supplementary question from Councillor Abdul Mukit MBE:**

Will you be holding a public meeting in the Weavers ward?

**Councillor Kahar Chowdhury's response to supplementary question:**

We are looking at various consultation methods through a broad range of mediums – this could include public meetings, also leaflets and speaking to residents and businesses to assess the impact. Particularly, those who have been affected locally, both positively and negatively. We are happy to attend public meetings to consult further.

**11.15 Question from Councillor Victoria Obaze:**

How many families have been rehoused as part of project 120 over the last 5 years?

**Response of Councillor Danny Hassell, Cabinet Member for Housing:**

Project 120 aims to address the specific needs of families with wheelchair users or other complex needs on the Council's housing waiting list. I am pleased to say that the project has been a big success and makes a huge difference to the lives of so many across the Borough. Over the last five years, the project has accommodated 179 households with those specific needs. Over half of those have been in the last two years.

**Supplementary question from Councillor Victoria Obaze:**

How many more people are on the Council's waiting list?

**Councillor Danny Hassell response to supplementary question:**

About 20,000 households are on our housing waiting list. If you wish, I can provide you with a breakdown of people with specific housing needs on the waiting list .

Questions 11.16- 11.19 were not put due to the absence of the questioner. Question 11.11 was not put due to the absence of the questioner. (Note the written responses are included in Appendix A to these minutes)

**12. TO CONSIDER MOTIONS SUBMITTED BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL**

Councillor Amina Ali **moved** and Councillor Rachel Blake **seconded** the motion as printed in the agenda

The motion was put the vote and was agreed

**RESOLVED****This council notes:**

1. The Tesco supermarket chain has embarked on a process of converting a number of Tesco Metro stores to Tesco Express.
2. Tesco Express pricing excludes the supermarket price-match offers, increasing the pricing of regular shopping for residents.
3. Many loose items (such as fruit and vegetables) sold in Tesco Express are charged per item rather than by weight, increasing the cost of healthy, staple food items for residents.
4. That some residents have reported price increases of specific items up to 33 per cent higher than those items listed on the Tesco website and available within Tesco Extra stores.
5. In Tower Hamlets, 44 per cent of our older residents live in low-income households, the highest proportion in England and more than double the national average.
6. That Tower Hamlets has one of the highest levels of child poverty in the country, with, once housing costs are taken in to consideration, 56% of children living below the poverty line.
7. Since 2017, this administration has invested £6.6 million in a Tackling Poverty programme to support: residents moving onto Universal Credit; financial inclusion; grassroots community and voluntary sector programmes; and, several 'test and learn' initiatives
8. Tesco's group sales rose by 8.8% to £53.4bn during the 52 weeks to 27 February 2021, while its UK sales increased by 7%.
9. The Mayor, Lead Member, and councillors across London have written to the CEO of Tesco, Ken Murphy, asking he reverse the covert price increases caused by the store conversion.

**This council believes:**

10. It is families and residents living in poverty who have been disproportionately affected by these price increases as many simply do not have an option to travel further afield to access larger stores.
11. This position has become more common and acute during the pandemic, with residents restricted and discouraged from travel to protect public health.
12. At the same time, travel costs may now be prohibitively expensive for those who have been pushing into unemployment.
13. That many residents are feeling the triple whammy of the end of Universal Credit uplift, furlough scheme ending, and a looming increase in National Insurance contributions.
14. Supermarkets have performed relatively well during the pandemic, compared to other retail businesses who have struggled through enforced closures.

**This council resolves:**

1. To write to the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Select Committee asking that they review the decision by Tesco to convert its Metro stores to Express, and the impact this has on residents.
2. To ask the boroughs MPs to raise this issue in the House of Commons, raising national awareness of Tesco's pricing strategy.
3. To campaign to secure decent affordable food locally.
4. To continue to invest in innovative anti-poverty programme

**12.2 Motion regarding One Housing Group Takeover by Riverside Housing Association**

Councillor Peter Golds **moved** and Councillor Andrew Wood **seconded** the motion as printed in the agenda

Councillor Danny Hassell **moved** and Councillor Mufedah Bustin **seconded** the following amendment to the motion as set out in the supplementary agenda:

Amendments underlined.

The Council notes that in July the troubled One Housing Group, which manages 17,312 homes announced that it was to be taken over by the Riverside Housing Association based in Liverpool which currently manages 58,671 homes.

**The Council further notes that:**

This followed the revelation that One Housing had recorded a loss of £25.5 million in the last financial year and that the Regulator of Social Housing has downgraded the status of One Housing, which is a serious reputational loss to One Housing as an organisation.

There is a significant impact on the finances of One Housing in relation to building and fire safety works.

At the time of the stock transfer the four estates of the Isle of Dogs; the Barkantine, Kingsbridge, St John's and Samuda, were all managed by Toynbee Island Homes. In 2007 Toynbee Island Homes merged with the Community Housing Association to form One Housing. One Housing also own other homes across the borough.

Based in Camden Town, One Housing has frequently appeared remote to residents of this borough. This remoteness caused irreparable damage to the reputation of One Housing when, despite repeated denials, it was revealed that the organisation was secretly planning to replace the 2,000 homes on the four estates of the Isle of Dogs with 8,000 new properties. This resulted in the Regulator of Social Housing reporting in 2013 that, "the board (of One Housing) needs to enhance its oversight and scrutiny of the group's activities to maintain compliance with regulatory requirements"

**The Council further notes that:**

The original announcement of the takeover of One Housing by Riverside was reported to Councillors and covered in a press release, ~~tenants were not notified by One Housing until later. Tenants of the four estates were initially notified by the proposer of this motion by way of leaflets delivered by volunteers to their addresses.~~

There appear to have been no other options explored apart from this takeover, by Riverside, an organisation which itself has faced criticism for "taking away tenant's voices."

Tower Hamlets tenants and leaseholders of One Housing have expressed concerns regarding:

- The lack of meaningful consultation
- Inability to produce impact data for lessees
- Poor estate management
- Misleading brochures and information, which lack information on exactly how services to residents can or will be improved as part of the merger.
- Failing to share financial data with residents.

Despite the failure of Project Stone, One Housing have continued to propose redevelopment of the Kingsbridge Estate and before the takeover became known terminated a resident led steering group, whilst continuing to promote a ballot on a proposed redevelopment.

Following a letter to the Chief Executive of the Regulator of Social Housing by the proposer of this motion, to delay the takeover and cancel the ballot on the Kingsbridge development, the regulator has responded to say:

"The matters you raise about One Housing Group have now been assessed by our Consumer Regulation Panel in accordance with our Serious Detriment procedures. The panel was unable to conclude whether there has been a breach of the Consumer Regulations standards which has or could lead to serious harm to tenants."

“As such, further consideration is required and your complaint has been passed to our Investigation & Enforcement team, who will be contacting One Housing Group for further information. Once our Investigation & Enforcement team has investigated your concerns, they will contact you again within a further 20 working days from the date of this email with a reply or revised deadline.”

During this period and despite increasing concerns, residents have received a brochure urging them to support the takeover with a promise of financial investment, after the takeover.

The Mayor, the Cabinet Member for Housing and local councillors have written to One Housing highlighting their concerns and those of residents.

This Council believes:

Residents should be applauded for their hard work over many years to scrutinise One Housing and to hold them to account for their performance as a landlord and the delivery of their services.

Residents deserve to have access to information which enables them to make an informed decision on any mergers.

Consultation on issues such as mergers should be comprehensive and seek to engage residents in many ways with a dialogue about the issues involved.

One Housing and Riverside have not clearly set out the improvements that will be delivered to residents from the proposed merger.

**The Council therefore agrees:**

To call on the Regulator of Social Housing to delay the takeover until they are satisfied that this takeover is in the best interest of tenants and residents.

To ask the government that for future such mergers that tenants and leaseholders are given real and meaningful choices ~~including a referendum vote. That residents be offered three options~~ The range of options could include:

- ~~1. The~~ A recommended merger partner, who then has an incentive to make commitments about their future performance in order to win the vote
- Joining another local housing association or local housing provider where one is willing to accept them (and for the government to make necessary funding available to enable this).
- Use of referendum ballots on the decision.

~~2. To join any Council run housing provider (if one exists) which for many estates may well be a choice to reverse the decision they made in the stock transfer process~~

~~3. To join a locally based housing association willing to take them~~

That if the government truly believe in consumer choice and giving homeowners and tenants greater involvement in the management of their



homes (as we see in the moves towards Commonhold) that logically this should apply to all residents of homes regardless of tenure.

To call on the Regulator and the Minister to ensure that in these discussions tenants and residents come first and are consulted properly and independently as to the future management of their homes.

Councillor Peter Golds indicated that he accepted the amendment

The motion as amended was **agreed**.

**RESOLVED:**

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- A recommended merger partner, who then has an incentive to make commitments about their future performance in order to win the vote
- Joining another local housing association or local housing provider where one is willing to accept them (and for the government to make necessary funding available to enable this).
- Use of referendum ballots on the decision.

That if the government truly believe in consumer choice and giving homeowners and tenants greater involvement in the management of their homes (as we see in the moves towards Commonhold) that logically this should apply to all residents of homes regardless of tenure.

To call on the Regulator and the Minister to ensure that in these discussions tenants and residents come first and are consulted properly and independently as to the future management of their homes.

(Motions 12.3- 12.5 were not considered due to lack of time).

The meeting ended at 10.06 p.m.

Speaker of the Council

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## Appendix A

### Written Responses to Member Questions not put at the 29<sup>th</sup> September 2021 Council Meeting

#### 11.1 Question from Councillor Kyrsten Perry

What support is the council offering to Afghan refugees?

#### Response from Mayor John Biggs

I am proud that Tower Hamlets has pledged to support to Afghan refugee families.

The council will initially offer support for up to 5 households under one of the governments resettlement schemes. This is a similar number to most other London Councils.

The Council has set up a working group involving the key services which will provide the resettlement support both from within the council and the voluntary sector.

There is a dedicated website on the council's website which sets out the ways which residents can support Afghan refugee families. While there is no immediate need for donations of clothing and other goods, there may later be the need for specific items, e.g. laptops.

Residents can donate money to the London Refugee Response set up with leadership from the Mayor of London, London Councils and charitable funders from across London to provide much needed support to new arrivals from Afghanistan. Residents can also sign up to the Volunteer Hub and volunteer their time with the Volunteer Centre in Tower Hamlets to help Afghan or other refugees and asylum seekers.

#### 11.16 Question from Councillor Ayas Miah

Many eligible businesses applied for COVID restart grants but they have not received them despite meeting all eligibility criteria. Can the Cabinet Member for Resources clarify why they have not received it, and whether the council has figures on how much in total we have received from the government and how much we have paid out to businesses?

#### Response from Councillor Candida Ronald , Cabinet Member for Resources and the Voluntary Sector

All qualifying business have now been paid the Restart Grant. The total grant allocation from the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy for Restart Grants was over £22m, which like most Council's, was an overestimation of the number of qualifying businesses. This was based on VOA property description data which was out of date and assumed all properties were occupied.

The total amount paid thus far is over £20m to almost 2,300 qualifying businesses. The pandemic has been a challenging time for many businesses in the borough and we will continue to offer support as they rebuild.

Restart Grants	Amount Paid	Number of accounts
Non-Essential Retail	£2,914,095.00	768
Hospitality, leisure, accommodation, gym & sports and personal care	£17,428,000.00	1,480
Total Paid	£20,342,095.00	2,248

### **11.17 Question from Councillor Gabriela Salva Macallan**

The LBTH domestic abuse policy has been removed from the intranet and I understand that it's not been available to staff for a number of months whilst it is being consulted on. Can the Mayor confirm when the policy will be made available and if, in the interim, the previous policy might be made available to staff?

### **Response from Councillor Sirajul Islam**

There has been a continual presence and page with useful links dedicated to Violence against Women and Girls, developed and regularly updated by the Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) team.

There is also a guidance document available on the Bridge (the Council's intranet) for use by our staff and this includes how to respond sensitively, practical measures and information about safety.

However it is unclear why the guidance was not appearing on the dedicated page – this was possibly due to system updates – but the matter has been rectified and it is available on the Bridge.

### **11.18 Question from Councillor Rajib Ahmed**

What work is the council doing to support young people into training or employment?

### **Response from Councillor Motin Uz-Zaman, Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Work, Economic Growth and Faith**

Young people have been one of the groups hit hardest by the economic fallout of the pandemic and the council is committed to supporting this cohort with a range of programmes.

This support includes:

- The council offering a range of apprenticeship opportunities to young people.
- Our Young Workpath service working with young people who are NEET or at risk of NEET, conducting over 3000 interviews per year. The service has now started to offer face-to-face interviews with vulnerable young people again.
- Securing 550 Kickstart placements for young people across the borough, including 33 placements secured within council services.
- Expanding Careers Advice and re-establishing the Careers Lead Network, tasked with developing cross-borough standards, disseminating information on courses and summer schools, and offering sector-specific advice.

- Launching the ‘Bridging the Divide’ partnership between GED, THEP, universities and employers to improve career pathway resources and immersive engagement events for young people.
- Developing “Taster Sessions” for care leavers to spend a day shadowing various roles in the Division. This is great a way for some young people who are in care to observe a role to see if this might be something they would like to pursue as a future career/ training option.
- The Supporting Families Division (within Children and Culture) has recently identified the potential for three apprenticeship roles for some of our care-leavers within our Early Help Service. These are likely to be offered at apprenticeship level 2-3.

### **11.19 Question from Councillor Rabina Khan**

There is a constant failure to collect refuse and recycling across the estates in Shadwell.

As a Councillor I am consistently raising members enquiries in an effort to help residents, communities and businesses with problems relating to this problem. Shadwell is a small ward that should not require much effort to keep clean. Will the Mayor ensure refuse and recycling failures do not happen in the future and that every effort is made by the Director responsible for Environment to keep our streets, roads, and estates clean and tidy?

This is a very basic council function.

### **Response from Councillor Asma Islam, Cabinet Member for Environment and Planning**

The cleanliness of our streets and greenspaces is of the highest importance to the Council and one we take very seriously.

In Shadwell, waste collection services are performing above set standards and the teams are regularly monitoring media channels to respond to, and deal with, any reported issues. We are grateful for Councillor Khan’s 7 enquires over six months (3 cleansing, 1 recycling, 1 bio-diversity and 2 refuse) and have been pleased to respond to all of them.

Regarding Estates, the Council is working with our housing partners to tackle behaviours which sometimes result in delayed collections. Our teams too often find that private vehicles are blocking entrances to estates preventing access and immediate collection. Waste Services are working with both Parking and our Communications department to tackle this issue. However, despite these challenges, our teams, who have worked diligently throughout the pandemic, continue to ensure collections are made.

Further to these challenges the Council is tackling the blight of fly-tipping in both Shadwell and across the borough. Nearly 200 fixed-penalty notices for fly-tipping have been issued since April. The fines were handed out to people and organisations caught illegally and irresponsibly dumping items including bags of rubbish, old furniture, and appliances.

Every month the council collects about 250 tonnes of fly-tipped waste. Last year, crews cleared almost 3,200 tonnes of fly-tipped waste off our streets, the equivalent of almost 258 London buses, costing hundreds of thousands of pounds to get rid of.

We're here to help people recycle and get rid of their waste but we have zero tolerance to those who see the streets of our borough as their dumping ground, and we will always take action.

We thank councillor Khan for her assistance with this matter and would encourage her and her residents to continue to support the Council by reporting issues where she sees them.



**LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS**

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL**

**HELD AT 6.00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, 13 OCTOBER 2021**

**THE NEW ARMOURIES, TOWER OF LONDON, LONDON EC3N 4AB**

**Members Present:**

Mayor John Biggs	Councillor Denise Jones
Councillor Faroque Ahmed	Councillor Rabina Khan
Councillor Kabir Ahmed	Councillor Tarik Khan
Councillor Rajib Ahmed	Councillor James King
Councillor Sabina Akhtar	Councillor Eve McQuillan
Councillor Amina Ali	Councillor Abdul Mukit MBE
Councillor Shah Ameen	Councillor Victoria Obaze
Councillor Rachel Blake	Councillor Leema Qureshi
Councillor Kevin Brady	Councillor Zenith Rahman
Councillor Mufeedah Bustin	Councillor Candida Ronald
Councillor Kahar Chowdhury	Councillor Dan Tomlinson
Councillor Shad Chowdhury	Councillor Helal Uddin
Councillor David Edgar	Councillor Abdal Ullah
Councillor Peter Golds	Councillor Motin Uz-Zaman
Councillor Mohammed Ahbab Hossain	Councillor Val Whitehead
Councillor Asma Islam	Councillor Bex White
Councillor Sirajul Islam	

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of

- Councillor Sufia Alam
- Councillor Asma Begum
- Councillor Dipa Das
- Councillor Marc Francis
- Councillor Ehtasham Haque
- Councillor Danny Hassell
- Councillor Ayas Miah
- Councillor Harun Miah
- Councillor Puru Miah
- Councillor Mohammed Pappu
- Councillor Kyrsten Perry
- Councillor Gabriela Salva Macallan
- Councillor Andrew Wood

Apologies for absence were also received from Jim Fitzpatrick - one of the nominees for the Freedom of the Borough Award.

## **2. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND OTHER INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.

## **3. FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH - NOMINATIONS REPORT**

The Speaker of the Council invited Members to consider the report of the Freedom of the Borough Panel.

The Speaker explained that the Freedom of the Borough was the highest honour or recognition that a Council could bestow on an individual in recognition of their outstanding achievements. This is the second time it had been awarded in almost twenty years.

The Speaker stated that he was very pleased to have chaired the cross party Freedom of the Borough Panel that assessed the nominations for the award. The Panel sought and assessed many high quality nominations based on the criteria set out in the report. On behalf of the Panel, he thanked everyone who submitted a nomination. He also thanked the Panel for their hard work and dedication to support this award process.

After considerable discussion, the Panel determined that five nominations should be submitted to Council for consideration for the Freedom of the Borough.

They were:

- Sufia Alam
- Jim Fitzpatrick
- Sister Christine Frost fcJ
- Sir George Iacobescu CBE and
- Abdul Aziz Sardar

At the invitation of the speaker, a number of individuals and Councillors addressed the Committee on their reasons for nominating the candidates. These were:

- Mahbub Alam – on Sufia Alam
- Lord Michael Cashman - Sister Christine Frost fcJ
- Sheikh Aliur Rahman - Sir George Iacobescu CBE
- Councillor Kahar Chowdhury - Sister Christine Frost fcJ
- Councillor Motin Uz-zaman - Jim Fitzpatrick
- Councillor James King - Jim Fitzpatrick
- Councillor Helal Uddin - Abdul Aziz Sardar

Mayor John Biggs, alongside Group Leaders, (Councillors Peter Golds, and Kabir Ahmed) and as well as a number of other Councillors also spoke in recognition of the candidates.

They highlighted the following points in relation to each of the candidates:

- Sufia Alam. It was stated that it was a great honour to speak in support of Sufia Alam in view of all her tireless community work, and her role in acting as a strong advocate for women from different backgrounds, especially Muslim and Bangladeshi women. It was noted that she had done so much good work over many years, particularly during the pandemic - for example by setting up a number of community projects to support health and wellbeing, education and recreational activities. Her voluntary work included leading the Women's collective, significantly raising recycling rates. These were very special and unique achievements.
- Sister Christine Frost fcJ. The speakers paid tribute to Sister Christine's great ability to lead and her tireless work, over decades, to bring people together, regardless of their faith, and her persistence in overcoming barriers, especially during the pandemic to help vulnerable residents. She had given so much and had changed many lives. The speakers gave many examples of Sister Christine's work, particularly in relation to tackling poverty, promoting community cohesion and preventing loneliness and isolation. Sister Christine's contributions have been massive and she was an inspiration.
- Sir George Iacobescu CBE. The speakers also addressed the meeting in recognition of Sir George's achievements. This was in view of his contributions towards the development of Canary Wharf, as a world class business centre and his wide-ranging fundraising and charity work. Similar to many of the candidates, he had arrived in London from a modest background working his way up. His work and leadership skills had transformed Canary Wharf - bringing people together to the benefit of many people and creating many jobs. He has also shown that it was possible to pursue business interests - whilst also making a huge contribution to the community.
- Jim Fitzpatrick. It was noted that, as one of the Borough's MP's from 1997 to 2017, he was an outstanding parliamentarian, who went above and beyond his call of duty. He raised the standard for politicians given his many good qualities. In particular, Members welcomed how he proactively worked to reach out to constituents, and his willingness to help others. This included representatives from across the political spectrum. They also noted that he regularly took the time to take school children on Parliamentary tours, and took on many important causes. This included taking forward a campaign to secure justice for the victims of the Docklands bomb. He has left a strong legacy.
- Abdul Aziz Sardar. Tributes were also paid to the work of Abdul Aziz Sardar given his tireless community work to promote diversity and cohesion, particularly in respect of helping the Bangladeshi community. It was considered that he was one of the first of his generation 'to break the glass ceiling' and he has always been a great role model and an inspirational mentor for so many - especially for the younger people growing up in the community. His many achievements included the establishment of the Tower Hamlets Council of Mosques. The speakers also praised Sardar's involvement with Poplar HARCA and the Bromley by Bow Centre, which had improved the lives of many.

The recommendations were put to a vote and **unanimously agreed**

**RESOLVED**

That the Council

1. Award the Freedom of the Borough to:
  - Sufia Alam
  - Jim Fitzpatrick
  - Sister Christine Frost fcJ
  - Sir George Iacobescu CBE
  - Abdul Aziz Sardar
  
2. Thank all those who submitted nominations for the Freedom of the Borough.


The recipients were then presented with the certificate and flowers

At the invitation of the Speaker, the recipients addressed the meeting and thanked the Council for the award. (A representative spoke on behalf of Jim Fitzpatrick)

The meeting ended at 7.20 p.m.

Speaker of the Council

# Agenda Item 5

Non-Executive Report of the:  <b>Council</b>  17 <sup>th</sup> November 2021	 <b>TOWER HAMLETS</b>
<b>Report of:</b> Janet Fasan, Director of Legal and Monitoring Officer	<b>Classification:</b> Unrestricted
<b>Petitions to Council</b>	

<b>Originating Officer(s)</b>	Matthew Mannion, Head of Democratic Services
<b>Wards affected</b>	All wards

## SUMMARY

1. This report sets out details of the valid petitions submitted for presentation at the Council meeting on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2021. The text of the petition received for presentation to this meeting is set out in the attached report.
2. The Council's Constitution provides for up to four petitions to be heard at each ordinary Council meeting. These are taken in order of receipt, except that petitions for debate (those in excess of 2,000 signatures) will take precedence. Should more than four petitions be received, all remaining petitions will be listed to be formally noted by Council.
3. For Petitions listed as to be heard:
  - a. Petitioners may address the meeting for no more than 3 minutes.
  - b. Members may then question the petitioners for a further 4 minutes.
  - c. Finally, the speaker will invite the Mayor or (at the Mayor's discretion) the relevant Lead Member or Committee Chair to respond to the petition for up to 2 minutes. The petition will then be referred to the relevant Corporate Director for attention who will provide a written response within 28 days of the date of the meeting.
4. Members, other than a Cabinet Member or Committee Chair responding at the end of the item, should confine their contributions to questions and not make statements or attempt to debate.
5. For Petitions listed as to be noted, petitioners may not address the meeting. The Speaker will state where they will go for a full response.

6. Responses to all petitions will be sent to the lead petitioner and displayed on the Council's website.

## **PETITIONS FOR DEBATE**

There are no petitions for debate.

## **PETITIONS TO BE HEARD**

### **5.1 Petition regarding Stop Wellington Row, Barnet Grove & Quilter Street Road Closures & Restrictions submitted by Ruksana Begum and others**

We the undersigned petition the council to stop the traffic management order for Wellington Row, Barnet Grove, and Quilter Street. This includes vehicle prohibitions, one-way systems, no entries, introduction of double-yellow lines, removal of resident parking bays, and conversion of resident bays into shared space.

### **5.2 Petition regarding Save St Andrew's Wharf Youth Club submitted by Camila Consolmagno and others**

We the undersigned petition the council to Stop plans to close St. Andrew's Wharf Youth Club and outsource its youth service.

### **5.3 Petition regarding Tower Hamlets Council proposing to change the conditions of succession for tenants submitted by Terry McGrenera and others**

The Council proposes to remove the legal right whereby tenants have an automatic right to a second succession. In its place all tenants will have a discretionary right to be considered for a new tenancy as long as they would qualify under the council's allocation policy


### **5.4 Petition regarding keep our Warden Service on Ocean Estate submitted by Derek England and others**

We the local residents of ocean estate would like to put this petition forward to keep the resident warden service for older vulnerable people to be kept foreseeable future. It is a lifeline for vast amount of resident who uses this service for over 18 years now and they depend on it to stay independent in their own home through help and support from warden service. We now need the front line service more than ever due to Covid19 pandemic and warden service provided daily service while lockdown.

## **PETITIONS TO BE NOTED**

None.

# Agenda Item 7

Non-Executive Report of the:  <b>COUNCIL</b>  17 <sup>th</sup> November 2021	 <b>TOWER HAMLETS</b>
<b>Report of:</b> Janet Fasan, Director of Legal and Monitoring Officer	<b>Classification:</b> Unrestricted
<b>Motion for debate submitted by the Administration</b>	

<b>Originating Officer(s)</b>	Matthew Mannion, Head of Democratic Services
<b>Wards affected</b>	All wards

## SUMMARY

1. Council Procedure Rule 11 allows for time at each Ordinary Council meeting for the discussion of one specific Motion submitted by the Administration. The debate will follow the rules of debate at Council Procedure Rule 13 and will last no more than 30 minutes.
2. The motion submitted is listed overleaf. The Administration Motion is submitted by the Labour Group.
3. Motions must be about matters for which the Council or its partners has a direct responsibility. A motion may not be moved which is substantially the same as a motion which has been put at a meeting of the Council in the previous six months; or which proposes that a decision of the Council taken in the previous six months be rescinded; unless notice of the motion is given signed by at least twenty Members.
4. Notice of any proposed amendments to the Motions must be given to the Monitoring Officer by Noon the day before the meeting.

## MOTION

Set out overleaf is the motion that has been submitted.

## 7 – Administration Motion for Debate - regarding COP26

Proposed by: Cllr Asma Islam

Seconded by: Mayor John Biggs

### **This Council notes that:**

1. The UK Government was the host of COP26, held in Scotland in November 2021. This was an opportunity for the UK Government to radically shape global action on climate change, and to use the opportunity to shape how climate change is tackled in the UK.
2. In March 2019 the Council declared a Climate Emergency setting an ambitious target of becoming a Net Zero Carbon Council by 2025.
3. In March 2020, the Council hosted the Climate Engagement event, and it then on behalf of the PEG set up the Climate Task Force representing key stakeholders and partners as identified by the PEG.
4. The Council has just launched the Net Zero Carbon (NZC) Partnership Action Plan.
5. The Council has already taken a number of actions locally to combat climate change, including:
  - a. Sustainable Workplace programme to encourage sustainable behaviours for council employees including: promoting resource efficiency, reduction in single use plastics and elimination of plastic cups from buildings, introduction of food waste collection to council offices to reduce waste being sent to landfill and incineration.
  - b. Adopted Local Plan policies that require all new development to achieve net zero carbon status.
  - c. Review of council Assets for Zero Carbon retrofit feasibility. Proposals include transitioning to low carbon heating and hot water systems and LED lighting, these projects will reduce carbon emissions by 105 tonnes a year.
  - d. Completed initial feasibility for decarbonisation of Barkantine Heat and Power district heating network.
  - e. Promoting Trees for Streets
  - f. Council purchasing 100% renewable energy
  - g. Retrofitting schools projects
  - h. Solar Together London
  - i. Sustained investment through the Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund
  - j. Sustained investment in public transport to support a just transition
6. Tower Hamlets has been named the most eco-friendly local authority in England in a study published by In Your Area, which found that the borough has the lowest carbon emissions in the country and it is the best in the UK for energy-efficient homes.

### **This Council believes:**

1. This summer has seen more evidence of the immediate impact of climate change across the world, with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's Sixth Report, published in August 2021, found that the global surface temperature will continue to rise until at least the middle of this century. This shows the need for more ambitious and immediate action to tackle this climate emergency at a local, national and international level.
2. The Council has made significant progress but must continue to press its partners and the UK Government for a wider solution while leading by example.




**This Council resolves to:**

1. Ask the Mayor and the Cabinet Member for Environment and Planning to raise this motion with the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to:
  - a. Call for the UK Government to provide local authorities with the necessary resources to take further action against climate change, and to support a fair and just transition to a Net Zero Carbon UK.
  - b. State our support for more public investment in green projects across the UK to tackle the Climate Emergency.
  
2. Continue to work with local residents, businesses and council partners to encourage them to take steps to reduce their carbon footprint in order to achieve our net zero commitment.

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# Agenda Item 8

Non-Executive Report of the:  <b>COUNCIL</b>  17 <sup>th</sup> November 2021	 <b>TOWER HAMLETS</b>
<b>Report of:</b> Janet Fasan, Director of, Legal and Monitoring Officer	<b>Classification:</b> Unrestricted
<b>Motion for debate submitted by an Opposition Group</b>	

<b>Originating Officer(s)</b>	Matthew Mannion, Head of Democratic Services
<b>Wards affected</b>	All wards

## SUMMARY

1. Council Procedure Rule 11 allows for time at each Ordinary Council meeting for the discussion of one Motion submitted by an Opposition Group. The debate will follow the rules of debate at Council Procedure Rule 13 and will last no more than 30 minutes.
2. The motion submitted is listed overleaf. In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11, submission of the Opposition Motion for Debate will alternate in sequence between the opposition groups. This Opposition Motion is submitted by the Aspire Group.
3. Motions must be about matters for which the Council or its partners has a direct responsibility. A motion may not be moved which is substantially the same as a motion which has been put at a meeting of the Council in the previous six months; or which proposes that a decision of the Council taken in the previous six months be rescinded; unless notice of the motion is given signed by at least twenty Members.
4. Notice of any proposed amendments to the Motions must be given to the Monitoring Officer by Noon the day before the meeting.

## MOTION

Set out overleaf is the motion that has been submitted.

## **8 – Opposition Motion for Debate – regarding the Knife Crime Emergency in Tower Hamlets**

Proposer: Cllr Kabir Ahmed

Seconder: Cllr Harun Miah

### **This council notes:**

1. That a petition entitled “Knife Crime Emergency in Tower Hamlets” on Change.org has been signed by 23,310 people. The petition has been organised by Isle of Dogs residents and former Canary Wharf Cllr Maium Talukdar.
2. That knife crime in Tower Hamlets leads to fatalities and serious injury, especially among young people.
3. That knife crime in Tower Hamlets creates a perception among residents that the streets of this Borough are not safe.

### **This council believes:**


4. The reduction in police budgets and closure of local police stations, such as the police station in Manchester Road is harming efforts to deal with this emergency.
5. A great deal of knife crime is related to the sale of drugs and gangs.
6. An effective strategy to tackle knife crime must combine enforcement, education and support for those who may be tempted into carrying or using knives and redirecting them to positive activities.

### **This council resolves:**

7. To declare a Knife Crime Emergency in Tower Hamlets and to devise a strategy to tackle it.
8. That this strategy should be a practical document, assembled as an emergency – and not a bureaucratic paper exercise. It should be brought before the next Council meeting for discussion.
9. That the Strategy should include the following elements.
  - a. The Mayor should ask the borough’s MPs and all LBTH councillors to work with him on making representations to the Government asking for the Council to receive emergency funding to tackle knife crime in Tower Hamlets.
  - b. The Tower Hamlets Mayor should make representations to the Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, asking him to find funding for the Council to tackle the Knife Crime Emergency in the borough, including the re-opening of Manchester Road police station.
  - c. To increase the provision of THEOs and extra police officers so that there is a constant and visible presence to deter crime as well as respond to it quickly.
  - d. A strategy to disrupt the attraction in the borough towards carrying knives and other weapons, using a mixture of enforcement, education and support for those who may be or have been drawn towards knife crime in the borough.
  - e. The knife deterrence strategy in the borough should be organised under a clear and measurable slogan.
  - f. A strategy to bring a comprehensive, effective Youth Service in Tower Hamlets back up to a level which can offer support to all those who need it, especially those at risk of being groomed into carrying knives and offending; this service to be based very locally (rather than bring restricted to “hubs”) and offering a companion outreach service.
  - g. A strategy to offer specialist support for victims of knife crime and their families, with appropriate services for young women and for members of the BAME communities.

- h. A strategy to tackle organised crime and disorder by re-investing in a “Gangbuster Unit” that has a multi agency approach and intelligence led to tackle knife crime.

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Decision Report Cover Sheet:  <b>Council</b>  17 November 2021	
<b>Cover Report of:</b> Matthew Mannion, Head of Democratic Services  <b>Main Report:</b> Ann Sutcliffe, Corporate Director, Place	<b>Classification:</b> Unrestricted
<b>Cover report of: Cumulative Impact Assessment Policy 2021-24</b>	

<b>Wards affected</b>	All Wards
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### Summary

At its meeting on 27 October 2021, the Cabinet considered the report on the Cumulative Impact Assessment Policy 2021-24. This report was considered under the Budget and Policy Framework.

Following discussion, the Cabinet agreed to forward the report to Council for decision. The report and its appendices are attached to this cover sheet.

As part of the Budget and Policy Framework process, the Cabinet also considered the response of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC). The comments of the OSC are also appended to this cover sheet.

### Recommendations:

The Council is recommended to:

1. Consider the evidence and statutory consultation returns and retain both CIAs in Brick Lane and Bethnal Green.
2. To consider and agree the reviewed CIA Policy Statement, which has been reviewed in light of the consultation. The Policy Statement can be found in Appendix One to the main report, however Council should note paragraph 9.10 of the policy which states:

“If there are no representations, the licensing authority must grant the application in terms that are consistent with the operating schedule submitted in line with their delegated authority.”

3. That the proposed CIAs, as part of the Statement of Licensing Policy, will take effect from 18<sup>th</sup> November 2021 for three years unless, within that time, they are reviewed and the Council is of the opinion that they are no longer necessary.

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<b>Cabinet</b>  27 October 2021	 <b>TOWER HAMLETS</b>
<b>Report of:</b> Ann Sutcliffe, Corporate Director Place	<b>Classification:</b> Unrestricted
<b>Cumulative Impact Assessment Policy 2021 - 2024</b>	

<b>Lead Member</b>	<b>Councillor Asma Islam, Cabinet Member for Environment and Planning</b>
<b>Originating Officer(s)</b>	David Tolley – Head of Environmental Health and Trading Standards
<b>Wards affected</b>	All wards
<b>Key Decision?</b>	No
<b>Forward Plan Notice Published</b>	12 July 2021
<b>Reason for Key Decision</b>	Not a Key Decision. This decision is reserved to full council.
<b>Community Plan Theme</b>	A safe and cohesive community

### **Executive Summary**

The Council as a Licensing Authority must review its Cumulative Impact Policies every 3 years. The Council has two Cumulative Impact Policies or Cumulative Impact Assessments (CIA) as they are now referred to in the legislation and government guidance. The Council's first CIA in Brick Lane has been in place for approximately 7 years and the second one, which is in Bethnal Green, has been in place for 3 years.

The Cumulative Impact Assessment forms part of the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy and therefore if CIAs are adopted, then the Statement of Licensing Policy needs to reflect this change.

As part of the review of these CIAs a statutory consultation process took place between the 28<sup>th</sup> January and 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2021.

If accepted, the reviewed Cumulative Impact Assessment, which forms part of the Statement of Licensing Policy, will ultimately go to full Council for adoption.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

The Cabinet is recommended:

1. To consider the evidence and statutory consultation returns and retain both CIAs in Brick Lane and Bethnal Green.
2. To consider and agree the reviewed CIA Policy Statement, which has been reviewed in light of the consultation. The Policy Statement can be found in **Appendix One**, however Cabinet should note paragraph 9.10 of the Policy, which states:

*“If there are no representations, the licensing authority must grant the application in terms that are consistent with the operating schedule submitted in line with their delegated authority.”*

3. That the proposed CIAs, as part of the Statement of Licensing Policy, will take effect from 18th November 2021 for three years unless, within that time, they are reviewed and the Council is of the opinion that they are no longer necessary.
4. To support these recommendations to full Council for adoption.

### 1. **REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS**

- 1.1 The Council is statutorily required to review its CIAs every 3 years.

### 2. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

- 2.1 Cabinet does have the option not to recommend the renewal of the CIAs. Cabinet further has the option of suggesting amendments to the scope of the CIAs. For the reasons set out in this report, neither option is recommended

### 3. **DETAILS OF THE REPORT**

- 3.1 The Council’s current CIAs for Brick Lane and Bethnal Green were adopted by Full Council in September 2018 as part of the Statement of Licensing Policy review.
- 3.2 Tower Hamlets Council is defined as a Licensing Authority under the Licensing Act 2003. As a Licensing Authority we must review our CIAs every 3 years and publish the outcome of that review.
- 3.3 We must, as a minimum, carry out the statutory consultation laid down in the Licensing Act 2003.
- 3.4 Following consultation, Cabinet must consider the revised CIAs , which form part of the Statement of Licensing Policy. Full Council must make the final decision on whether to retain the reviewed CIAs.

- 3.5 The CIAs seek to help limit the number or types of licence applications granted in areas where there is evidence to show that the number or density of licensed premises is having a cumulative impact and leading to problems, which are undermining the licensing objectives:
- Prevention of crime and disorder,
  - Public safety,
  - Prevention of public nuisance,
  - Protection of children from harm.
- 3.6 CIAs can relate to applications for new premises licences and club premises certificates and applications to vary existing premises licences and club premises certificates.
- 3.7 CIAs were introduced by the insertion of section 5A into the Licensing Act 2003. CIAs form part of the Statement of Licensing Policy, which each licensing authority is required to review and renew every five years. This statutory requirement is supplemented by statutory guidance issued by the Secretary of State under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003. The policy produced must comply with this guidance. .
- 3.8 The review of the Brick Lane and Bethnal Green CIAs has taken account of the legislative changes that will affect the policy. The Policy also needs to be updated following the consultation.

### Consultation

- 3.9 All statutory consultees were consulted:
- a) the chief officer of police for the licensing authority's area,
  - b) the fire and rescue authority for that area, i.e. the Fire Brigade
  - c) The Council's Director of Public Health,
  - d) such persons as the licensing authority considers to be representative of holders of premises licences issued by that authority, (all licence holders)
  - e) such persons as the licensing authority considers to be representative of holders of club premises certificates issued by that authority, (all certificate holders)
  - f) such persons as the licensing authority considers to be representative of holders of personal licences issued by that authority, and
  - g) such other persons as the licensing authority considers to be representative of businesses and residents in its area.

As well as the above statutory consultees, and in connection with g) above, the main method of consultation was to direct residents and businesses to complete an online survey which was accessed via the Council's website (Let's Talk - <https://talk.towerhamlets.gov.uk/e1e2licensing>). The consultation text can be found in **Appendix Two**. The consultation ran from 28<sup>th</sup> January to 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2021.

3.10 The full list of consultees is detailed in **Appendix Three**.

3.11 Online consultation received 1500 visits, with 169 downloading the documents, 428 visiting multiple times and a total of 236 taking part in the survey. A Summary of the Online Survey comments can be found in **Appendix Four**. The online response asked two main questions. The tables below outline the responses to these questions as a percentage for each CIA (Brick Lane and Bethnal Green).

3.12

Do you think that the Cumulative Impact Policy should be retained as detailed in the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy?			
	Yes	No	Don't Know
Brick Lane CIA (total responders = 183)	55.2%	38.8%	6%
Bethnal Green CIA (total responders = 137)	58.8%	22.6%	16%

What do you think should happen to the Cumulative Impact Zone?					
	Reduce	Expanded	Abolished	Stay the same	Don't know/not sure
Brick Lane CIA (total responders = 184)	8.7%	32.6%	32.6%	23.4%	2.7%
Bethnal Green CIA (total responders = 137)	11.7%	40.1%	17.5%	19%	11.7%

3.13 As well as the online responses ten written responses were received. Of these written responses four said the CIAs should be retained, two gave no comment, two wanted both CIAs to be extended to create one larger CIA encompassing the area in between the CIAs and Columbia Road area to the north; and lastly two said that the evidence did not support retaining it thus they should be abolished. These written responses received are summarised in **Appendix Five**.

3.14 Considering just the online responses it appears there is slightly more support for retaining the Bethnal Green CIA as detailed in the Statement of Licensing Policy than there is for retaining the Brick Lane CIA. Overall,

however, consideration of both the online and written responses indicates that the majority of those responding are in support of retaining both CIAs.

- 3.15 Of the written responses referred to at 3.13, a small majority was in favour of retaining the CIAs in some form. Only two respondents opposed the retention of the CIAs. These were from bodies representing the licensed trade. These two responders (Bishop S.A.R.L. and UK Hospitality, nos.5 and 12 as referenced in Appendix Five) state in the responses that there is insufficient evidence to support retention of the CIAs in Brick Lane and Bethnal Green.
- 3.16 Both state that the evidence does not justify the retention of the CIAs, and refer to the use of data, which in their view is out of date due to it being pre-pandemic. However, UK Hospitality goes further to add that the data from both Environmental Health and Trading Standards and the Police is not sufficient to justify the CIAs when considering Secretary of State's Guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003. The reason is that some of the raw data in the complaints received by Environmental Health and Trading Standards does not relate wholly to noise or licence complaints, but rather to enquiries. Furthermore, they state that the information from the Police used to produce the Hot Spot Maps was crude data, which does not demonstrate cumulative impact.
- 3.17 The UK Hospitality's Submission 2 in Appendix five shows the breakdown of data provided by the Police to produce the Hotspot Maps. The have been split into Violent Crime and Dishonesty. UK Hospitality argues that the Dishonesty crimes equate to half of that used to produce the hotspot maps.
- 3.18 The UK Hospitality's submission was based on the information provided in **Appendix Six** 'Background document Cumulative Impact Consultation Report' which was provided as part of the public consultation. During the consultation, further information was requested by UK Hospitality's solicitors for the raw data behind the hot spot maps and the hours of operations of licensed premises so that the figures could be put into context, which resulted their second written submission. This additional information provided on request from UK Hospitality's solicitors is at **appendix Six a-c** . The relevant Police raw data is not exhibited here, as it is third party data, but was agreed to be provided to UK Hospitality's solicitors by the data holder.
- 3.19 The consultation report demonstrates that licences and variations were applied for in both cumulative impact areas, and were indeed granted. In the Brick Lane cumulative impact area between November 2017 and October 2020 – 40 applications for new premises licences or variations were applied for with 3 refusals. In the Bethnal Green cumulative impact area between November 2017 to October 2020 -11 applications for new premises licences or variations were applied for with 3 refusals.

- 3.20 In 2021 (April to September) the Council has received 13 new applications in the Brick Lane cumulative impact area and 1 new application in Bethnal Green.
- 3.21 The provision of the cumulative impact areas has not prevented applications being received by the Council, but it has increased the dialogue between the applicant and Officers to ensure that the impact of the licensed premises on the area is being considered to permit additional conditions being included on the licences to mitigate against the impact on the area. The cumulative impact assessment is clearly an effective tool to mitigate the cumulative effects of licensed premises in the area.
- 3.22 The Secretary of State's Guidance under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 (paragraph 14.22) does mention that large concentrations of people can cause other crimes such as these (robbery, pickpocketing etc.) to occur. Hence saturation of licensed premises causing congregations of people under the influence of alcohol can attract crime of this nature. This can lead to people feeling unsafe in the area as a result. UK Hospitality make further comments about the data, in that of the top five premises highlighted as being an issue, four of which are supermarkets and the lack the comparison of crimes in other areas.
- 3.23 In Appendix five most of these comments are not only in support of the CIAs but mention ASB issues continuing to occur in these defined CIA zones. It therefore appears clear from the hot spot maps and comments from the survey alone that there is evidence to support the retention of the CIAs for Brick Lane and Bethnal Green.
- 3.24 The consultation was also raised at the Safer Neighbourhood Board Meeting, where two residents, both members of Residents Associations, mentioned their support for the CIAs. Furthermore, one asked that it be expanded to create one larger CIA area encompassing the area in between the CIAs and Columbia Road area to the north and that then meets with the London Borough Hackney's Shoreditch CIA. This expansion was raised by several residents in the Ezra Street and Columbia Road area. Please note that the current CIA in Brick Lane was expanded in 2018 to meet with the Hackney's Shoreditch CIA on the north western edge.

#### Request for Extension of CIAs

- 3.25 During the Consultation several responses requested an extension of the existing CIAs. These extension requests were to extend the Bethnal Green CIA to meet the Brick Lane one to the west and then extend this larger CIA to include parts of Weavers Ward including Columbia Road. See Map in **Appendix Six** (which was created by the Association of Residents in Ezra Street Area ARESTA). For ease these are referred to as Weavers and Bethnal Green Extensions.
- 3.26 The review of the CIAs in Brick Lane and Bethnal Green did not include any proposal to extend into the Weavers or Bethnal Green extensions.

Therefore, to extend the CIAs as suggested would require another statutory consultation, where the Council would need to consider if there is good evidence that, in this case, crime and disorder or nuisance is occurring within the Weavers and/or Bethnal Green extensions. Due to the number of responses requesting such an extension the evidence has been considered below.

3.27 The Hotspot Maps A to D in **Appendix Seven** show that incidents of crime and antisocial behaviour linked to licensed premises between 2017 and 2020. Incidents in both areas have been increasing, with an uplift in incidents in 2019 and then again in 2020. However, in comparison with the Brick Lane and Bethnal Green review these figures are far lower. Incidents are less than 100/per year, even when considering both extensions together.

3.28 The Table below shows the number of Licence Applications in the Weavers and Bethnal Green extensions.

<b>Licence Applications (Granted/Refused)</b>		
<b>Decision</b>	<b>Bethnal Green Extension</b>	<b>Weavers Extension</b>
<b>November 2017 to October 2018</b>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>November 2018 to October 2019</b>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>November 2019 to October 2020</b>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>

This table shows that in comparison with Brick Lane CIA and Bethnal Green CIA, fewer licences are being granted in the proposed extension areas. Moreover, the number of licences as a total in these areas is far less than in the current CIAs. See figures below:

- Weavers extension = 27
- Bethnal Green extension = 11
  
- Brick Lane CIA = 248
- Bethnal Green CIA = 58

Based on the above it does not appear that there is currently a saturation of licensed premises in the area.

3.29 The tables below show the complaints received by the Environmental Health and Trading Standards Service in the Weavers and Bethnal Green extensions between 2017 and 2020.

Row Labels	Nov 2017 -Oct 2018	Nov 2018 -Oct 2019	Nov 2019 - Oct 2020
<b>Bethnal Green Extension</b>			
Licensing Complaints	1	3	4
Noise Complaints	1	1	
<b>Weavers Extension</b>			
Licensing Complaints	16	10	10
Noise Complaints	1	2	
Out of Hours	8	5	

3.30 In conclusion it does not appear that the area has a high saturation of licensed premises within these proposed extensions. Weavers Extension has 27 licensed premises and Bethnal Green has 11 licensed premises. This would not be a significant number to suggest it has a saturation of licensed premises. Furthermore, the complaints and incidents, linked to licensed premises, reported to the Police and Environmental Health and Trading Standards are not at a level that would justify the creation of a CIA in these areas, nor extending the CIAs to include these areas.

It is also worth noting that a CIA in these proposed areas would not control the licensed premises already present. It would only impact new applications either for new premises or variations of existing licences. Therefore, it may be better to try and work with existing Licence Holders and residents to try and address concerns. Environmental Health and Trading Standards has already discussed this with Street Markets and Community Safety with a view to reach out to the residents to identify the specific issues

#### **4. EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 An equalities impact assessment has been undertaken (**Appendix Eight**) and no adverse impacts have been identified.

#### **5 OTHER STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS**

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.

- 5.1 Best Value: recent legislation, such as the Localism Act 2010 has encouraged communities and the Local Authority to work in partnership. An informed Statement of Licensing Policy and well managed business will result in a reduction of enforcement and regulatory action, thus reducing costs for these Services.
- 5.2 Risk Management: The Council will be at risk of legal challenge if properly consulted and adopted Cumulative Impact Assessments are not implemented.
- 5.3 Crime Reduction: One of the key licensing objectives is to prevent licensed premises from being a source of crime and disorder. The policy supports and assists with crime and disorder reduction by controlling those who manage premises open to members of the public and imposing conditions on relevant premises licences.
- 5.4 Safeguarding: The Statement of Licensing policy considers of safeguarding children and violence against women and children.

## **6. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

- 6.1 There are no financial implications emanating from this report which seeks to retain both Cumulative Impact Assessments in Brick Lane and Bethnal Green and to agree the reviewed CIA Policy Statement in light of the consultation

## **7. COMMENTS OF LEGAL SERVICES**

- 7.1 Section 4(1) of the Licensing Act 2003 (“the Act”) requires licensing authorities to carry out their functions under the Act with a view to promoting the four licensing objectives: the prevention of crime and disorder; public safety; the prevention of public nuisance; the protection of children from harm.
- 7.2 Section 5 requires the authority to publish a statement of licensing policy every five years. The current policy came into force on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2018 and will last until 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023.
- 7.3 Section 5A of the Act permits an authority to publish a cumulative impact assessment stating that it considers the number of relevant authorisations (premises licences and club premises certificates) in respect of premises in one or more parts of its area as described in the assessment is such that it is likely that the grant of further relevant authorisations in respect of premises in that part or those parts would be inconsistent with its duty under section 4(1). Section 5A(7) provides that where a licensing authority has published a cumulative impact assessment it must, within three years, consider whether it remains of the opinion stated in the assessment.

- 7.4 Before deciding whether it remains of that opinion, the licensing authority is required to consult with the statutory consultees listed in s.5(3), which includes the chief officer of police for the area, the fire and rescue authority, those who the authority considers to be representative of holders of premises licences, personal licences and club premises certificates issued by the authority, and such other persons as the licensing authority considers to be representative of businesses and residents in its area.
- 7.5 If the authority is no longer of the opinion that the assessment should remain in force, it must publish a statement to that effect. If the authority's opinion is not changed, it must revise the cumulative impact assessment so as to include a statement to that effect and set out the evidence why the authority remains of that opinion. The authority must publish any revision of a cumulative impact assessment.
- 7.6 Paragraphs 14.20 to 14.46 of the Secretary of State's guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 addresses issues of cumulative impact and the steps to be taken in both adopting an assessment and reviewing an existing assessment. Paragraphs 14.29 to 14.33 set out the need for a robust evidential basis for such an assessment. There is sufficient evidence upon which the Council can decide to extend the CIAs.
- 7.7 With respect to the consultation the following principles must be applied:
- the consultation should take place when proposals are still at a formative stage;
  - the proposer must give sufficient reasons for any proposal to allow for intelligent consideration and response;
  - adequate time must be given to both consider and respond to the proposal;
  - the product of the consultation must be conscientiously taken into account when the decision is made.

The statutory consultation requirements have been complied with.

- 7.8 Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 requires public authorities, when carrying out its functions, to have "due regard" to this duty. This requires the authority to have regard to the need:
- to eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct prohibited by the Equality Act 2010;
  - to advance equality of opportunity between persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic (such as age, race, or disability) and those that do not;
  - to foster good relations between persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic and those that do not.

## **Linked Reports, Appendices and Background Documents**

### **Linked Report**

- NONE.

### **Appendices**

- Appendix One: Proposed Changes to the Statement of Licensing Policy
  - Appendix Two: Consultation Text
  - Appendix Three: List of Consultees
  - Appendix Four: Summary of online consultation
  - Appendix Five: Written responses to the consultation
  - Appendix Six: Background document CIA Consultation Document
  - Appendix Six a: Cumulative Impact Assessment complaints
  - Appendix Six b: Cumulative impact area premises operating times
  - Appendix Six c: Cumulative impact area premises operating times including late night refreshment
  - Appendix Seven: Hot Spot Maps of proposed CIA extensions
  - Appendix Eight: Equalities Impact Assessment Checklist
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### **Background Documents – Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements)(Access to Information)(England) Regulations 2012**

- NONE.

### **Officer contact details for documents:**

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## **Appendix One – Proposed changes to Statement of Licensing Policy**

### **9 Special Cumulative Assessment Policy**

9.1 The Licensing Authority has adopted a special policy relating to cumulative impact in areas of:

- Brick Lane
- Bethnal Green

**This special policy creates a rebuttable presumption that applications for the grant or variation of premises licences or club premises certificates which are likely to add to the existing cumulative impact will normally be refused following the receipt of representations, unless the applicant can demonstrate in the operation schedule that there will be no negative cumulative impacts with one or more of the licensing objectives.**

9.2 The Council reviewed the Special Cumulative Impact Policy in 2021 and, following consultation, decided it was still of the opinion that the concentration of licensed premises within Brick Lane area was having a cumulative impact on the licensing objectives of crime and disorder and prevention of public nuisance. As part of the review in 2021, the Council also decided that the concentration of licensed premises within the Bethnal Green area was also having a cumulative impact on the licensing objectives of crime and disorder and prevention of public nuisance.

#### **Review of Cumulative Impact Assessment - Supporting Evidence**

9.3 In determining the Councils CIAs for the area of Brick Lane and Bethnal Green (Figures One and Two Below) the Council considered the following evidence:

- Hot spot maps of incidents of crime and disorder and ASB linked to Licence premises in the defined areas for 2017 to 2020.
- Complaint data from Environmental Health and Trading Standards relating to Noise and Licensing.
- Licence Application data for the defined areas for 2017 to 2020
- Results of the Consultation, that included Survey data and comments and written responses.

This evidence is published on our website [\[add link to Council Hearing\]](#).

#### **Cumulative Impact Assessments (Brick Lane and Bethnal Green)**

9.4 The Licensing Authority is of the view that the number, type and density of premises selling/supplying alcohol for consumption on and off the premises and/or the provision of late night refreshment in the Brick Lane and Bethnal Green Areas (highlighted in Figures One and Two below) is having a

cumulative impact on the licensing objectives. Therefore, it is likely that granting further licences would be inconsistent with the authority's duty to promote the licensing objectives. Thus, it has declared a cumulative impact assessment within these areas.

- 9.5 The Brick Lane and Bethnal Green CIAs aim to manage the negative cumulative impact of the concentration of licensed premises in these areas and the stresses that the saturation of licensed premises has had on the local amenity, environmental degradation and emergency and regulatory services in managing this impact.
- 9.6 The effect of this Special Cumulative Assessment Policy will apply to the following types of applications:
- New Premises Licences applications,
  - New Club Premises Certificates applications
  - Provisional Statements,
  - Variation of Premises Licences and Club Premises Certificate applications (where the modifications are relevant to the issue of cumulative impact for example increases in hours or capacity).

However, it will only apply where the application seeks to permit the Licensable activities of:

- the sale or supply of alcohol for consumption on or off the premises, and/or,
- the provision of late night refreshment.

- 9.7 **This Policy will be strictly applied and where relevant representations are received and it is the view of the Council that the application will be refused. Applicants will need to demonstrate that there are exceptional circumstances and that granting their application will not negatively add to the cumulative effect on the Licensing Objectives within the Brick Lane and Bethnal Green CIAs if they wish to rebut this presumption.**
- 9.8 The Special Cumulative Impact policy creates a rebuttable presumption that where relevant representations are received by one or more of the responsible authorities and/or other persons against applications (Councillors, Members of the Public) within the CIA zones the application will be refused.
- 9.9 Where representations have been received in respect to applications within the CIA zones the onus is on the applicant to adequately rebut the presumption.
- 9.10 It must be stressed that the presumption created by this special policy does not relieve responsible authorities or other persons of the need to make a representation. If there are no representations, the licensing authority must

grant the application in terms that are consistent with the operating schedule submitted in line with their delegated authority.

9.11 This special policy is not absolute and the Licensing Authority recognises that it has to balance the needs of businesses with local residents. The circumstances of each application will be considered on its merits and the Licensing Authority shall grant applications, when representations are not received. The applicant should demonstrate that the operation of the premises will not add to the cumulative impact on one or more of the following licensing objectives:

- Prevention of Crime and Disorder;
- Prevention of Public Nuisance.

Therefore, applicants will be expected to comprehensively demonstrate why a new or varied licence will not add to the cumulative impact. They are strongly advised to give consideration to mitigating potential cumulative impact issues when setting out steps they will take to promote the licensing objectives in their operating schedule.

9.12 The Special Cumulative Impact policy will not be used to revoke an existing licence or certificate and will not be applicable during the review of existing licences.

### **Possible exceptions to the Brick Lane and Bethnal Green Cumulative Impact Assessments**

- Applications for licences for small premises with a capacity of fifty persons or less who only intend to operate within framework hours, and that;
  - Only have consumption of food (late night refreshment) and drink (alcohol) on the premises only,
  - Only provide Off sales of food (late night refreshment) and drink (alcohol) for delivery (i.e. not for take away),and,
  - Have arrangements to prevent vertical drinking, for example fully seated venues;
- Applications for licences that are not alcohol led (e.g. Hairdressers wanting to provide alcohol to clients during their hair cut/treatments), .
- Applications for licences where the applicant has recently surrendered a licence for another premises of a similar size and providing similar licensable activities in the same CIA Area.

Licensing Authority will **not** consider the following as possible exceptions:

- that the premises will be well managed and run,
- that the premises will be constructed to a high standard,
- that the applicant operates similar premises elsewhere without complaint.

**The Cumulative Impact Assessment Areas for the Brick Lane and Bethnal Green**

9.13 The Cumulative Impact Assessment Areas are detailed in the maps below.

**Figure One – Brick Lane CIZ**



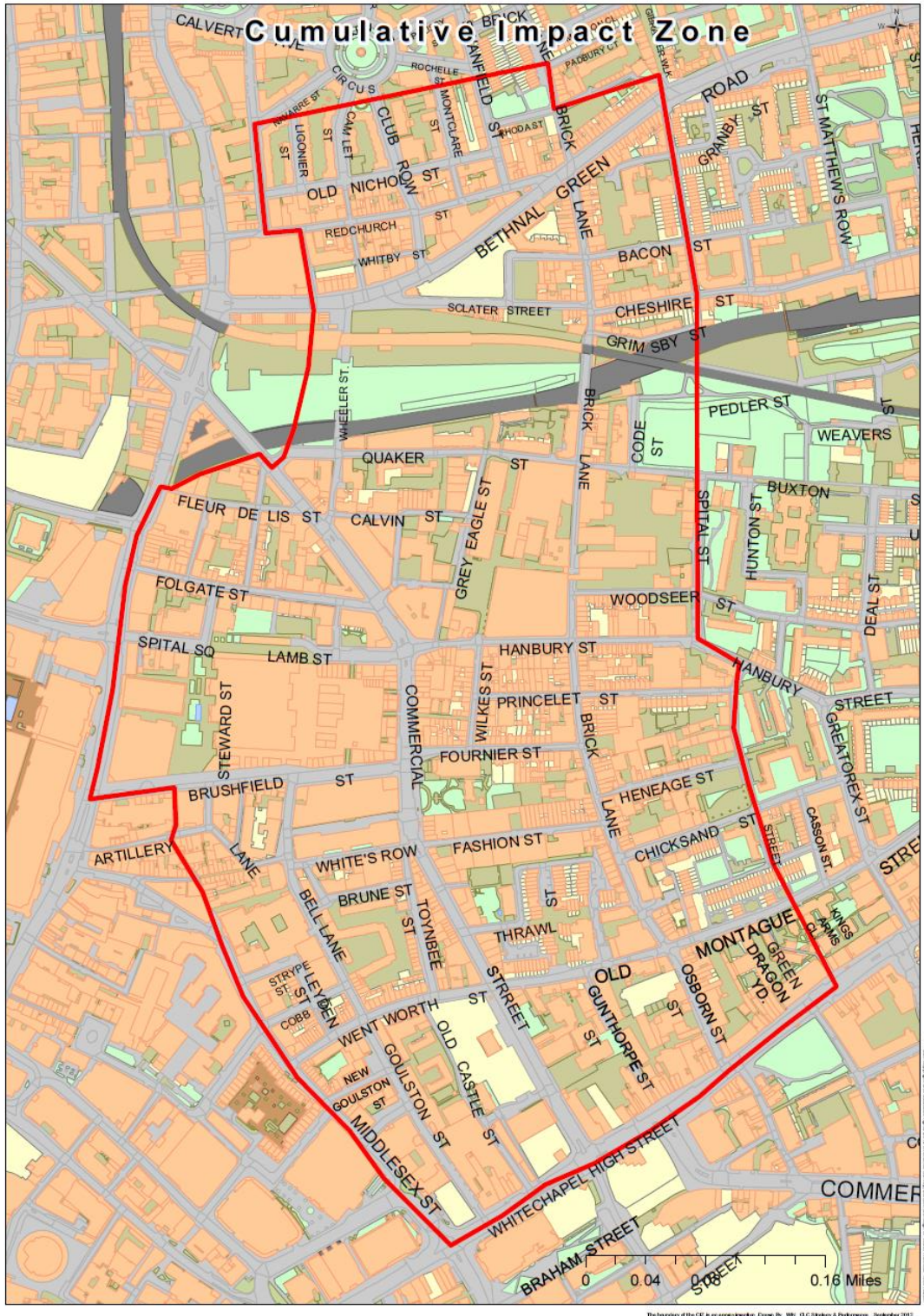
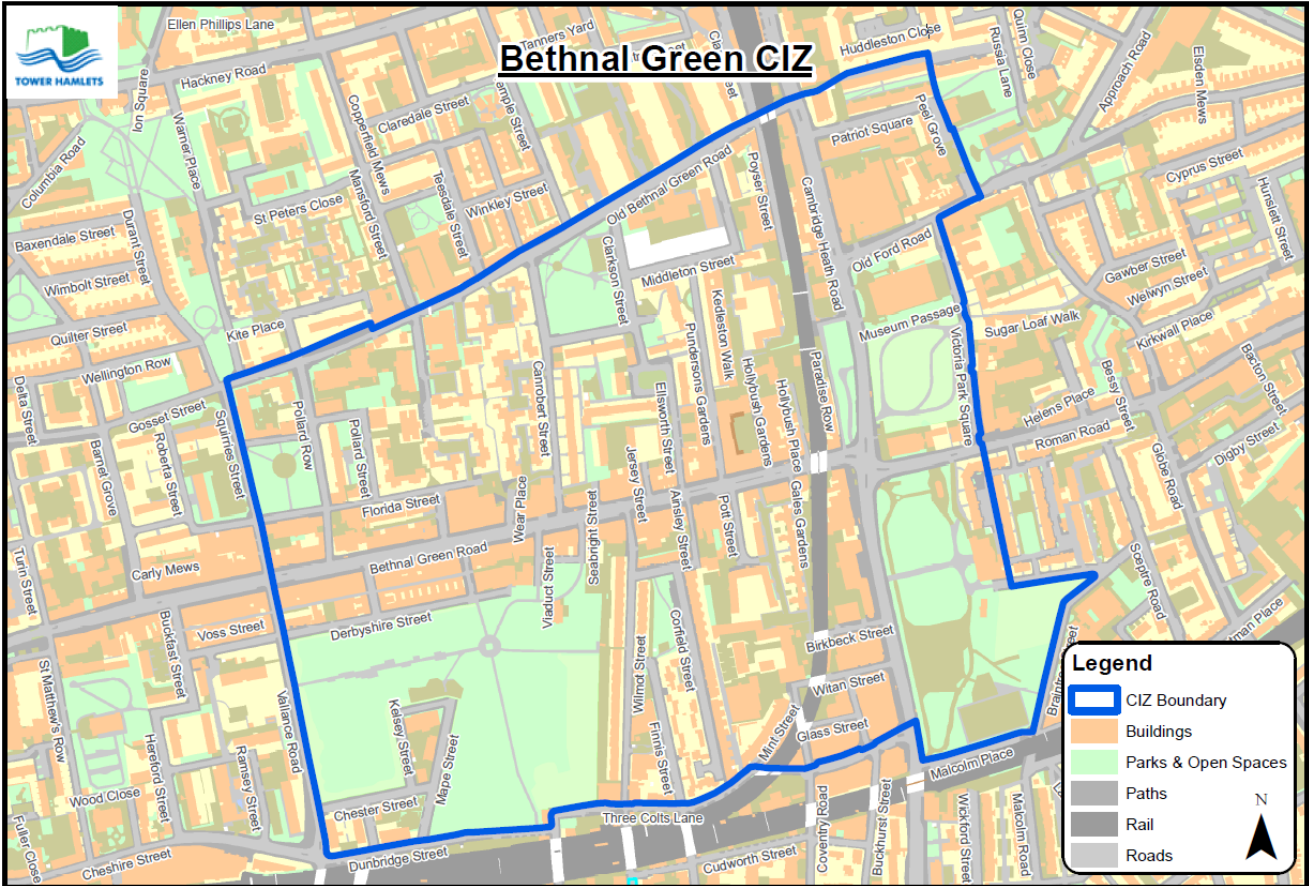


Figure Two – Bethnal Green CIZ



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## Licensed premises: Bethnal Green and Brick Lane



The Council is consulting on the future of the Cumulative Impact Policy, whereby it looks at limiting the number of alcohol, late night refreshment and entertainment licences within specific areas of Brick Lane and Bethnal Green.

This consultation is required by law before the Council decides whether to revoke the designation or continue with it. The consultation surveys for Bethnal Green and Brick Lane

**will run for 12 weeks commencing on Thursday 28**

**January and finishing on Thursday 22 April.**

**An online Public Meeting on the Consultation will be held on Wednesday 14 April at 10:30am.**

**You can join the online public meeting on on your computer or mobile app: [Click here to join the meeting](#)**

**If you need help and advice on accessing the meeting contact [licensing@towerhamlets.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@towerhamlets.gov.uk)**

The objective of the Cumulative Impact Policy is to reduce crime and disorder and public nuisance in areas with a high saturation of licensed premises.

Having a Cumulative Impact Policy means that people wishing to apply for a new or variation of a licence to sell alcohol and/or provide late night refreshment (hot food/drink after 11pm) must demonstrate that they will not add to or have a cumulative effect on issues such as public nuisance, crime, public safety, and protection of children in the designated areas.

Any applicant that wishes to apply for a licence under the Licensing Act 2003 must prove that they will not add to the detriment of the area.

In November 2014, the current Cumulative Impact Policy was designated in and around the Brick Lane area. In 2018 second designation was introduced in Bethnal Green. The reason the Council chose to introduce these policies in Tower Hamlets was due to the saturation of licensed premises within this area, alcohol related crime and disorder and public nuisance that was shown to be linked to licensed premises. We now have to consider if these two designations should be renewed or revoked.

Evidence during the previous consultation when the Cumulative Impact Policy was reviewed in 2018 showed there was no evidence to support an expansion of areas covered by the Brick Lane or Bethnal Green cumulative impact zones. This does not appear to have changed and there is still little evidence to support an expansion of either Brick Lane or the Bethnal Green Zone areas. Therefore, the areas of the zones have not been changed.

The Cumulative Impact Policy for Brick Lane has been in place now for seven years, and in Bethnal Green for two years. Since its introduction incidents of crime and antisocial behaviour linked to licensed premises within these areas have seen a reduction despite fluctuating figures.

The attached reports from [2017](#) and [2018](#) show the historic and current levels of anti-social behaviour, crime and nuisance linked to licensed premises

You may also wish to see the **Minutes and Report of the Council on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2013** where the previous Statement of Licensing Policy and Cumulative Impact Policy for Brick Lane was adopted.

Further details are obtained in Sections 18 and 19 of the Council's **Statement of Licensing Policy 2018 – 2022**, and the Report into the **current review of the Cumulative Impact Policy**.

In connection with this statutory consultation we are seeking your views for the **Brick Lane** and **Bethnal Green** areas.

SURVEY

## Bethnal Green

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## Brick Lane

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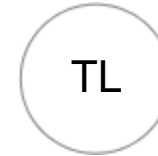
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## Key Dates

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Consultation opens

**28 January 2021**


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Consultation closes


**22 April 2021**

## Documents


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 [Licensing Committee Report 14 December 2017 \(15.3 MB\) \(pdf\)](#)

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 [Licensing Committee Report 13 September 2018 \(5.09 MB\) \(pdf\)](#)

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 [Cumulative Impact Policy and Appendices \(6.54 MB\) \(pdf\)](#)

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## **Appendix Three – List of Consultees (including Public Meetings)**

### **Statutory Consultees:**

1. Metropolitan Police Borough Commander for Tower Hamlets,
2. The London Fire Brigade,
3. All Registered Premises Licence Holders,
4. All Registered Club Premises Certificate Holders,
5. All Registered Personal Licence Holders
6. g) such other persons as the licensing authority considers to be representative of businesses and residents in its area.

### **Directly Contacted (Letter/Email)**

1. Best Bar none (BBN)
2. Street Markets Team, London Borough of Tower Hamlets
3. Head of Growth, Enterprise Team, London Borough of Tower Hamlets
4. Town Centres Team, London Borough of Tower Hamlets
5. Councillors; Sirajul Islam, Motin Uz-Zaman, Dan Tomlinson, Asma Islam
6. The Institute of Licensing
7. Neighbouring Borough; London Borough of Hackney, London Borough of Southwark, City of London, London Borough of Lewisham, Royal Borough of Greenwich, London Borough of Newham
8. Licensing Committee Members, Councillors; Rajib Ahmed, Sufia Alam, Amina Ali, Shad Chowdhury, Kahar Chowdhury, David Edgar, Peter Golds, Mohammed Ahabab Hossain, Eve McQuillan, Ayas Miah, Victoria Ngozi Obaze, Mohammed Pappu, Krysten Danielle Perry, Zenith Rahman, Shah Suhel Ameen
9. Arts, Parks and Event, London Borough of Tower Hamlets
10. Community Safety, London Borough of Tower Hamlets
11. Substance Misuse, London Borough of Tower Hamlets
12. Pub Watches; Hackney Wick, Bethnal Green, Whitechapel and Brick Lane, Canary Wharf
13. Best Bar None (BBN) Accredited Premises.
14. Responsible Authorities; Trading Standards (LBTH), Licensing (As a Responsible Authority, LBTH), Health and Safety (LBTH), Child Protection (LBTH), Environmental Health – Noise, Public Health (LBTH), Navigation Authority Canal and River Trust, Development Control (LBTH), Health and Safety Executive, Tidal River Thames Port of London Authority, Maritime & Coastguard Agency
15. Safer Neighbourhood Board
16. SPIRE (Residents Association)
17. St Georges (Residents Association)
18. Neighbourhood Watch, circa 800+ recipients (sent four times between February and April 2021)

### **Public Meetings**

- Safer Neighbourhood Board Meeting (15<sup>th</sup> March 2021)
- CIA Review Public Meeting (14<sup>th</sup> April 2021)

- Raised at Super Pub Watch Meetings (1<sup>st</sup> April 2021)

## **Appendix Four – Summary of the online consultation survey comments**

### **Brick Lane CIA**

<b>Comment</b>	<b>Number of times comment made</b>
CIA should be retain/ASB, noise and crime still high	69
CIA No longer needed – area improved	38
CIA should be expanded	14
Covid-19 - Hospitality should be encouraged after Restrictions the CIA inhibits growth/Lack of evidence to support retention CIA	12
CIA should be retained and amend to support Small/Independent Businesses	6
CIA should be expanded – Weavers and Bethnal Green Extension	5
Night-time Economy brings in more benefits than problems it creates	5
Comment not related to CIA	3

### **Bethnal Green CIA**

<b>Comment</b>	<b>Number of times comment made</b>
CIA should be retain/ASB, noise and crime still high	44
Covid-19 - Hospitality should be encouraged after Restrictions the CIA inhibits growth/Lack of evidence to support retention CIA/Incidents appear linked to Supermarkets rather than Pubs/Bars	16
CIA should be expanded	9
CIA should be expanded – Weavers and Bethnal Green Extension	9
Comment not related to CIA/or Licensing Objectives	9
Night-time Economy brings in more benefits than problems it creates	6
CIA should be Remove	5
CIA No longer needed – area improved	5

Off Licence Premises and Street Drinkers cause more issues than On Sales - CIA targets both unfairly	2
CIA should be reduced	2
CIA should be Remove	2
Encourage more Live Music venues	1
<b>total</b>	<b>159</b>

Allow Premises more well managed and Vary Hours to avoid mass egress of customers at same time	3
CIA should be reduced	1
Encourage more Live Music venues	1
CIA should be retained and amend to support Small/Independent Businesses	1
Late Night Alcohol and Regulated Entertainment does not impact on ASB/Crime and Disorder	1
<b>total</b>	<b>110</b>

## **Appendix Five – Summary of written responses to CIA consultation**

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8.	Resident 4 - (Chair of Boundary Tenants and Residents Association)	Not specified	Extend CIAs (Weavers and Bethnal Green Extension)	15
9.	Resident 5	No specified	Pedestrianising of Old Bethnal Green road (Warner Place to Temple Street) causes safety concerns at night - late night businesses would be welcomed there for safety reasons.	16
10	UK Hospitality	No	Evidence does not justify CIAs, particularly considering much of the data in pre-pandemic. Council should be looking to support and encourage growth in Hospitality considering the impact of Covid-19 on the industry. Data is also misleading. Current Policy inflexible. Council should remove both CIAs and look to support sustainable hospitality industry. Current Policy inflexible.	17-21

## **1. Responsible Authority (Met. Police – Borough Commander) – Written Response**

The Brick Lane and Bethnal Green areas of Tower Hamlets comprise the heart of the borough's night time economy, with dozens of late night bars, several night clubs and many late night restaurants and takeaways. Both areas link into and form part of a greater night time economy area encompassing the Shoreditch Triangle, indeed Tower Hamlets and Hackney's combined night time economy is the largest in Europe. Both areas are served by the very busy transport hubs of Shoreditch Overground and Bethnal Green Underground stations. Both areas attract tens of thousands of visitors each weekend.

With both Brick Lane and Bethnal Green having such a large and vibrant night time economy there has been an increase in crime and disorder which has required the adoption of the Cumulative Impact Policies. With more people coming to the area to drink and socialise it is incumbent on all those involved to work together to prevent people becoming the victim of crime. As people drink their decision making process becomes impaired and they are more likely to either be the victim of crime due to their vulnerability, or become the instigator of crime and disorder due to reduced inhibitions, and ability to rationalise.

With so many licensed premises and night time attractions in Bethnal Green and Brick Lane attracting people to the area it has also brought in drug dealers and others who prey on people in the area by committing robberies and thefts. The North West area of Tower Hamlets in which Brick Lane and Bethnal Green are located are the crime generating areas for Tower Hamlets, which puts an additional strain on policing resources. It is therefore essential that additional measures such as the Cumulative Impact Policies implemented by Tower Hamlets Council are maintained as they provide a powerful and effective tool in combating crime and disorder in the area.

The Cumulative Impact Policy has assisted the Police in tackling crime and disorder linked to the Night Time Economy. The rebuttable presumption that applies to applications for premises licenses requiring applicants not only to recognise that there are higher levels of crime and disorder in the area, but also requires them to come up with policies and procedures that demonstrate that their premises will not add to crime and disorder in the area has been especially useful. It focusses applicants' minds on the impact their businesses have on the local area in terms of crime and disorder and those applicants that fail to do so face a much harder time getting their applications granted.

It allows the Police and Local authority to have a greater measure of control in how the area develops, there is a need to have an effective balance between the needs of the area to flourish economically and at the same time not allow crime and disorder to affect the lives of local residents and visitors to the area as a result. Without the Cumulative Impact Policy, and especially the rebuttable presumption it would be much harder for both the Police and Local Authority to focus the minds of applicants to deal with the risks of increased crime and disorder their premises will

bring, and to object to applications where such measures are insufficient to protect the public.

Along with measures such as the Late Night Levy that funds additional Police Officers to patrol the night time economy hotspots as well as additional street cleaning and Street Pastors, the Best Bar None Scheme and the use of Pub Watch Schemes, the Cumulative Impact Policy is a vital tool in preventing crime and disorder and protecting the public. Its removal would in our opinion lead to an increase in late night licensed premises in both areas which would have a seriously detrimental effect on our ability to tackle crime and disorder in the area, and place an additional strain on Policing resources due to the increased demand on our service.

Although the COVID pandemic has undoubtedly had an effect in driving down certain types of crime due lockdowns and restrictions on how and when licensed premises have been able to open. We also know that when the restrictions are lifted people are going to want to socialise with each other and enjoy the nightlife again. Licensed premises are also going to want to open up again and start trying to recover lost revenue due to COVID. This means that the measures put in place to protect members of the public from crime and disorder are just as important going forward as they were in the past.

For these reasons we request that the Cumulative Impact Policy for both Bethnal Green and Brick Lane remains in place.



#### **4. Resident Association (ARESTA) – Written Response (includes Photographs)**

ARESTA is a group that live in the area of Columbia Road, Ezra Street and Ravenscroft Street, many of us having done so for many years. It was, until a very few years ago, a quiet neighbourhood with the main outdoor activity being the flower market on Sunday mornings. That has now changed.

Over the last few years there has been a major change in the area the most obvious sign of which is outdoor drinking. This happens on Ezra Street and in Ravenscroft Park throughout the summer during the afternoons, evenings and nights particularly at the week-ends. The problem was exacerbated last summer by the increase in people drinking in Ravenscroft Park often until the early hours of the morning. The drinkers often leave litter in the area and some of them urinate in the surrounding streets, including against the walls of Columbia School. Often the drinkers also sit on the pavement in Ezra Street in large, noisy numbers, creating a major ASBO problem and keeping neighbours awake. There have also been problems with drug dealers using the corners of Ezra Street and Shipton Street as places to sell drugs.

Over the last two years, an increasing number of applications have been made for licenses to sell alcohol and we estimate that in this small space there are now at least 17 places with such licenses (listed below\*). Often requests are made for those licenses to extend until 10 or 11 at night. As members of the licensing committee and staff are aware, this has led to a number of hearings at which residents have expressed their growing concerns.

Obviously during the Covid-19 lockdowns, these issues have changed and the area has been quiet but now that restrictions are being lifted, we are already seeing a return to some of the major ASBO and noise problems in the same areas we have had over the last two or three years. For instance just last night at 6:30 over 100 people were drinking in the small passage of Ezra Street radiating out from the corner where two licensed establishments, Campagnia and Printers & Stationers are located. Open drinks are being served to customers who are forming crowds sitting/standing on the pavement and road drinking.

We would therefore like to request, by means of this letter, that you begin the process of adopting this area as a Cumulative Impact Zone (CIZ) as exists elsewhere in the borough so that the criteria by which alcohol licenses are granted are tightened. Many people live in this area and many are elderly and are often unaware of the new applications for alcohol licenses but when they are made aware of it, they are adamant that they do not want an extension of drinking in the streets. When the Royal Oak made a planning application last year to have a 'drinks ledge' outside their pub on the corner of Ezra Street and Columbia Road, more than 50 individual objections were made and 36 different households raised objections and the plan was dropped. The fact that the pub even applied for this outside 'drinks ledge' highlights the change in the drinking culture in this area.

Making the area a CIZ would send a similar message.

At the same time we would urge the council and the relevant authorities to whom this is addressed to urgently consider how to modify and or re-design the area around the newly designed area around the Birdcage pub as part of the Liveable Streets project. Recently the Birdcage applied for an outside license in this area which was refused by Market Traders. However, as the accompanying photograph shows this does not deter the public who will, as anticipated, turn this liveable streets area into an extended pub garden. Already there are signs that this will extend across Columbia Road and into Ravenscroft Park as has happened previously, especially at week-ends, indeed the pub has a sign that promotes this.

\*List of licensed premises in local area around Columbia road: Brawn; Stingray Globe; Laxeiro; Royal Oak Pub; Birdcage Pub; Nelsons Pub; Marksman Pub; Clutch Pub conversion (closed now but license still remains); Hackney Providers; Funk; Mason & Painter; Campagnia; Printers & Stationers; Embas Express (formerly Co-Op Columbia Rd); Idel Moments (next door to foregoing); Sundial Centre; Site.

## **5. Licence Trade (Bishop S.A.R.L.) – Written Response (sent via Solicitor)**

I write on behalf of my client Bishops S.A.R.L in response to the above consultation. My client owns numerous properties in the Tower Hamlets area many of which are let to licensed operators.

My client is thankful for the opportunity to respond to this important consultation and summarises its position as follows:

- A cumulative impact policy presumes against any further development of the licensed leisure industry which may be justified where the licensing landscape and times are such that warrant an overriding requirement to restrain such development. However, this is not that time. This is a time of unprecedented crisis for the hospitality industry and the impact on hospitality is severe and ongoing and will continue to have an effect on the licensing landscape in Tower Hamlets both in the immediate and long term. Many business remain at risk of closure, and some are unlikely to survive, and as such the licensing landscape is unlikely to return to its pre-March 2020 state. Given this, it is vital policies are implemented to support the industry to prevent an ongoing increase in vacancies, reductions in business rate contributions, footfall and employment.
- On review of the report produced by Tower Hamlets entitled “Review of the Cumulative Impact Policies (Licensing) in Brick Lane and Bethnal Green.”, the data provided cannot justifiably be used to support the continuation of a cumulative impact policy for either area. The data underpinning the consultation on this cumulative impact assessment predominantly relies on pre-pandemic data and this data is outdated. Due to the pandemic many licensed premises have closed or will close, whilst others have changed their style of operation significantly in the hope of survival. As a result the licensing landscape in Tower Hamlets has changed and will continue to do so, and significantly so. There is no evidence to conclude that when the hospitality industry resumes in Tower Hamlets there will be cumulative impact in either of these areas, or indeed any other part of the borough. A decision to produce a cumulative impact policy based on this out of date data, which does not reflect the current state of the licensed sector, is simply not be justifiable.
- The cumulative impact policy currently in place for Brick Lane and Bethnal Green is both outdated and inflexible and there is no justification to continue with the policy particularly given the unprecedented challenges facing the licensed industry at present. A decision to continue with this existing policy will no doubt have severe and adverse repercussions for the hospitality industry, the economy and employment within in Tower Hamlets.
- For all the reason given above, London Borough of Tower Hamlets should abandon the cumulative impact policies for Brick Lane and Bethnal Green. Instead we would urge London Borough of Tower Hamlets take this opportunity to formulate a new approach to promote and support a sustainable hospitality industry in Tower Hamlets with a positive outlook and setting out a clear plan for developing the hospitality industry within the borough.

We hope this response, along with the affect such a decision is likely to have on the hospitality industry, will be carefully considered before a decision is reached on the future of the cumulative impact policy.

## **6. Residents Association (SPIRE) – Written Response**

We are responding to the CIA consultation under g) such other persons as the licencing authority considers to be representative of business and residents in its area.

SPIRE is a joint initiative by 5 groups which between them represent many hundreds local residents. These are:

Exchange Building Residents Association  
Spitalfields Market Residents Association  
St George's residents Association  
Spitalfields Community Group  
Spitalfields Society

SPIRE firmly supports the continuation of the Cumulative Impact Policy (CIP) in general and the implementation of the Brick Lane Cumulative Impact Zone (CIZ) in particular.

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Firstly, we would like to recognise the constructive achievements of the CIP and implementation of both the Brick Lane and Bethnal Green CIZ and the positive impact this has had on businesses – both licenced and unlicenced, the lives or residents as well as the many visitors who come to Spitalfields and the wider area for a host of different reasons.

Though, as noted in the Executive Summary of your consultation document “Evidence can support the retention of both CIA's, particularly Brick Lane”

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) induced by, amongst other things, excessive alcohol consumption remains a problem in the Brick Lane CIZ. While there are many factors that cause this situation including the fact that Spitalfields remains a destination by people who come from afar for an alcoholic night out (Cross Rail can further facilitate this), the implementation of the CIZ has had some meaningful impact.

However, given that the problem of ASB is not static, ie. it will never be totally vanquished, we firmly believe that CIZ policy should continue to be used as one of the valuable tools available to LBTH.

Further, while licencing decisions rest solely with LBTH, the CIZ policy also provides an appropriate and clearly defined framework for residents and business to express their concerns and views.

Finally, and critically, the CIZ policy helps to raise standards, as opposed to raising barriers to entry, thus all elements of the residential and business community benefit.

Together with the points noted above, we are firmly of the view that the Brick Lane CIZ policy should continue to operate for the following reasons:

1. The welfare of the residents within community should be the number one priority of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets (LBTH), and the CIZ is one of several ways that LBTH has, and can continue to achieve this.  
As the area within the Brick Lane CIZ becomes even more densely populated with the construction of residential dwelling and commercial business, the challenge becomes more acute.
2. Good licensee operators should not be punished by bad operators.  
By maintaining high standards, (not to be confused with high barriers to entry), then there is an obvious benefit for licensees who conduct their operations appropriately as they will not be impacted by any general restrictions that may have to be imposed.
3. Non-licenced businesses should not be impacted by ASB  
These business benefit by being able to operate in a broader environment which is conducive to increased visitor footfall in the area.
4. Cost to LBTH and the Metropolitan Police  
On the basis that prevention of ASB is a far more cost effective as opposed to intervention, it is logical for standards and regulation to be implemented that help reduce the need for intervention.

## **7. Resident 1 – Written Response**

We live in the area of Columbia Road, Ezra Street and Ravenscroft Street and have done for many years. It was, until a very few years ago, a quiet neighbourhood with the main outdoor activity being the flower market on Sunday mornings. That has now changed.

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**8. Residents 2 (Chair of Weavers Ward Safer Neighbourhoods Panel) – Written Response**

As chair of the Weavers Ward Safer Neighbourhoods Panel and co-founder of Weavers Community Action Group, and on their behalf, I wholeheartedly endorse the request of ARESTA to extend and add to the Cumulative Impact Zones of Bethnal Green Road and Brick Lane.

Weavers Community Action Group has proposed a map showing

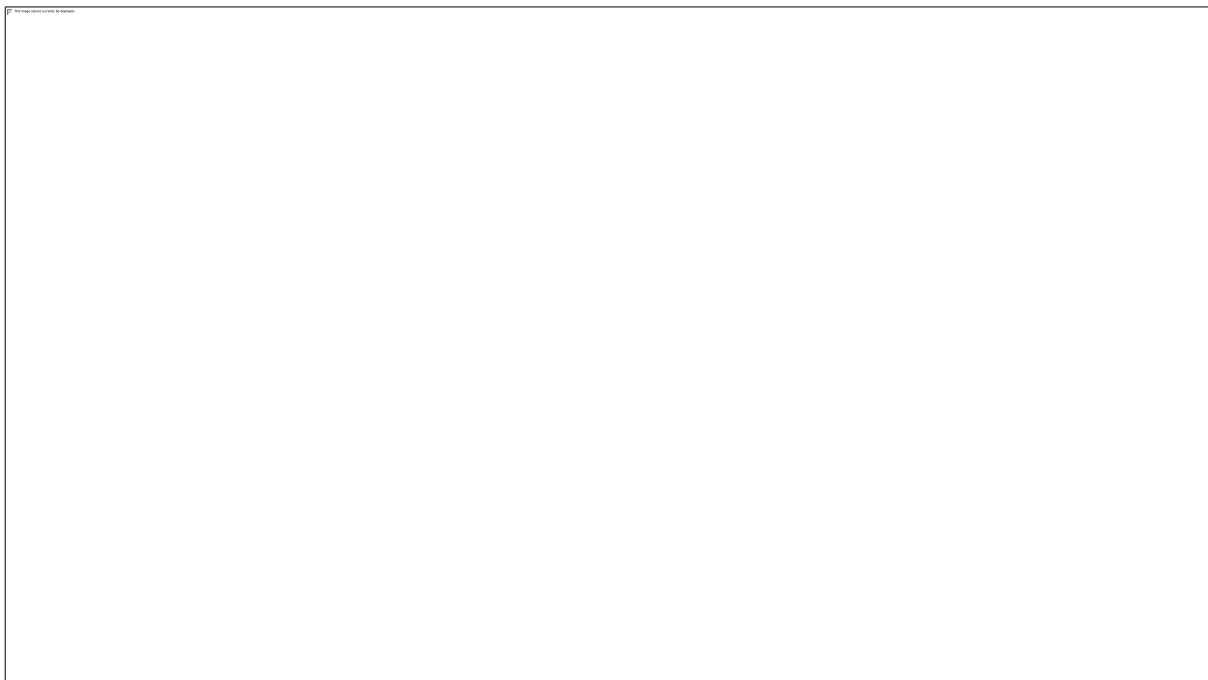
- Extension of Bethnal Green Road CIZ to meet Brick Lane
- New CIZ to cover the Weavers Ward section of Hackney Road and Columbia Road

The map is linked here:

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=1VE2Xm2yA03cJQUpjR88DFiQJbO9K7TRr&ll=51.52332925848807%2C-0.07383165029297034&z=15>

And also a static jpg version attached to this email.

I would appreciate that this map is taken into consideration as a part of the current consultation regarding the existing CIZs and am happy to provide more community-sourced evidence as to existing problems if that is required.



### **9. Resident 3 – Written Response**

As a resident of the Columbia road neighbourhood which over the past few years has been put under enormous pressure by the granting of numerous alcohol licenses. I, too, support this request below by Jonathan Moberly to create the Columbia road area into a CIZ.

The levels of ASB are reaching intolerable levels especially in terms of raucous behaviour and noise. In addition, my daughter - who is disabled - finds that a number of local streets at the week-ends in the evenings (e.g. Columbia road around the Birdcage pub and Ezra street) are now impossible to navigate.

I hope the council takes this matter seriously and acts accordingly.

#### **10. Resident 4 (Chair of Boundary Street TRA) – Written Response**

As chair of the Boundary TRA, I request that the CIZ zone be extended and to include the whole of the Boundary Estate and its surrounding streets as per the map developed by Jonathan Moberly.

As you know residents have, on many occasions, raised their concerns directly to you on ASB issues related to the Night-Time economy. With the gradual easing of lockdown, we are already experiencing the return of serious ASBs on our estate.

We are engaging with your team to find solutions and hopefully we can have a plan before further easing of the lockdown and before the full reopening of the pubs. We definitely do not want a repeat of last summer's riot on Calvert Avenue.

## **11. Resident 5 – Written Response**

Pedestrianising of Old Bethnal Green road between Warner Place and Temple Street makes it an extremely uncomfortable place to walk after dark, late night businesses would be welcomed there for safety reasons.

## **12. UK Hospitality – Written Response (Submission 1)**

### **Summary**

1. UKHospitality thanks London Borough of Tower Hamlets (“LBTH”) for the opportunity to respond to this important consultation.
2. UKHospitality is the UK’s hospitality sector industry body, representing over 700 companies which in turn operate around 70,000 venues in a sector that employs 3.2 million people. The body speaks on behalf of a wide range of leisure and ‘out-of- home’ businesses, from FTSE 100 enterprises to niche groups and independent single- site operators – covering pubs, restaurants, hotels, nightclubs, contract catering, leisure parks, visitor attractions and coffee shops.
3. UKHospitality summarises the main points of its response as follows:
  - 1) This is a time of unprecedented crisis for the hospitality industry, and one which already has and will continue radically to transform the licensing landscape in Tower Hamlets both now and in the medium and long term. It is already clear that many businesses will not survive and the licensing landscape will not return to its pre-March 2020 state.
  - 2) In any event, the data does not support the continuation of a cumulative impact policy either for Brick Lane or Bethnal Green.
  - 3) The policy controls are both draconian and inflexible, particularly at this time, and should be recast to support a sustainable hospitality industry rather than opposing nearly all aspects of the industry.

### **The impact of Covid-19 on the hospitality industry**

4. The impact of Covid-19 on London venues can be understood in 6 main phases:
  - 1) The pre-lockdown events in March 2020, and in particular Government advice to stop non-essential contact and travel on 16th March 2020.
  - 2) The closure of licensed premises on 21st March 2020 imposed by the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Business Closure) (England) Regulations 2020 as then developed through the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (England) Regulations 2020.
  - 3) The more limited restrictions imposed on pubs and restaurants from 4th July 2020 by the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (No. 2) (England) Regulations 2020. Nightclubs and casinos remained subject to closure.
  - 4) The 10 p.m. curfew imposed by the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (No. 2) (England) (Amendment) (No. 5) Regulations 2020 from 24th September 2020.

- 5) The further lockdown imposed from 5th November 2020 by The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (England) (No. 4) Regulations 2020.
  - 6) A gradual re-opening of venues from 12th April 2021, with future rules as to passports, social distancing and covid-secure measures uncertain. It is also unclear what state the industry will be in over the longer term as unemployment rises with a correlative reduction on consumer spend, business loans fall due and the moratorium on business rates and repossessions comes to an end. It is, however, clear, that the financial resilience of the sector will be greatly diminished.
5. UKHospitality research has demonstrated severe impacts on the hospitality industry:
    - 1) The hospitality sector lost £86 billion in revenue by the end of 2021, down 68%.
    - 2) There are around 600,000 fewer jobs in the sector, even despite the support provided by furlough payment.
    - 3) The hospitality sector has amassed approximately £6 billion in loans and other finance and £2 billion in rent debt.
    - 4) 41% of sector businesses consider that they are likely to fail by mid-2021.
  6. There will be companies with strong balance sheets, access to finance or investor support who may be able to ride out these challenges. However, there will be far more which remain at risk of closure.
  7. Furthermore, the recent relaxation of planning controls enabling the conversion of high street properties to residential without the need for planning permission poses a grave risk to hospitality businesses in rented units, particularly small independents currently paying lower rents.

### **The impact of Covid-19 on cumulative impact data**

8. In the previous section, we have argued that the impacts of Covid on high street hospitality are severe and are likely to remain so.
9. The precise impact of mass closures on the licensing objectives is unknown. However, it is foreseeable that such closures, with an associated drop in footfall, will reduce those impacts which are caused by a high concentration of premises. That being so, then any cumulative impact will naturally reduce.
10. It is obvious that the hospitality landscape in Tower Hamlets will be radically different in 2021 than 2019. There will be far fewer premises. Many of those which survive will be trading differently. There will also be different travel patterns. In particular, public anxiety about travelling on public transport and the move towards home working mean that more people will choose to socialize locally.

11. Despite the above, it is a striking feature of this consultation exercise that there has been no attempt at all to investigate, analyse or predict the impact of Covid on the pattern of hospitality locally, or the impact of a changed pattern on the licensing objectives. The consultation is based on evidence largely collated in a pre-Covid era but is intended to underpin a policy operating in a post-Covid landscape. In short, the consultation is completely silent on the step change in high street hospitality brought about by Covid, which is likely to be the biggest change in the sector since World War II. This is, with respect, a signal omission.
12. All of these changes will need to be fully understood for the policy implications to be evaluated and a policy direction to be set. At present, it is impossible sensibly to conclude that when the hospitality industry resumes in Tower Hamlets there will be cumulative impact in any part of the borough. A policy of restraint therefore lacks an evidential basis, and is in any case liable simply to exacerbate a process of decline.

### **The available data**

13. LBTH has produced a report entitled “Review of the Cumulative Impact Policies (Licensing) in Brick Lane and Bethnal Green.”
14. The report refers to three sets of data for the Brick Lane and Bethnal Green CIA.
  - a) Complaints relating to licensed premises received by the Police.
  - b) Complaints relating to licensed premises received by the Council’s noise service.
  - c) Complaints relating to licensed premises received by the Council’s licensing service.These are taken in turn.
15. UKHospitality refers in particular to 2019, since this was the last complete year free of Covid. The 2020 figures are naturally skewed by the forced closure of premises.

#### *Brick Lane*

16. The report states that the number of Police complaints in 2019 was 468. This is a 26.5% reduction from 2015<sup>1</sup>. It amounts to under 2 complaints per licensed premises per annum in the Brick Lane CIA or 1.28 complaints in the area as a whole each day. This does not begin to satisfy the definition of cumulative impact set out in the

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<sup>1</sup>The corresponding figure for 2015 was 636: report to Licensing Committee 14.1.2.17 for Statement of Licensing Policy Review 2018. Secretary of State’s Guidance under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 at paragraphs 14.20 to 14.23.

17. Furthermore, UKHospitality's Solicitors have requested details of these complaints. On 22nd February 2021 they made the following request:

*Could you please clarify what were the criteria for something to constitute a complaint? Additionally for such complaints do we have a breakdown as to how many different complainants, the nature of complaints, whether they were substantiated or not and what time of day were they received, and how many different premises they related to. Again, if you have a spreadsheet or some other means of displaying the underlying data, would you be able to share it with us, with any necessary redactions?*

18. LBTH has not been able, despite attempts, to elicit the details requested, or indeed any details regarding these complaints. In other words, there is no information whatsoever as to what these complaints are. There is simply a bare number: 468. This is a wholly insufficient basis upon which to place the hospitality industry under a strict policy constraint.

19. The report states that the number of noise complaints from November 2018 to November 2019 is 31. This represents approximately one per fortnight across the whole of the Brick Lane CIA. Even then, data supplied by LBTH shows that a quarter of those had nothing to do with noise from customers or music. This is no basis on which to impose a cumulative impact policy.

20. The report also states that there were 59 licensing complaints from November 2018 to November 2019. In fact, the spreadsheet produced by LBTH shows that there were only 53 entries for that year, i.e. 1 per week total, spread among 248 licences. Even then, these 53 entries were not complaints. In fact only 8 concerned noise or anti- social behaviour. The vast majority were just notes of licensing queries such as how to apply for a variation, a decision not to renew, questions regarding tables and chairs licences, temporary event notices, late night levy discounts etc. It is not clear why this data has been used to support a consultation exercise in relation to cumulative impact.

### *Bethnal Green*

21. The report states that the number of Police complaints in 2019 was 180. This amounts to 3 complaints per licensed premises per annum in the Bethnal Green CIA or one complaint in the area as a whole every other day. This does not begin to satisfy the definition of cumulative impact set out in the Secretary of State's Guidance under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 at paragraphs 14.20 to 14.23.

22. Furthermore, UKHospitality's Solicitors have requested details of these complaints as set out above.

23. Again, LBTH has not been able, despite attempts, to elicit the details requested, or indeed any details regarding these complaints. In other words, there is no information whatsoever as to what these complaints are. There is simply a bare



number: 180. This is a wholly insufficient basis upon which to place the hospitality industry under a strict policy constraint.

24. The report states that the number of noise complaints from November 2018 to November 2019 is 7. This represents approximately one every two months across the whole of the Bethnal Green CIA. Even then, data supplied by LBTH shows that at least two of those had nothing to do with noise from customers or music. This is no basis on which to impose a cumulative impact policy.
25. The report also states that there were 13 licensing complaints from November 2018 to November 2019, or one per month. In fact, the spreadsheet produced by LBTH shows that three of those were administrative queries. This provides no support for a cumulative impact policy.
26. Accordingly, the only data relied upon in the consultation report provides no evidence of cumulative impact and no rational support for a cumulative impact policy in either cumulative impact area.

### **Cumulative impact policy wording**

27. The existing cumulative impact policy contains a blanket presumption against premises licences, club premises certificates and variations.
28. In the ordinary case, this simply means that it is for the applicant to demonstrate why their application will not add to cumulative impact.
29. However, the policy contains a number of features which tend to block even sensitive applications.
30. First, the policy applies the presumption to all applications. It makes no distinction between types of premises or hours of operation. It applies the same presumption to an all-night club as it does to a wine bar trading until midnight.
31. Second, and conversely, while the policy states what it presumes against, it does not state what LBTH is in favour of. This means that the policy is wholly negative, and contains no vision for the hospitality economy locally or investment incentive. The policy simply reads as anti-hospitality.
32. Third, the negativity of the policy is fortified by a statement that in addition to demonstrating that the application will not add to cumulative impact, applicants will need to show that there are “genuinely exceptional circumstances.” It is not clear why an application which will not harm the licensing objectives or increase cumulative impact needs also to demonstrate that it is exceptional. If the “exceptional” requirement means only that the proposal does not add to cumulative impact, then it adds nothing to the requirement that it should not do so. If it means something else, then it is an arbitrary restriction unrelated to the licensing objectives.
33. Fourth, the policy states that it will be “strictly applied”. This is presumably intended to add something to the requirement for genuinely exceptional circumstances. The necessity for this statement is unexplained.

34. Fifth, the policy gives a list of factors the authority may regard as exceptional, including small premises or non-alcohol-led premises operating during Framework Hours, or switches from one premises to another. But, again, the appropriate test in a cumulative impact area should not be whether the proposal meet a blueprint, even one expressed as being non-exhaustive, but whether it adds to cumulative impact.
35. Therefore, the wording of the policy is such as to erect a series of hurdles which are completely unjustified by the underlying data. In circumstances in which the hospitality economy has been and continues to be the subject of unprecedented strain, the policy is liable to do irrevocable damage to that sector, to the disadvantage of the economy, employment and culture in the borough.

### **A better way**

36. LBTH should abandon the cumulative impact policies for Brick Lane and Bethnal Green. It should replace them with:
- a. a vision for how it wishes the hospitality economy to develop in those areas;
  - b. the kinds of activity which it supports;
  - c. any activities which will be subject to stronger scrutiny where relevant representations are received;
  - d. the standards which should be considered in those areas to prevent any occurrence of harm to the licensing objectives.

### **Conclusion**

37. In this consultation response, UKHospitality has explained that the data relied on by LBTH does not support a cumulative impact policy either in Brick Lane or Bethnal Green, let alone a policy as strict as that currently in force, and that that data has now in any event been entirely superseded by the impact of the pandemic. LBTH is urged to take a new approach to the hospitality economy, replacing its negative approach with a positive outlook, explaining to investors what activities LBTH in fact supports and how this will contribute to an overall vision of the areas as the borough emerges from the pandemic.
38. UKHospitality would be pleased to work with LBTH to assist in defining a sustainable, culturally relevant vision for the borough.

## **12. UK Hospitality – Written Response (Submission 2)**

### BRICK LANE AND BETHNAL GREEN CUMULATIVE IMPACT AREAS

#### ANALYSIS OF POLICE DATA

1. UKHospitality has received an Excel spreadsheet from the Metropolitan Police Service breaking down the number of crimes recorded in relation to licensed premises for the years 2017, 2018 and 2019.

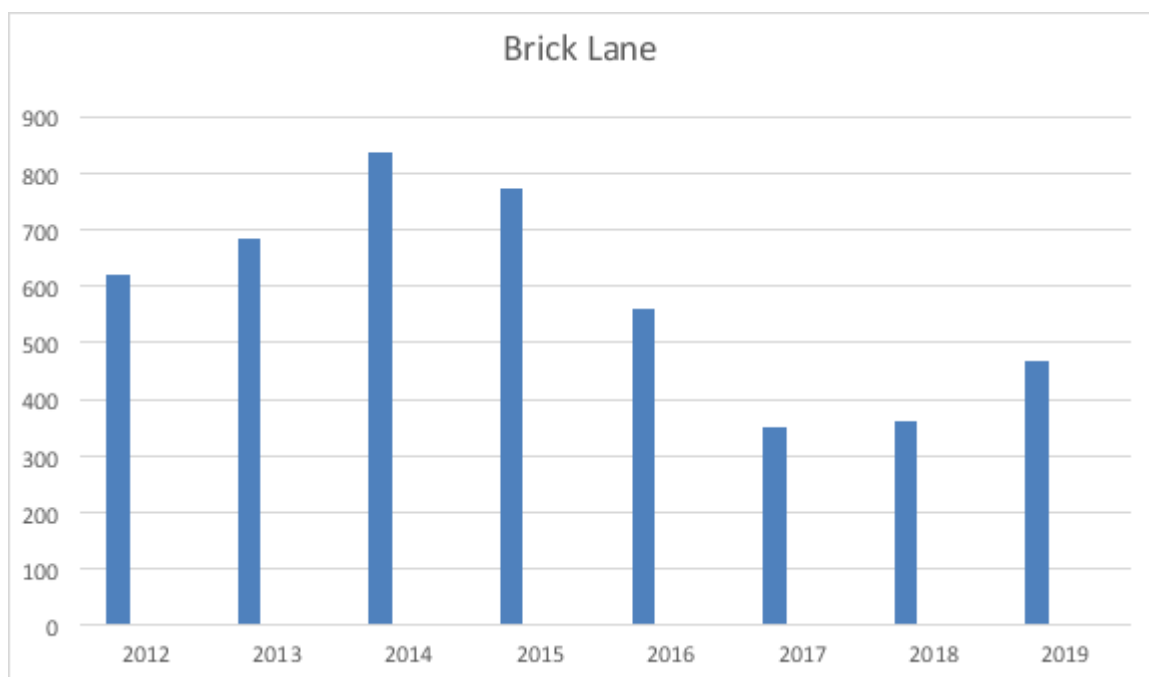
#### **Limitations of data**

2. First, the spreadsheet does not list the time of day or night at which the alleged crime was committed or reported. This means that the data cannot be used to analyse the contribution made by the night time economy to overall levels of crime or any trends in relation thereto.
3. Second, the figures contain no explanation as to whether the crimes are alcohol-related. Hence, an out of hours burglary of a convenience store, a theft by an employee from a supermarket and an assault in a late night licensed venue are all given the same weight, even though only the last category is relevant to cumulative impact.
4. Third, the data contains an unspecified number of duplications, as incidents on the same day in the same place contained in a CAD and CRIS report are counted as two incidents.
5. Fourth, there is no explanation as to whether any particular incident took place inside or merely near a licensed premises. Experience shows that Police will list a street incident by reference to a nearby prominent premises, whether or not it took place there.
6. Fifth, there is no evidence as to whether a crime was actually committed in any particular case. For example, insurers require lost property to be reported as a crime to the Police. The data does not explain whether every incident listed as a theft was in fact a theft or merely a reported loss.
7. Sixth, there is no comparison of this data with overall levels of criminal incidents. Therefore, there is no evidence as to the percentage of overall crime contributed by alcohol-licensed premises in general or the late night economy in particular.
8. The remainder of this paper is without prejudice to the above limitations.

#### **Overall levels of crime**

9. The overall levels of crime linked to licensed premises have fallen markedly in recent years.

10. In Brick Lane, there was 45% less crime in licensed premises in 2019 than there was in 2014<sup>7</sup> as shown in the following chart. Police data shows a significant further drop in 2020, but this may be explained by restrictions on licensed premises during the pandemic. For 2019, the incidents of crime reported by the Police amount to 1.88 per premises per year in the Brick Lane CIA.



11. Pre-2017 data relating to Bethnal Green is not currently available. However, the figures given by THBC are relative static for 2017-2019 (185, 158 and 180 incidents respectively). For 2019 this amounts to 3.1 incidents per premises per year.

### Breakdown of crime

12. The data given in the report entitled Review of the Cumulative Impact Policies (Licensing) in Brick Lane and Bethnal Green gives crude overall total figures for “incidents of crime or anti- social behaviour” in Brick Lane and Bethnal Green as follows:

Brick Lane: 2017 (351), 2018 (362), 2019 (468).

Bethnal Green: 2017 (185), 2018 (158), 2019 (180).

13. On analysis of the spreadsheet, however, these figures are apt to give a wholly misleading impression of the contribution of the night time economy to cumulative impact.

14. A breakdown of the figures is given in Appendix 1.

<sup>1</sup>Pre-2017 from report to Licensing Committee 14.12.17:  
<https://democracy.towerhamlets.gov.uk/documents/g7594/Public%20reports%20pack%2014th-Dec-%202017%2018.30%20Licensing%20Committee.pdf?T=10>

15. As may be seen, in both Brick Lane and Bethnal Green, more than half of all incidents related to crimes of dishonesty. This included shoplifting, theft (including mobile phone loss reports), theft from hotel bedrooms, theft by employees, burglaries and making off without payment.
16. In Brick Lane in 2019, these totalled 251 incidents out of a total of 468. This leaves just 217 other incidents across the whole area, or fewer than 1 incident per premises per year.
17. In Bethnal Green, incidents of dishonesty totalled 96 incidents out of 180, leaving just 84 other incidents across the whole area, or 1.44 incidents per premises per year.
18. Even then, given the limitations of the data specified above, there is no evidence even whether these incidents were or weren't predominantly associated with the night time economy.
19. So far as incidents of violence are concerned, in 2019 in Brick Lane these averaged 0.7 per premises per year and in Bethnal Green 1.33, with no evidence as to the hour of such incidents.

### **Top 5 premises**

20. The 5 premises with the most incidents recorded against them in 2017 – 2019 were as follows:

- Tesco Metro, Bethnal Green Road: 124
- Sainsburys Cambridge Health Road: 80
- Ibis London City Hotel: 75
- Iceland Bethnal Green Road: 64
- Brew Dog: 54

21. These figures demonstrate that the premises most associated with incidents are not those associated with a late night alcohol economy.<sup>2</sup>

### **Conclusion**

22. The Police have presented crude data which, on the limited analysis possible, does not demonstrate cumulative impact, let alone to a degree which necessitates a presumption against further licensed premises.

<sup>2</sup>Brewdog closes at 11 p.m.

## BRICK LANE AND BETHNAL GREEN

### Appendix 1

#### ANALYSIS OF POLICE DATA

#### BRICK LANE

	Violence							Dishonesty						Sex	Other
	ABH	Affray	ASB	Assault	GBH	POA	Total	Shoplifting	Theft	Robbery	Make off without payment	Burglary	Total		
2019	10	1	132	12	6	10	171	16	223	9	3	23	251	3	43
2018	12	2	86	17	5	7	129	28	137	3	1	50	109	2	22
2017	4	-	87	14	1	9	115	39	135	5	-	22	201	4	35

#### BETHNAL GREEN

	Violence							Dishonesty						Sex	Other
	ABH	Affray	ASB	Assault	GBH	POA	Total	Shoplifting	Theft	Robbery	Make off without payment	Burglary	Total		
2019	6	-	53	11	3	4	77	29	51	4	1	11	96	1	6
2018	4	-	59	13	3	4	83	29	21	3	-	4	57	2	16
2017	3	-	61	7	2	4	77	51	25	6	1	5	88	1	19

**Report: Review of the Cumulative Impact Policies (Licensing) in Brick Lane and Bethnal Green**

**Executive Summary**

Under Section 5A of the Licensing Act 2003 the Council as a Licensing Authority must review its Cumulative Impact Policies by November 2021. These policies provide for a rebuttable presumption that the Council will not issue any new licences under the Licensing Act 2003 within the designated areas due to a 'saturation' of licences, which has resulted in elevated levels of crime and anti-social behaviour.

The Council has two Cumulative Impact Policies or Cumulative Impact Assessments (CIA) as they are now referred to in the legislation and government guidance. The Brick Lane CIA has been in place seven years and the Bethnal Green CIA has been in place for two years.

A consultation is required to decide on the future of these two CIA, the options are:

- i. Retain both Cumulative Impact assessments
- ii. Remove both CIA's
- iii. Remove Cumulative Impact assessment for Bethnal Green and retain the one for Brick Lane
- iv. Remove Cumulative Impact assessment for Brick Lane and retain the one for Bethnal Green

Evidence can support the retention of both the CIAs, particularly Brick Lane. However; given the current commercial trading challenges that has specifically affected, hospitality, the Council may wish to consider whether if it should be continuing with Cumulative Impact Assessments that place additional burdens on businesses wishing to obtain a licence within these areas.

However, we must carry out a consultation of businesses and other interested groups that may be continuing the CIAs or their removal.

The previous consultation completed prior to the adoption of the CIA in Brick Lane and the creation of the Bethnal Green CIA (November 2018) found that because of the number and density of licensed premises selling alcohol, on and off the premises, and the provision of late night refreshment (sale of hot food after 11pm) within the area of both CIA's, there might be exceptional problems of nuisance, disturbance and/or disorder outside or away from those licensed premises as a result of their combined effect.

The Council took the view that the number, type and density of premises selling alcohol for consumption on and off the premises, and/or the provision of late night refreshment in the areas now designated as the CIZ was having a cumulative impact on the licensing objectives. Thus, the CIA was designated in Brick Lane and Bethnal Green. There are currently 58 licences issued for Bethnal Green and 248 licences in the Brick Lane CIA's.

## Background and Current Position

### Brick Lane CIA

Since its introduction incidents of crime and antisocial behaviour linked to licensed premises within Cumulative Impact Assessment (CIA) have seen a reduction despite fluctuating figures. The CIA was reviewed in 2018, which showed that there was evidence for it to remain in place.

The Hot Hotspot Maps A to D in Appendix 1 show that incidents of crime and antisocial behaviour linked to licence premises between 2017 and 2019 have increased, however looking over the life span on this CIA the overall number of incidents is still less than was seen prior to 2015. The hot spot maps show that the Police received 351 complaints relating to licensed premises in 2017, 362 in 2018 and 468 in 2019. The data for 2020, has been skewed due to licence premises having to close due to Covid requirements, from January 2020 to September 2020 there have been 183 complaints.

In contrast the tables below show that complaints received by the Environmental Health and Trading Standards Service between 2017 and 2020 have remained fairly static.

Row Labels	Nov 17 - Oct 18	Nov 18 - Oct 19	Nov 19 - Oct 20
Brick Lane CIZ Noise Complaints	40	31	30
Brick Lane CIZ Licensing Complaints	59	59	60

On a borough wide basis the Spitalfields & Banglatown and Weavers wards, where the Brick Lane CIA falls within, remain consistently one of the highest wards for complaints received by the Service. This can be seen in Figures 1, 2 and 3 in Appendix 2, which illustrates that these wards have consistently attracted more complaints than other wards in the borough.

The CIA is also reducing the numbers of licences and variation of licence applications granted within the area.



The tables below show this reduction and in particular the number of new premises licences granted continues to decrease year on year.

<b>November 2017 to October 2018</b>		
<b>Decision</b>	<b>New Premises Licence Application</b>	<b>Variation of Premises Licence Application</b>
Hearing grant	2	1
Hearing grant with variation	3	
Hearing - refused	1	
Officer grant	7	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>November 2018 to October 2019</b>		
<b>Decision</b>	<b>New Premises Licence Application</b>	<b>Variation of Premises Licence Application</b>
Hearing grant with variation	2	
Hearing - refused		1
Officer grant	3	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>November 2019 to October 2020</b>		
<b>Decision</b>	<b>New Premises Licence Application</b>	<b>Variation of Premises Licence Application</b>
Hearing grant with variation	2	1
Hearing - refused		1
Officer grant	1	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>

### Bethnal Green CIA

This CIA was introduced in November 2018 so has only been in place for just two years. The Hot Hotspot Maps A to D in Appendix 3 show fluctuations in Police incidents, with 185 in the area for 2017, reducing to 158 in 2018 and then going up in 2019 to 180. Thus, following the introduction of the CIA in Bethnal Green the incidents have gone up in comparison to the previous year. The data for 2020, has been skewed due to licence premises having to close due to Covid requirements, from January 2020 to September 2020 there have been 41 complaints.

Since its introduction the complaints received by the Environmental Health and Trading Standards Service has seen a reduction in Noise complaints but no significant reduction in licensing complaints. The reduction in complaints received by the Noise Team shows they have decreased by nearly three quarters 2017-18 and 2018-19, and then a significant drop in 2019-20, though this could be attributed to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. See tables below.

	Nov 17 - Oct 18	Nov 18 - Oct 19	Nov 19 - Oct 20
Bethnal Green CIZ Noise Complaints	21	7	1
Bethnal Green CIZ Licensing Complaints	16	13	15

On a borough wide basis Weavers and St Peter's wards appear to consistently high numbers of complaints received. These are the main wards that the Bethnal Green CIZ falls within. This can be seen in Figures 1 to 3 in Appendix 2, which illustrates that these wards have consistently larger numbers of complaints than many of the other wards.

In terms of licence and variation of licence applications granted within the Bethnal Green CIZ area these have remained fairly static. This can be seen in the tables below.

November 2017 to October 2018		
Decision	New Premises Licence Application	Variation of Premises Licence Application
Hearing grant	1	
Hearing - refused		3
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>
November 2018 to October 2019		
Decision	New Premises Licence Application	Variation of Premises Licence Application
Hearing grant with variation		1
Officer grant	2	
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
November 2019 to October 2020		
Decision	New Premises Licence Application	Variation of Premises Licence Application
Hearing grant with variation	2	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>

## Consultation

The Licensing Authority must consult in the same way as it would for reviewing its Statement of Licensing Policy. Therefore, the Licensing Authority must consult those specified in section 5(3) of the Licensing 2003, and subject to the outcome of the consultation, include and publish details of the Cumulative Impact Assessments in their Statement of Licensing Policy. Those who must be consulted are:

- a) the chief officer of police for the licensing authority's area,
- b) the fire and rescue authority for that area, i.e. the Fire Brigade
- c) The Council's Director of Public Health,
- d) such persons as the licensing authority considers to be representative of holders of premises licences issued by that authority,
- e) such persons as the licensing authority considers to be representative of holders of club premises certificates issued by that authority,
- f) such persons as the licensing authority considers to be representative of holders of personal licences issued by that authority, and
- g) such other persons as the licensing authority considers to be representative of businesses and residents in its area.

## **Appendices**

Appendix One: Hotspot Maps A to D (Brick Lane CIZ)

Appendix Two: Figures 1 to 3 - Complaints received by the Environmental Health and Trading Standards Service by Ward

Appendix Three: Hotspot Maps A to D (Bethnal Green CIZ)



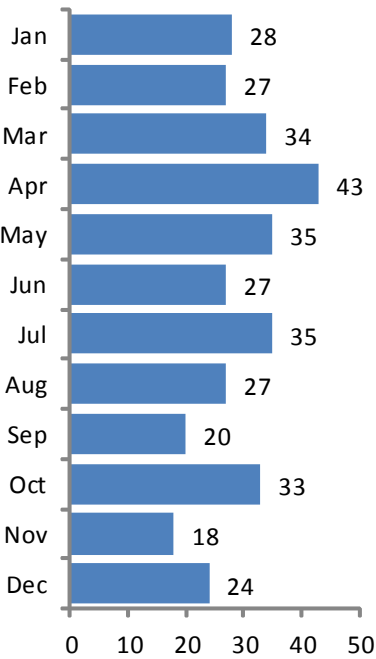
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# Brick Lane CIZ Hotspot Map 2017

Between 1 January 2017 and 31 December 2017 there were 351 incidents of crime or anti-social behaviour which were linked to an establishment licensed to sell alcohol within the Brick Lane CIZ

### Incidents per month

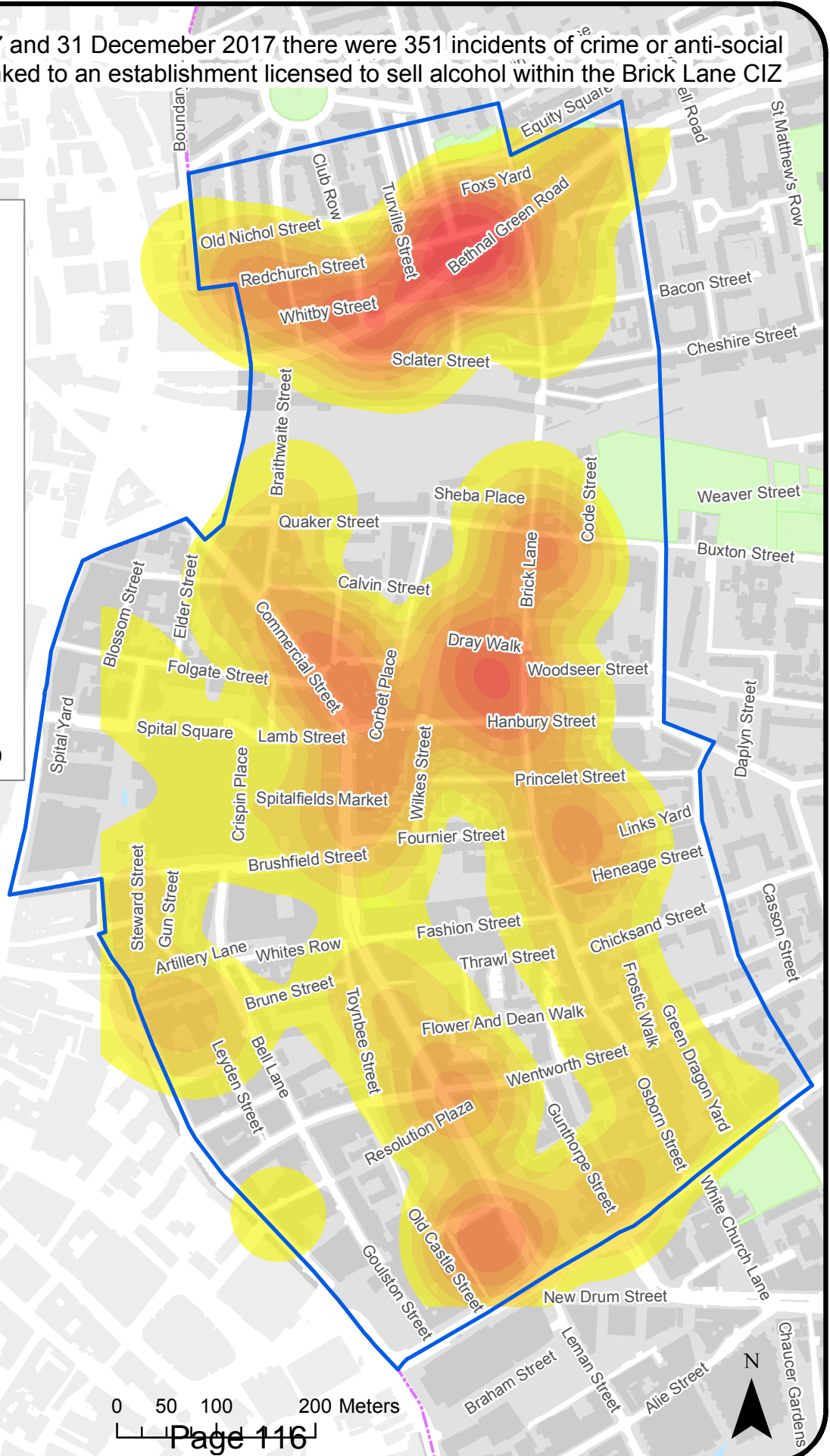


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- Borough Boundary

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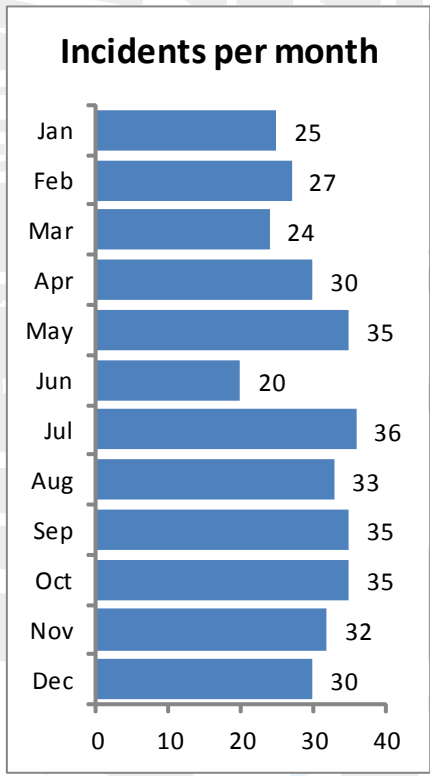
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# Brick Lane CIZ Hotspot Map 2018

Between 1 January 2018 and 31 December 2018 there were 362 incidents of crime or anti-social behaviour which were linked to an establishment licensed to sell alcohol within the Brick Lane CIZ

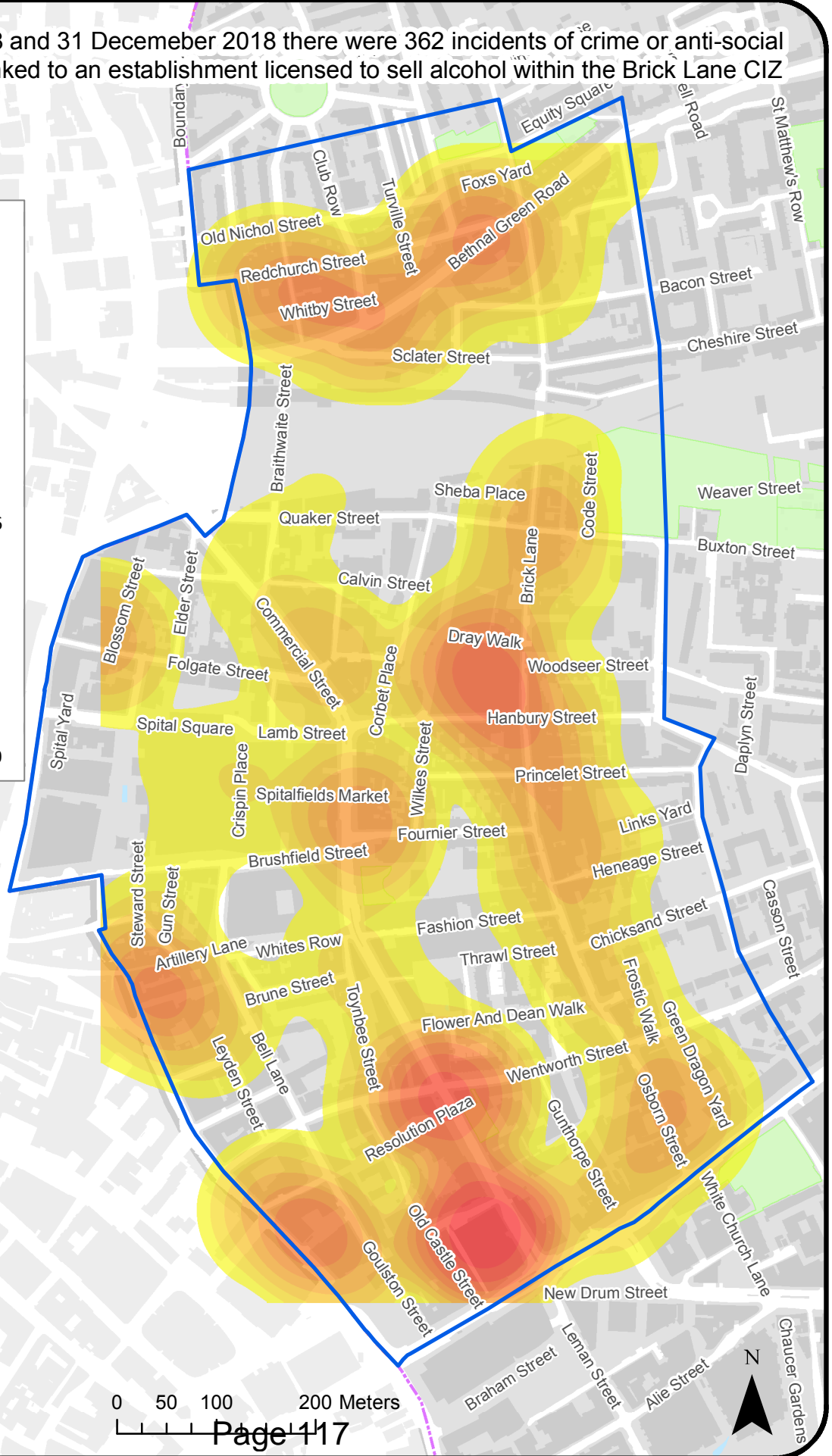


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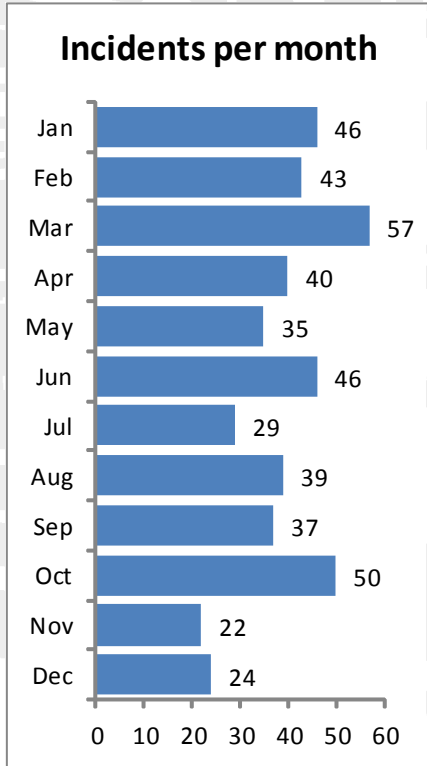
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# Brick Lane CIZ Hotspot Map 2019

Between 1 January 2019 and 31 December 2019 there were 468 incidents of crime or anti-social behaviour which were linked to an establishment licensed to sell alcohol within the Brick Lane CIZ

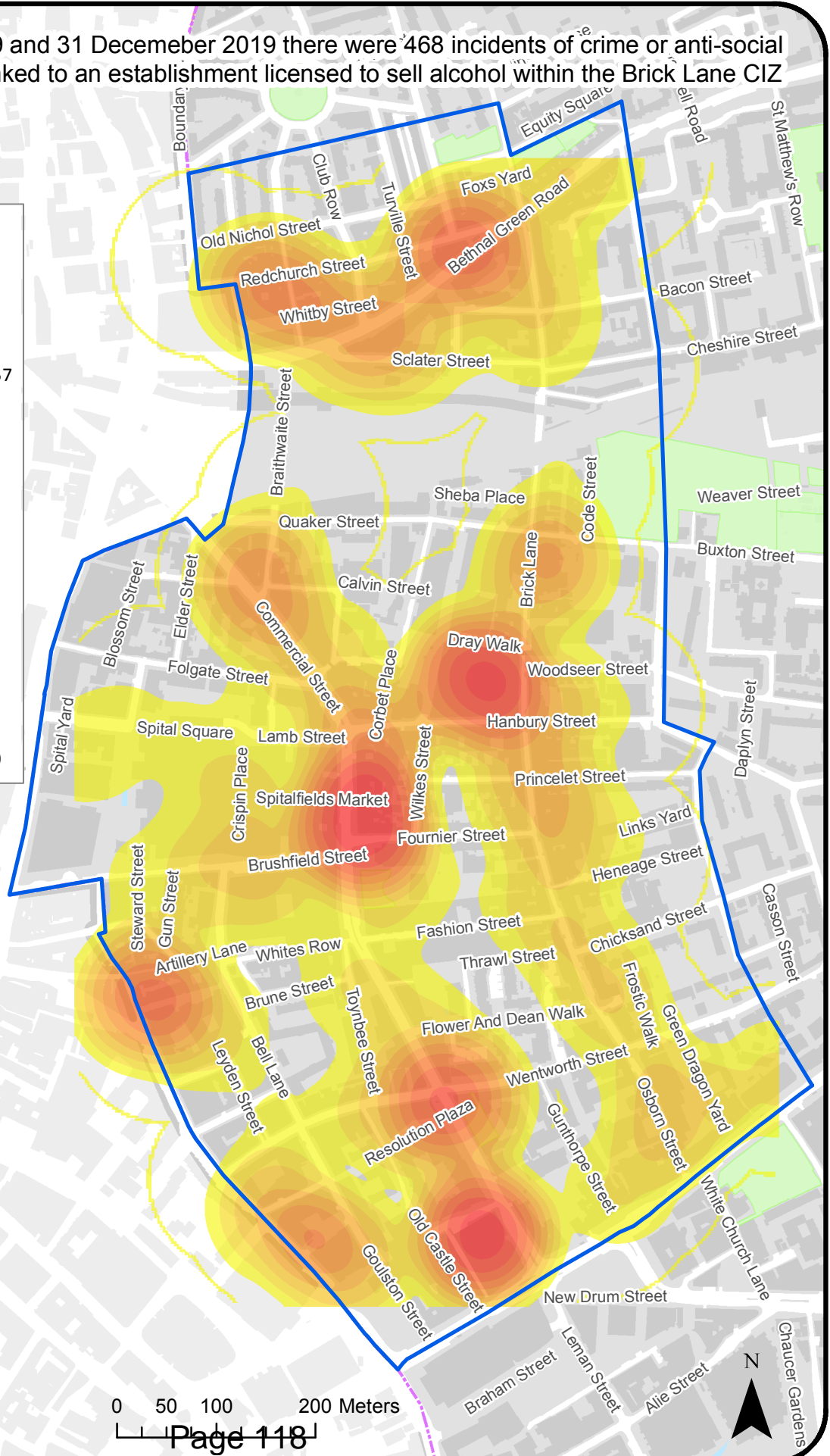


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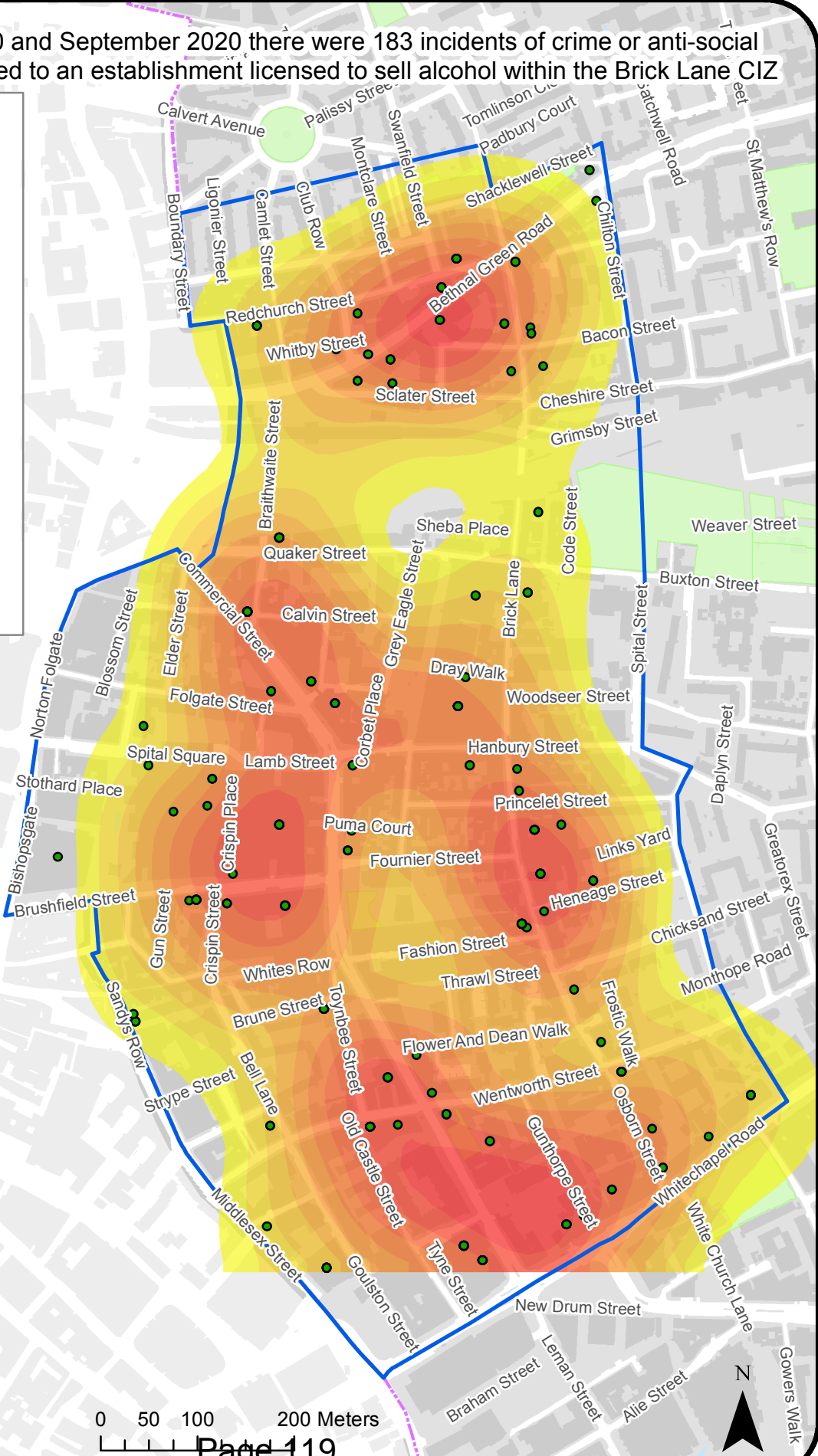
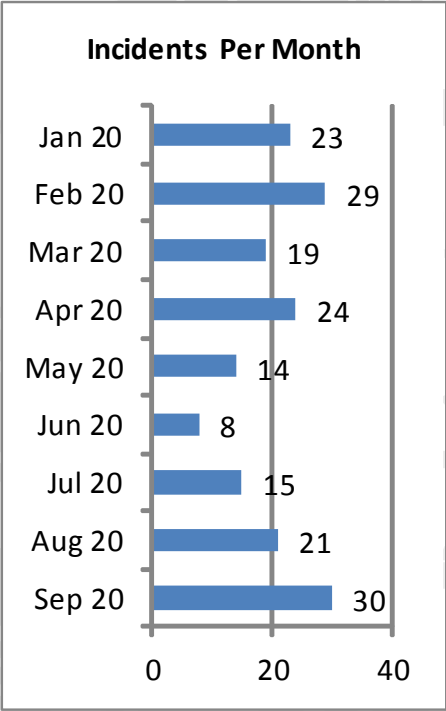
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# Brick Lane CIZ Hotspot Map 2020

Between 1 January 2020 and September 2020 there were 183 incidents of crime or anti-social behaviour which were linked to an establishment licensed to sell alcohol within the Brick Lane CIZ



**Legend**

- Brick Lane CIZ
- Borough Boundary

**Hotspot Key**

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## Appendix 2 – Complaints received by the Licensing Team by Ward

Figure 1

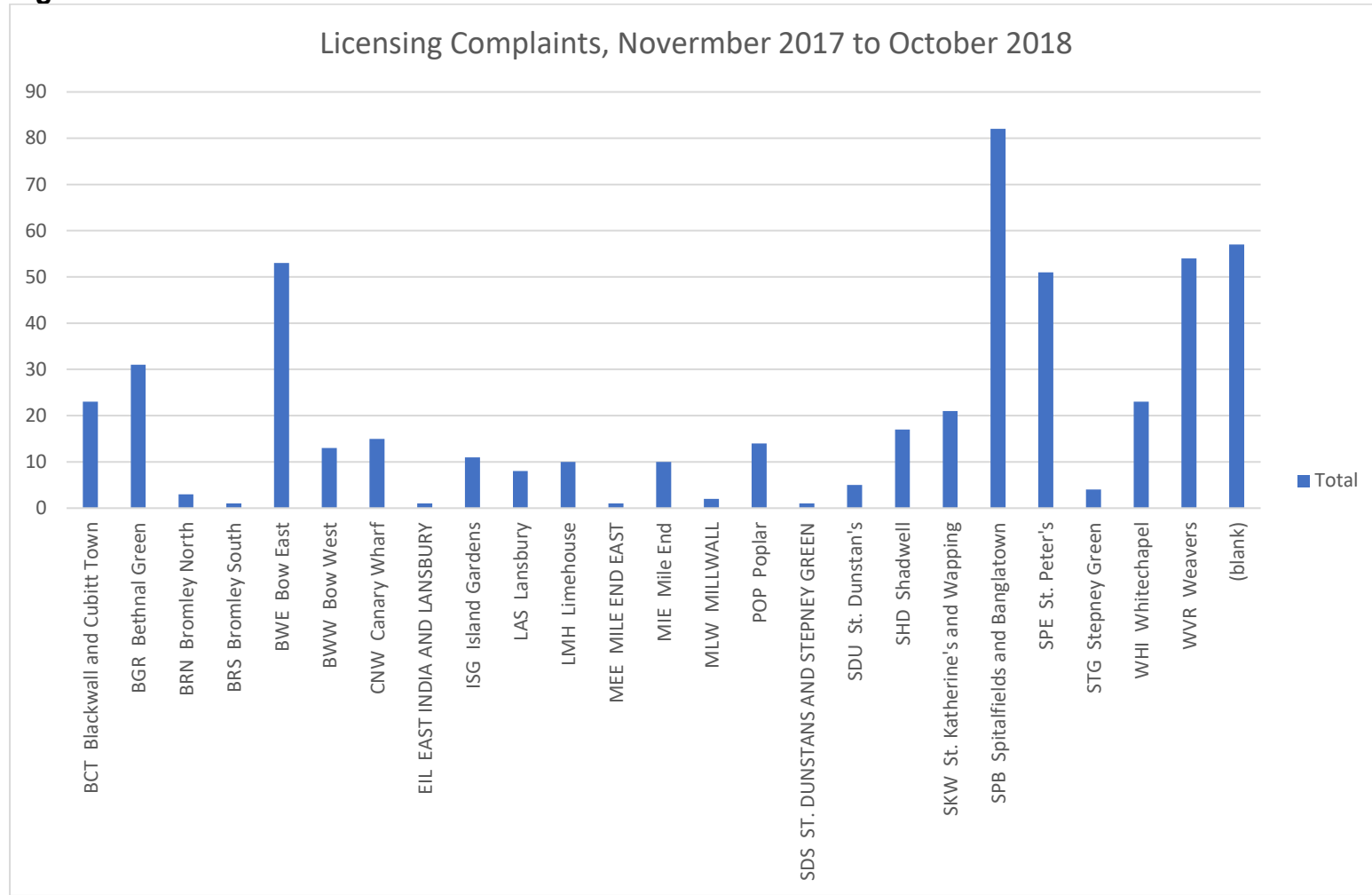




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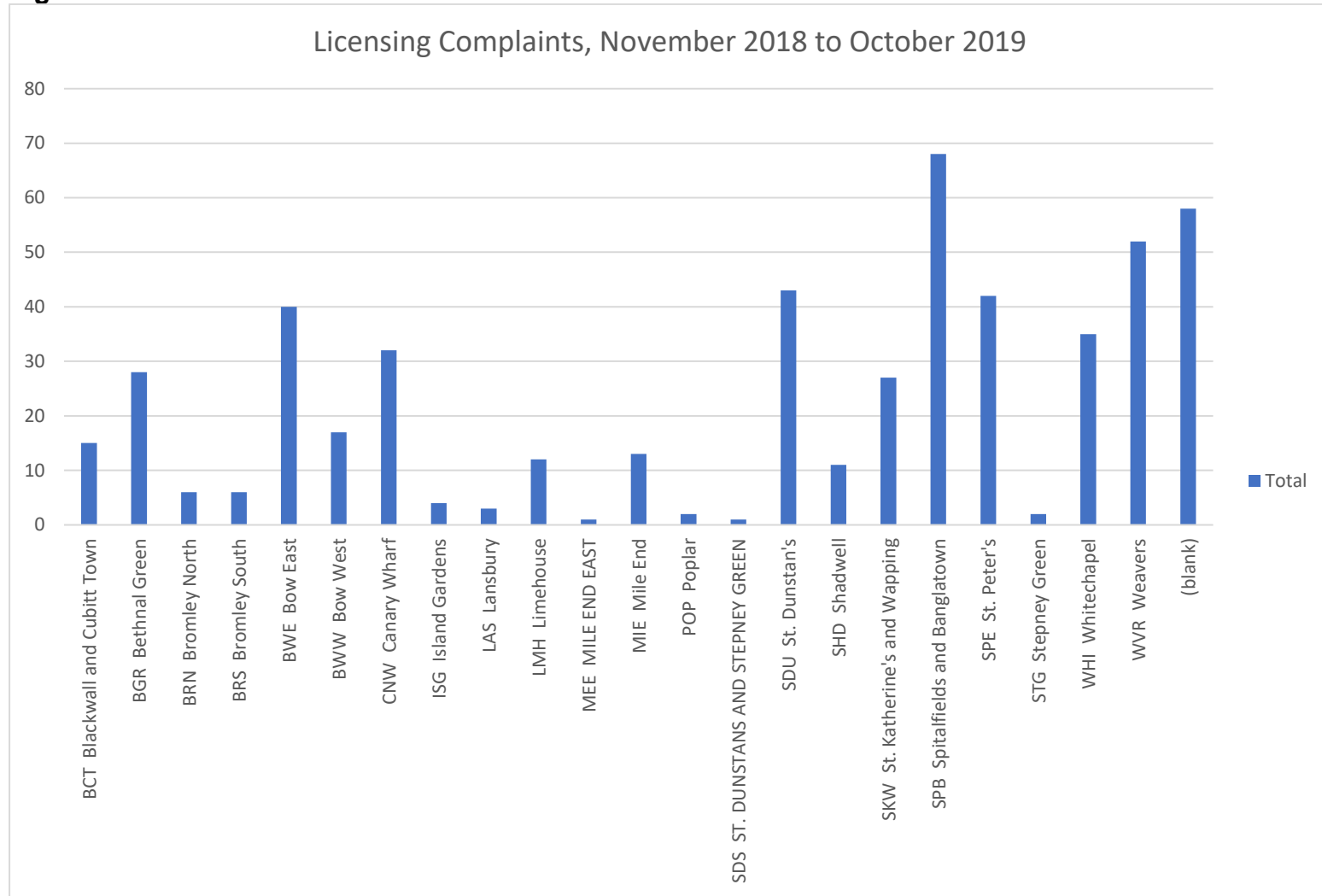
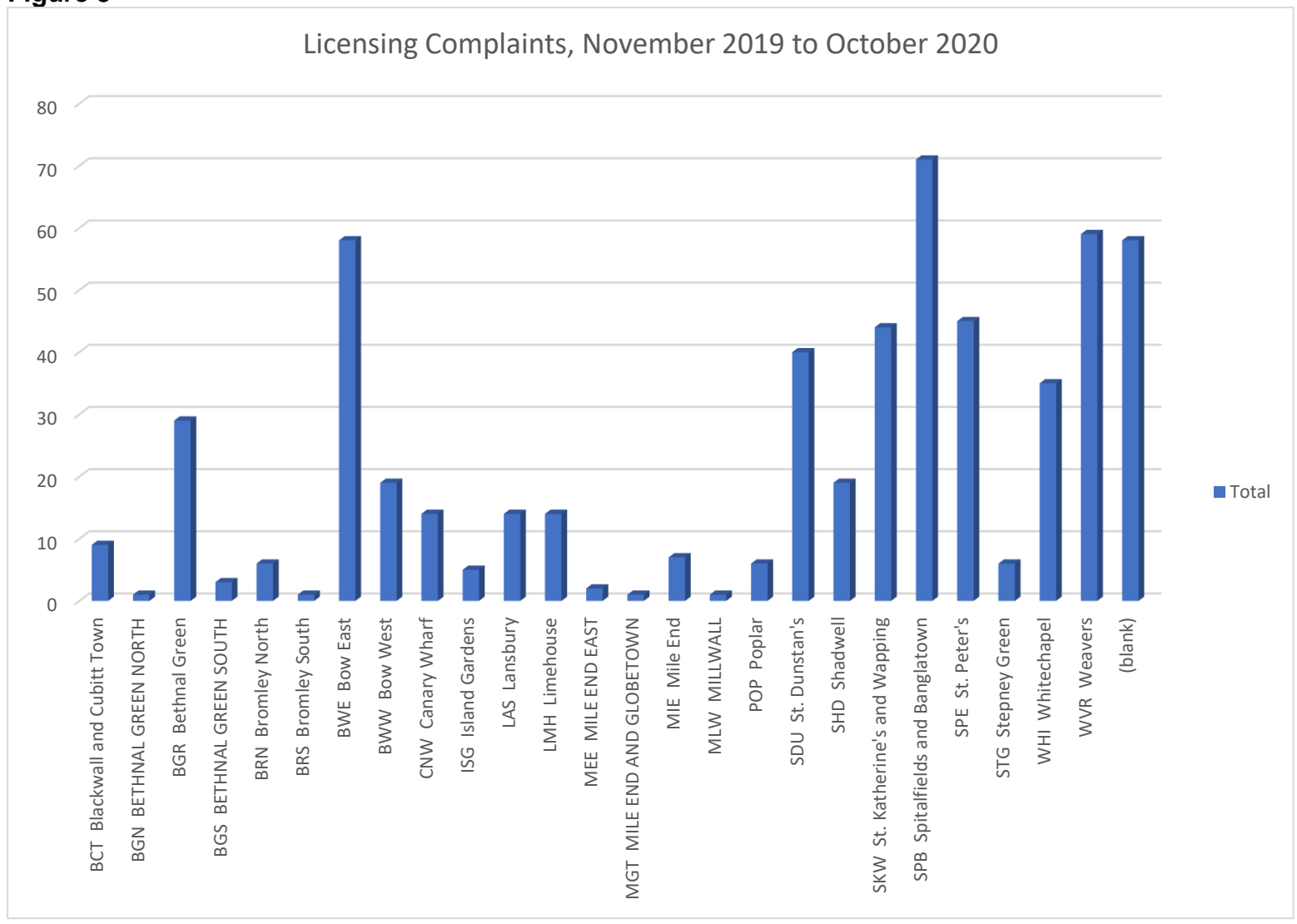


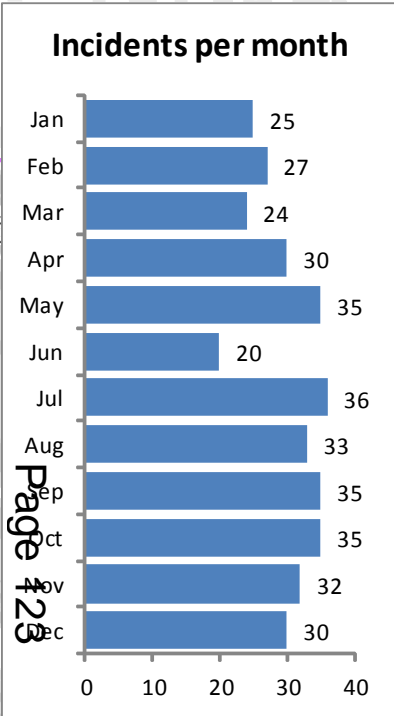
Figure 3





# Bethnal Green CIZ Hotspot Map 2017

Between 1 January 2017 and 31 Decemeber 2017 there were 185 incidents of crime or anti-social behaviour which were linked to an establishment licensed to sell alcohol within the Bethnal Green CIZ

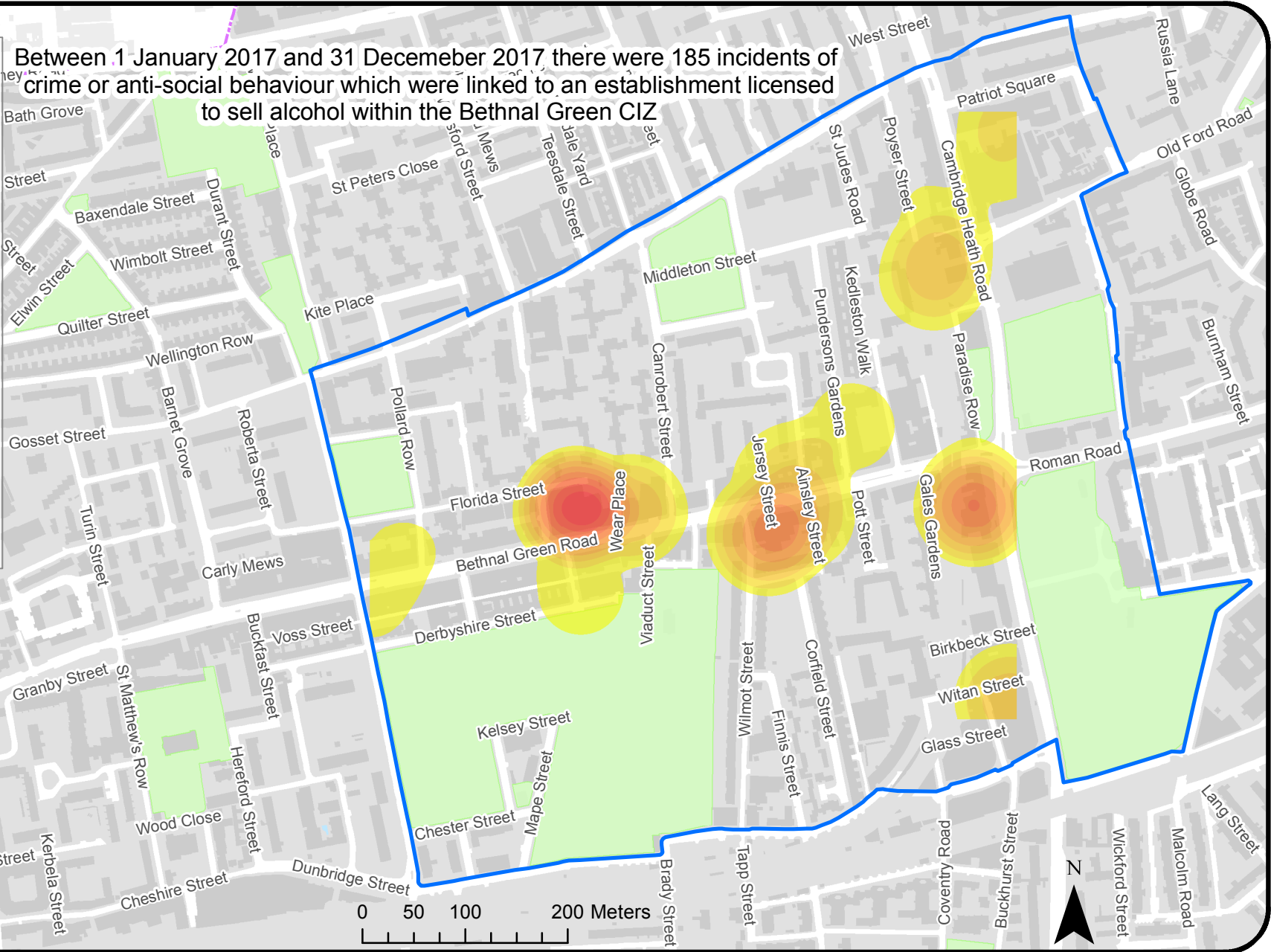


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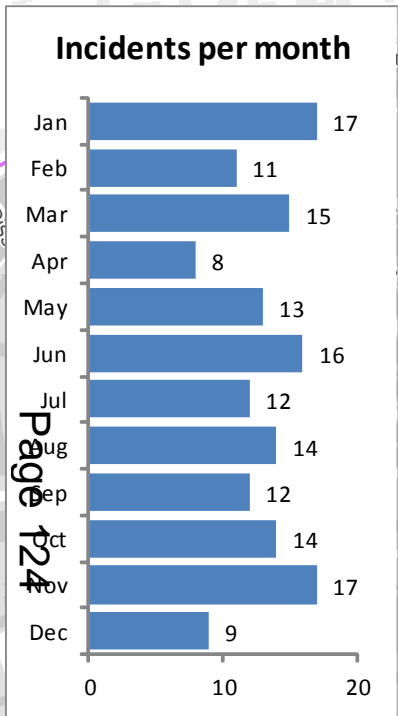
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# Bethnal Green CIZ Hotspot Map 2018

Between 1 January 2018 and 31 December 2018 there were 158 incidents of crime or anti-social behaviour which were linked to an establishment licensed to sell alcohol within the Bethnal Green CIZ

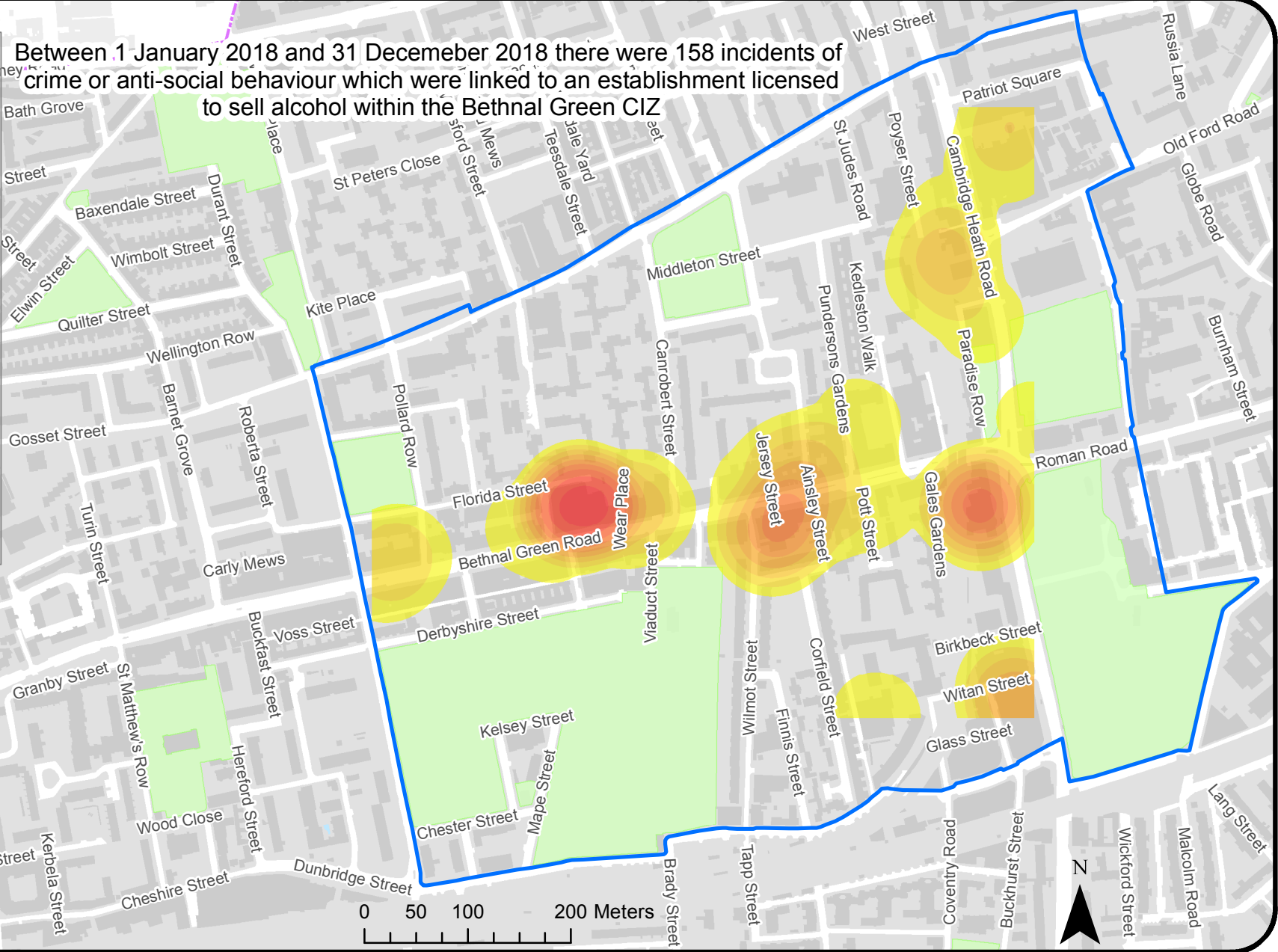


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- Borough Boundary

**Hotspot Key**

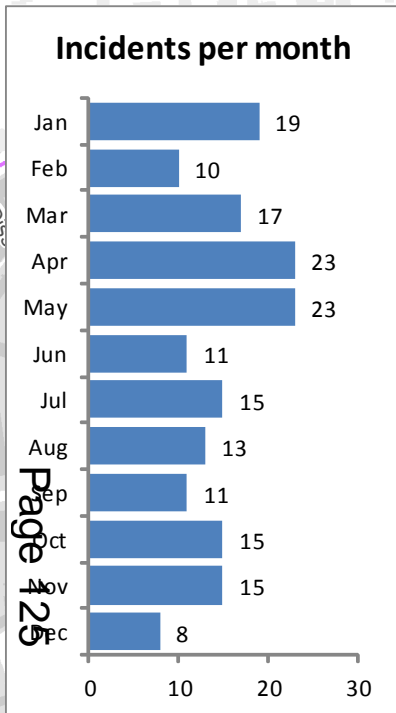
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# Bethnal Green CIZ Hotspot Map 2019

Between 1 January 2019 and 31 December 2019 there were 180 incidents of crime or anti-social behaviour which were linked to an establishment licensed to sell alcohol within the Bethnal Green CIZ

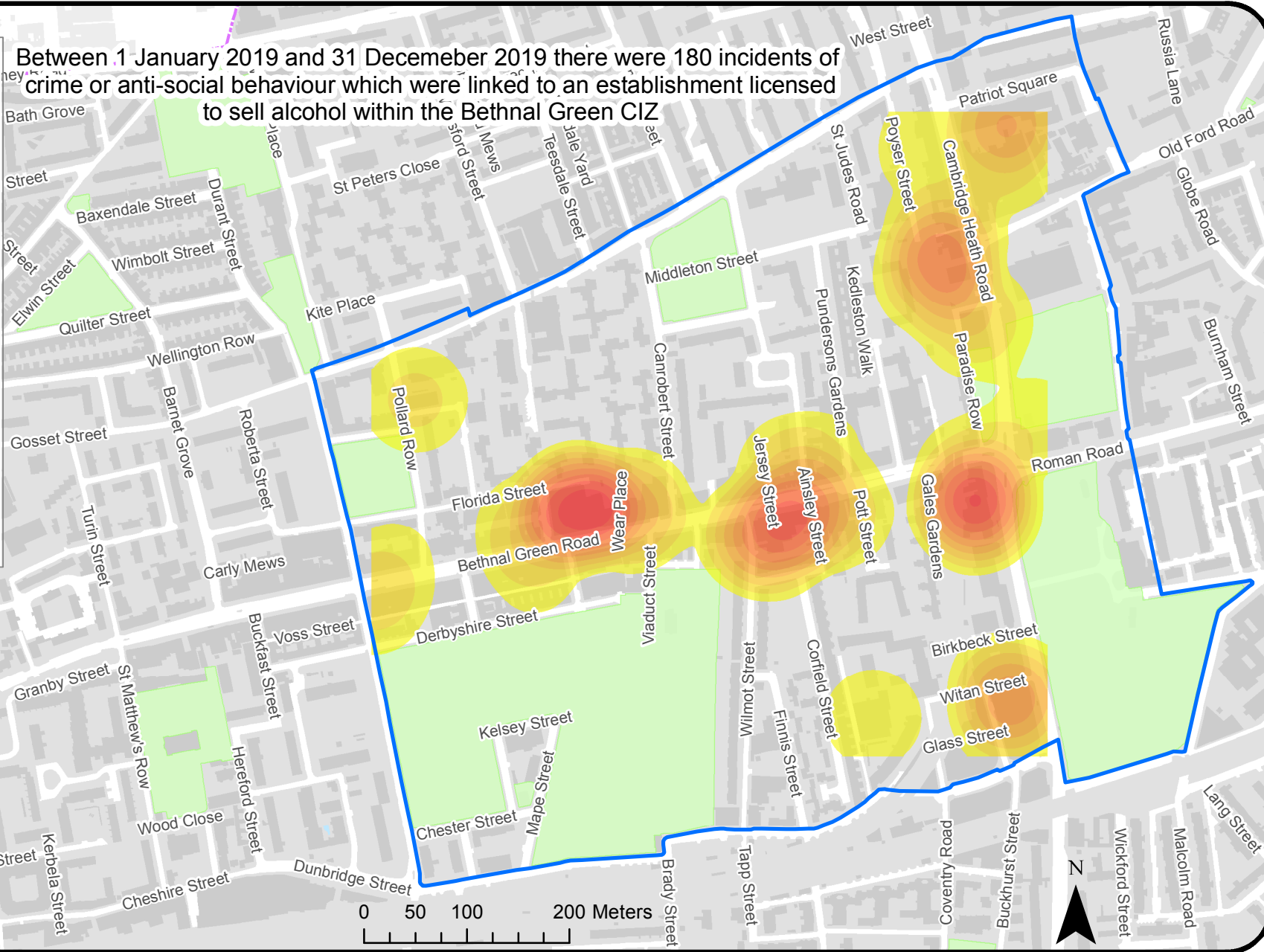


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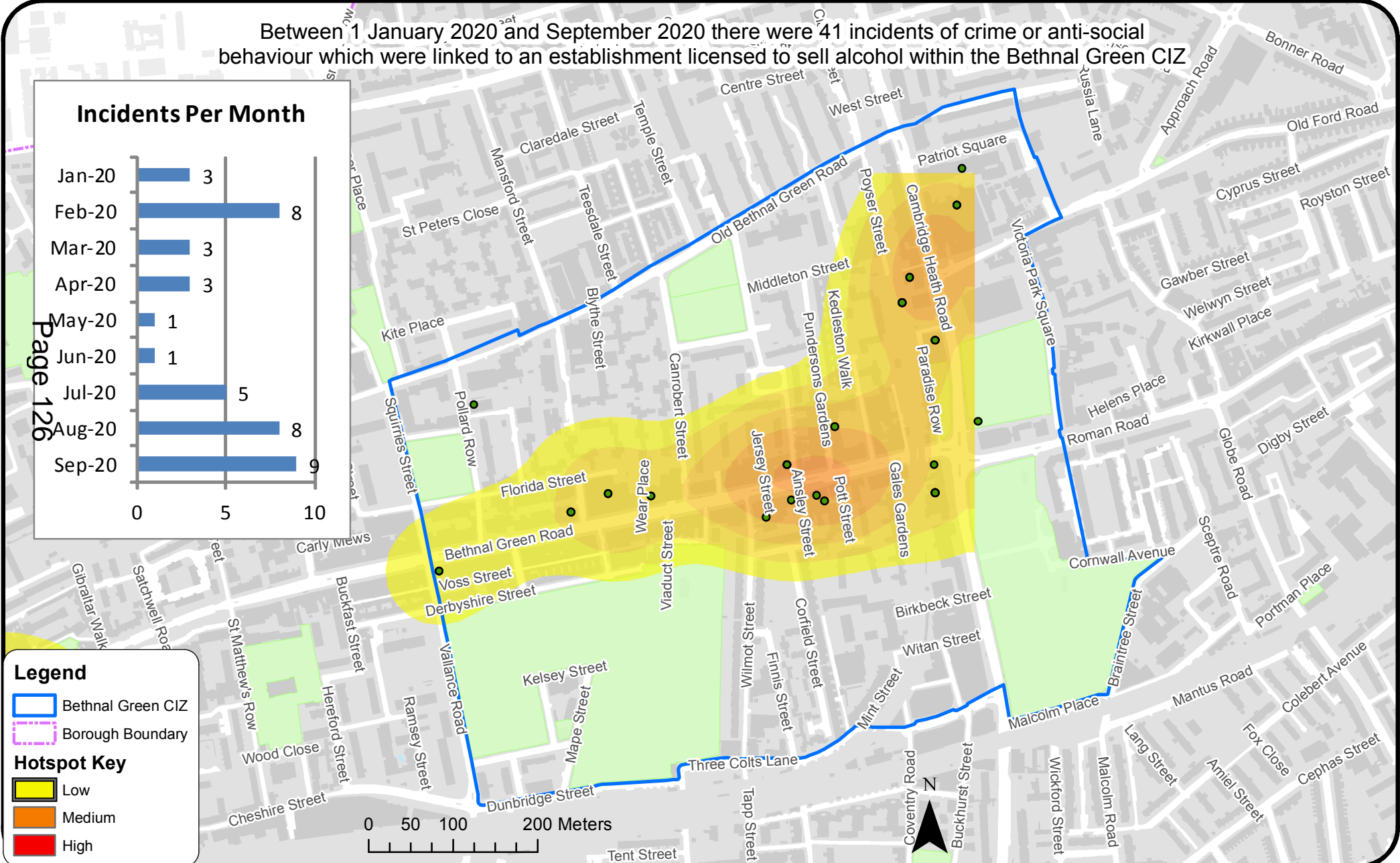
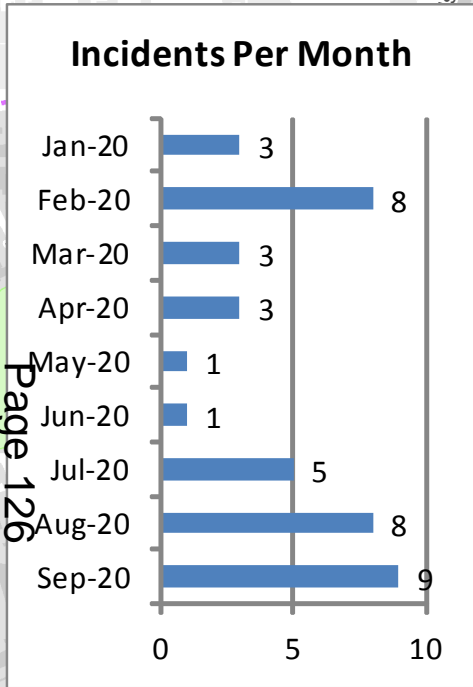
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# Bethnal Green CIZ Hotspot Map 2020

Between 1 January 2020 and September 2020 there were 41 incidents of crime or anti-social behaviour which were linked to an establishment licensed to sell alcohol within the Bethnal Green CIZ



Appendix 6a - Cummulative Impact area complaints

prptr	comp_no	date	detail	unit	year	sub
9318	89391	15/11/2017	Please see attahced email	Lic	17-18	BG
10894	89410	16/11/2017	Late Night Levy - Minor Variation Enquiry	Lic	17-18	BG
153619	89628	07/12/2017	Noise complaint by cleaners during the night	Lic	17-18	BG
19818	89761	21/12/2017	Noise standard letter re: noise complaint	Lic	17-18	BG
3295	90338	16/02/2018	Child Performances	Lic	17-18	BG
19818	90705	22/03/2018	Complaint regarding noise,rubbish and vomit	Lic	17-18	BG
9318	91265	21/05/2018	Minor query: alterations to plans	Lic	17-18	BG
9382	91847	16/07/2018	Query re variation application	Lic	17-18	BG
9382	91947	23/07/2018	enquiry to check if tens inplace for 25th-26th May	Lic	17-18	BG
19818	91969	24/07/2018	Lack of control of event on 19/7/18	Lic	17-18	BG
156107	91984	25/07/2018	breaching codniton of outside area	Lic	17-18	BG
9345	91995	26/07/2018	Table & chairs consutlation	Lic	17-18	BG
22333	92338	28/08/2018	Request for Public Premises Licence of 319 Bethnal Green Road. Midway	Lic	17-18	BG
155244	92900	17/10/2018	Noise warning Letter to PLH	Lic	17-18	BG
3295	93049	01/11/2018	enquiry on licence and changes to their areas	Lic	18-19	BG
155244	93465	13/11/2018	music playing after midnight	Lic	18-19	BG
9382	94593	29/03/2019	reports of staff and cusotmers smoking cannabis	Lic	18-19	BG
19818	94627	01/04/2019	Complaint of noise	Lic	18-19	BG
9330	94900	01/05/2019	request for copy of plans	Lic	18-19	BG
155244	95700	15/07/2019	breach of conditions	Lic	18-19	BG
155068	96219	03/09/2019	Noise issues/breach of condition at premises found by LNL police	Lic	18-19	BG
24389	96220	03/09/2019	Possible breach of licence regarding Security raised by LNL Police	Lic	18-19	BG
19818	96523	30/09/2019	not managing crowds exiting the venue and no encouragement to leave	Lic	18-19	BG
156107	96562	04/10/2019	Loud music/noise until 01:30am. Patrons outside in forecourt.	Lic	18-19	BG
198501	96759	22/10/2019	Query re variation	Lic	18-19	BG
9330	96927	05/11/2019	Patrons in the garden at 22.30hrs	Lic	19-20	BG
10794	97350	10/12/2019	Trading past licence 23:00 hrs Mon-Thu and advertising	Lic	19-20	BG
151761	97361	16/12/2019	Query NYE hours	Lic	19-20	BG
9341	97982	17/02/2020	request for duplicate licence.	Lic	19-20	BG
9341	98727	03/04/2020	Covid -19 Pub doing off sales	Lic	19-20	BG
10818	98976	20/04/2020	COVID-19 social distancing and general street drinking	Lic	19-20	BG
198968	99112	24/04/2020	COVID-19 Advice re off sales	Lic	19-20	BG
156107	99244	11/05/2020	Covid-19 Selling off sales	Lic	19-20	BG
22333	99840	17/06/2020	Exceeding licence hours open at 00:30 sale of alcohol	Lic	19-20	BG
9341	99845	16/06/2020	Covid 19 - Patrons congregating outside pub, selling as takeaway	Lic	19-20	BG
9330	101097	01/09/2020	Noise in the pub garden	Lic	19-20	BG
198968	101452	24/09/2020	see email attached	Lic	19-20	BG
149374	101469	28/09/2020	Covid 19- more than 100 people on the premises every weekend	Lic	19-20	BG
153619	272379	20/11/2017	Noise complaint construction work drilling -going on all night	Noise	17-18	BG
153619	272417	20/11/2017	Noise from shutters at restuarant Wood Mangal	Noise	17-18	BG
19818	273474	19/12/2017	Noise from loud music at event held at York Hall on 16/12/17	Noise	17-18	BG
19818	276852	26/03/2018	Loud music/raving over 80db and waste collection over 90db	Noise	17-18	BG
155585	284682	15/10/2018	Commercial noise - music (club/pub/restaurant)	Noise	17-18	BG
148884	285297	01/11/2018	Sunday Deliveries to Iceland Bethnal Green	Noise	18-19	BG
19818	290737	04/04/2019	Loud music/raving over 85db and waste collection over 90db	Noise	18-19	BG

9328	292038	14/05/2019	Noisy OOH works at Nandos - refurbishment - angle grinding to midnight	Noise	18-19	BG
10818	305474	15/04/2020	CUSTOMERS STANDING OUTSIDE DRINKING, TALKING LOUDLY, SINGING	Noise	19-20	BG
9382	276749	23/03/2018	d agreed to call in 10 minutes.called again and client said music has	Out of Hours noise	17-18	BG
9382	276997	30/03/2018	Caller reporting loud music coming from deedee arms pub RESULT / ACTI	Out of Hours noise	17-18	BG
9382	276998	30/03/2018	Caller reporting loud music coming from deedee arms pubRECALL Music is	Out of Hours noise	17-18	BG
9382	277015	31/03/2018	Officers advised if passing the pub; officers will do a stop outside	Out of Hours noise	17-18	BG
9382	277427	14/04/2018	ed. No action taken	Out of Hours noise	17-18	BG
9382	278208	06/05/2018	on going loud music	Out of Hours noise	17-18	BG
24389	278962	24/05/2018	so to call us back if noise restarts. No further action.	Out of Hours noise	17-18	BG
9382	278983	25/05/2018	ent mentioned that the noise becomes very loud at midnight Friday,Satu	Out of Hours noise	17-18	BG
9382	278990	26/05/2018	ice hours regarding Licensing details and to seek further advice. I h	Out of Hours noise	17-18	BG
9382	278992	26/05/2018	se stopped. Infomred by comp.	Out of Hours noise	17-18	BG
9382	279008	26/05/2018	sing Team to find out if special events License has been issued and se	Out of Hours noise	17-18	BG
9382	279009	26/05/2018	made the initial complaint she could hear the words to the song.Have c	Out of Hours noise	17-18	BG
155585	282271	11/08/2018	inside the restaurant, music turn right down and doors be shut, which h	Out of Hours noise	17-18	BG
155651	284114	30/09/2018	visit perp spoke to manager of premises who informed me temp event not	Out of Hours noise	17-18	BG
155651	284256	28/09/2018	fore officers would attend, call logged. Procedure Explained to Compla	Out of Hours noise	17-18	BG
155651	285169	28/10/2018	ff which abated nuisancematt - bar manager	Out of Hours noise	17-18	BG
9382	290810	06/04/2019	ce.	Out of Hours noise	18-19	BG
9382	292540	25/05/2019	Caller complaint about the loud music coming from the pub across the r	Out of Hours noise	18-19	BG
155068	294089	30/06/2019	e Explained to Complainant and he agreed officers to visit and witness	Out of Hours noise	18-19	BG
151761	297289	05/09/2019	stopped. No further action required.	Out of Hours noise	18-19	BG
197200	89294	06/11/2017	Query re issuing of premises licence delay	Lic	17-18	BL
19770	89346	09/11/2017	Query re transfer papaerwork	Lic	17-18	BL
25933	89419	17/11/2017	Query re number of TENs used	Lic	17-18	BL
19418	89503	27/11/2017	Excessive noise letter by EP	Lic	17-18	BL
154324	89590	01/12/2017	complaining about noise from motorcycles from the above premises	Lic	17-18	BL
19418	89688	14/12/2017	Letter to premises from EP re Noise Complaint	Lic	17-18	BL
156435	89800	29/12/2017	Complaint (Mayoral) re: Hotel serving to non residents	Lic	17-18	BL
156435	89801	29/12/2017	Mayoral complaint re: hotel serving to non residents	Lic	17-18	BL
31524	89819	03/01/2018	Query re LNL	Lic	17-18	BL
197958	89829	03/01/2018	enquiry about using the licence	Lic	17-18	BL
24372	89851	05/01/2018	change of contact details, advised to transfer	Lic	17-18	BL
22567	89870	08/01/2018	requesting admin to log on L1U as re-submitted valid application	Lic	17-18	BL
22332	89885	10/01/2018	compalining about customers drinking with glasses and bottles o/s frag	Lic	17-18	BL
153489	89943	15/01/2018	query re use of premises	Lic	17-18	BL
9413	90146	30/01/2018	Letter recieved from EP re: Noise Complaint	Lic	17-18	BL
18298	90259	08/02/2018	Emailed for info: Private party Noise Abatement Notice served by EH	Lic	17-18	BL
18298	90264	09/02/2018	need to do minor variation re plan	Lic	17-18	BL
154324	90300	13/02/2018	complaint re TENs ASB	Lic	17-18	BL
196515	90309	14/02/2018	Query re live football via sky	Lic	17-18	BL
198723	90342	14/02/2018	Complaint Applicactions/Licences Online Register	Lic	17-18	BL
196819	90379	20/02/2018	Representation by member of public	Lic	17-18	BL
19418	90402	22/02/2018	Noise complaint via EP	Lic	17-18	BL
22704	90404	22/02/2018	Query re premises being open	Lic	17-18	BL
19418	90436	26/02/2018	Noise complaint.	Lic	17-18	BL
26028	90891	16/04/2018	Touting Complaint	Lic	17-18	BL



17998	90895	17/04/2018	LEFPA enforcement action against the premises	Lic	17-18	BL
9413	91044	01/05/2018	Customers blocking foodpath outside pub on corner Wentworth/Commercial	Lic	17-18	BL
154324	91072	27/04/2018	Query re variation application for extension of hours	Lic	17-18	BL
19508	91082	04/05/2018	Would like information on LNL Exemptions	Lic	17-18	BL
154324	91220	25/05/2018	Req copy of application	Lic	17-18	BL
154148	91307	31/05/2018	Enquiry about Stock movement out of opening hours	Lic	17-18	BL
154324	91404	05/06/2018	Query re TENs	Lic	17-18	BL
30963	91496	18/06/2018	Phonographic performance licence	Lic	17-18	BL
30749	91513	07/06/2018	Notice of voluntary arrangement	Lic	17-18	BL
32986	91620	27/06/2018	Complaint that premises is touting	Lic	17-18	BL
20588	91622	27/06/2018	Touting complaint	Lic	17-18	BL
154324	91623	27/06/2018	Complaint about premises breaching licensable hours	Lic	17-18	BL
22567	91624	27/06/2018	Noise from delivery bikes, plus breaching licensable hours	Lic	17-18	BL
4243	91691	03/07/2018	Thurs-Sat lots of noise from people drinking o/s. doors are	Lic	17-18	BL
4243	91714	04/07/2018	Noise from people talking outside	Lic	17-18	BL
19734	91737	06/07/2018	Enquiry for Shisha in Back Terrace	Lic	17-18	BL
194373	91754	06/07/2018	Query re transfer of licence	Lic	17-18	BL
19734	91848	16/07/2018	Enquiry re: Licence clarificaion	Lic	17-18	BL
196819	92070	01/08/2018	enquiry to add films to the licence	Lic	17-18	BL
22704	92089	03/08/2018	consultation on tables and chairs	Lic	17-18	BL
195108	92179	13/08/2018	immigration inspection	Lic	17-18	BL
18923	92379	28/08/2018	Query re minor variation	Lic	17-18	BL
151758	92425	28/08/2018	noise abatement notice	Lic	17-18	BL
19508	92491	10/09/2018	film classification query	Lic	17-18	BL
9512	92523	13/09/2018	Email regarding TEN use (Whitechapel gallery)	Lic	17-18	BL
19075	92532	13/09/2018	Immigration requesting copy of licnce	Lic	17-18	BL
199317	92551	17/09/2018	Query re minor variation	Lic	17-18	BL
3920	92690	28/09/2018	in breach of the condition in para 3 of annexe 2 of their licence	Lic	17-18	BL
22332	92803	09/10/2018	Leafleting & Flyering	Lic	17-18	BL
30584	92822	11/10/2018	Sellign to drunk male	Lic	17-18	BL
152171	92930	22/10/2018	complaint of	Lic	17-18	BL
18923	93155	12/11/2018	Query re licence holder/DPS	Lic	18-19	BL
24887	93201	14/11/2018	31/10/18 group of men drunk & leaving hotel at 3am causing disorder	Lic	18-19	BL
6196	93296	21/11/2018	objection to applicaiton	Lic	18-19	BL
17998	93524	12/12/2018	Enquiry and BBN	Lic	18-19	BL
198897	93580	14/12/2018	Trading without a licence until 00:30 hours	Lic	18-19	BL
22567	93707	21/12/2018	Late Night Levy - Suspension of Licence Enquiry	Lic	18-19	BL
155271	93723	07/01/2019	noise from customers on the street - no SIA weekdays to prevent it	Lic	18-19	BL
19508	93816	08/01/2019	Query on variaous films to commemorate Holocauste Memorial Day	Lic	18-19	BL
31359	93832	15/01/2019	Query re payment	Lic	18-19	BL
202325	93889	20/01/2019	Immigration visit to the premises	Lic	18-19	BL
9476	93954	15/01/2019	Advice on applying for a variation	Lic	18-19	BL
9517	93955	16/01/2019	Request for information on enfocement history	Lic	18-19	BL
6196	94019	25/01/2019	Sampling or giveaway alcohol query	Lic	18-19	BL
9517	94032	01/02/2019	Request for SEV licence	Lic	18-19	BL
32229	94218	21/02/2019	Overcharged/scammed - For Logging Only TS refer to CIB	Lic	18-19	BL
9476	94246	25/02/2019	Advice on applying for a variation	Lic	18-19	BL

20749	94280	26/02/2019	not wishing to renew licence	Lic	18-19	BL
8083	94397	02/03/2019	Corpoarte Complaint regarding MAL's visit as part of Op Continuum	Lic	18-19	BL
11247	94449	15/03/2019	Customers outside causing noise disturbance	Lic	18-19	BL
31359	94481	20/03/2019	query re suspension notice	Lic	18-19	BL
32229	94655	04/04/2019	bar serving doubles as a standard measure. Only small notice advising	Lic	18-19	BL
9364	94672	05/04/2019	giving diff types of menu with 3 prices.	Lic	18-19	BL
30963	94741	15/04/2019	Copy of noise letter to premsies	Lic	18-19	BL
9465	94824	26/04/2019	Child serving drinks and taking money behind bar - see text.	Lic	18-19	BL
156407	94829	29/04/2019	prem advertises dj night 5-9.30pm every weds. background	Lic	18-19	BL
4243	94923	07/05/2019	say current plh & dps Eric no longer there. if contact made	Lic	18-19	BL
23093	94998	13/05/2019	surrender not authorised by licence holder	Lic	18-19	BL
11247	95085	20/05/2019	complaint re noise of customers at night	Lic	18-19	BL
17329	95119	24/05/2019	Complaint re not giving free tap water	Lic	18-19	BL
17910	95211	24/05/2019	Complaint re no tap water provided - Vegan Nights	Lic	18-19	BL
10998	95236	04/06/2019	operating beyond times on thurs	Lic	18-19	BL
148128	95407	20/06/2019	Letter sent re: Best Bar None	Lic	18-19	BL
32186	95432	21/06/2019	Query re tables and chairs licence	Lic	18-19	BL
33064	95433	21/06/2019	Query re tables and chairs licence	Lic	18-19	BL
24797	95526	01/07/2019	Tables and Chairs Licence request	Lic	18-19	BL
7741	95535	01/07/2019	query asking for time ltd licence for event weekend	Lic	18-19	BL
19508	95542	01/07/2019	Query re TEN for graduation film	Lic	18-19	BL
19508	95544	27/06/2019	Query on showing films	Lic	18-19	BL
200659	95547	27/06/2019	query re licence/planning	Lic	18-19	BL
31632	95615	08/07/2019	Query re LNL discount	Lic	18-19	BL
24797	95622	07/07/2019	use of outside area as drinking only	Lic	18-19	BL
30584	95756	19/07/2019	Steet Drinkers etc. using this premises to purchase alcohol	Lic	18-19	BL
10998	95758	19/07/2019	Complaint carrying out licensable activities past hours & other issues	Lic	18-19	BL
31705	95826	25/07/2019	Noise complaint recieved regarding patrons leaving	Lic	18-19	BL
30963	95944	06/08/2019	licensing enquiry request for public version of licence	Lic	18-19	BL
24797	96012	30/07/2019	Table & chairs o/s	Lic	18-19	BL
9476	96039	16/08/2019	Tables and Chsirs licence	Lic	18-19	BL
9370	96042	16/08/2019	Loud music and patrons from premises	Lic	18-19	BL
18923	96099	21/08/2019	Query re films on licence - minor variation/Ten	Lic	18-19	BL
12331	96144	27/08/2019	Complaint re Preem touting and filming Curry Bazaar	Lic	18-19	BL
15820	96187	30/08/2019	Noise monitoring of premises on 7th September	Lic	18-19	BL
24797	96190	30/08/2019	tables and chairs outside in Puma court	Lic	18-19	BL
19031	96277	09/09/2019	Enforcmetn notice for lack of fire detecting equipment	Lic	18-19	BL
196243	97023	11/11/2019	Noise from premises particularly around deliveries and waste disposal	Lic	19-20	BL
25325	97118	25/11/2019	Plans for 37 Brushfield Street	Lic	19-20	BL
9366	97182	28/11/2019	application to bbn	Lic	19-20	BL
202362	97249	04/12/2019	Enquiry RE TENS	Lic	19-20	BL
30963	97477	02/01/2020	Noise and ASB from premises	Lic	19-20	BL
9517	97486	02/01/2020	Premises assistance with rape incident	Lic	19-20	BL
9370	97535	18/12/2019	Complaint about noise nuisance and representation to vary applicaiton	Lic	19-20	BL
156407	97550	09/01/2020	Tables & Chairs licence enq	Lic	19-20	BL
23093	97577	24/12/2019	Premises changed from Canteen to Brother Marcus	Lic	19-20	BL
149510	97619	16/01/2020	details of extended licence use	Lic	19-20	BL

30493	97659	21/01/2020	Counterfeit tobacco / Owner changed	Lic	19-20	BL
19508	97991	18/02/2020	UKAFF Screenings at Rich Mix	Lic	19-20	BL
30963	98080	27/02/2020	Copy of Fire Safety Enforcement Notice	Lic	19-20	BL
196073	98132	28/02/2020	Query re variation & LNL	Lic	19-20	BL
196243	98486	25/03/2020	Change of name enquiry	Lic	19-20	BL
155660	98679	31/03/2020	Copy of plans	Lic	19-20	BL
26039	98828	09/04/2020	COVID 19 Shadow licence for premises - plans	Lic	19-20	BL
9361	99040	24/04/2020	COVID 19 - open for takeaway	Lic	19-20	BL
30963	99091	29/04/2020	Letter from LFB	Lic	19-20	BL
9513	99133	29/04/2020	Re-opening premises so as to permit delivery services	Lic	19-20	BL
11033	99226	07/05/2020	Company have premises licence but want to sell from another premises	Lic	19-20	BL
15820	99245	11/05/2020	COVID -19 Add off sales onto licence	Lic	19-20	BL
4243	99378	19/05/2020	police request for premises to apply for minor to remove offsales	Lic	19-20	BL
151583	99506	28/05/2020	Covid- 19 Variation Enquiry off sales	Lic	19-20	BL
4243	99535	27/05/2020	Covid-19 - Enquiry re action by police re Off Sales	Lic	19-20	BL
24372	99554	01/06/2020	congregating on fournier st - staff not wearing masks	Lic	19-20	BL
22704	99639	26/05/2020	Covid-19 Premises close and unable to pay fee	Lic	19-20	BL
24372	99646	04/06/2020	Covid-19 social distancing issues	Lic	19-20	BL
24372	99682	08/06/2020	14 peopel dirnking outside complainants home & in church courtyard	Lic	19-20	BL
9465	99722	10/06/2020	Fire safety order complated	Lic	19-20	BL
15831	99767	12/06/2020	Breach of social distancing	Lic	19-20	BL
15831	99777	12/06/2020	covid-19 premises having customers standing outside drinking	Lic	19-20	BL
202325	99812	16/06/2020	Covid 19 Open at 1am delivery drivers present collecting Takeaways	Lic	19-20	BL
155049	99973	24/06/2020	informing of reopening for takeaway	Lic	19-20	BL
155049	99985	25/06/2020	Covid-19 reopening	Lic	19-20	BL
196243	100280	13/07/2020	Noise complaint with outside seating	Lic	19-20	BL
9413	100461	24/07/2020	barriers on footway - obstruction	Lic	19-20	BL
32986	100565	03/08/2020	Covid 19 - Wants to turn restaurant into Karaoke booths	Lic	19-20	BL
15831	100585	03/08/2020	Pub Commercial waste outside mosque	Lic	19-20	BL
155271	100683	10/08/2020	Noise from customers outside	Lic	19-20	BL
153889	100730	03/08/2020	Wants to know the status of the pemises licence	Lic	19-20	BL
15820	100802	17/08/2020	Query re licence being valid	Lic	19-20	BL
156407	100841	03/08/2020	Request for comments on tables and chairs	Lic	19-20	BL
24602	100857	24/07/2020	table & chairs consult	Lic	19-20	BL
11247	100887	20/08/2020	Query re licence conditions	Lic	19-20	BL
196243	100954	25/08/2020	Noise from turniture being moved late at night - condiiton 11 breach	Lic	19-20	BL
9416	100967	26/08/2020	Fine made in error	Lic	19-20	BL
151583	101092	04/09/2020	info on transfer/surrender of licence	Lic	19-20	BL
150557	101136	27/08/2020	Request for PLH + DPS details	Lic	19-20	BL
9517	101591	06/10/2020	Covid-19 - Request for advice on opening without SEV	Lic	19-20	BL
15820	101619	07/10/2020	COVID -19 Table serviec for grab and go	Lic	19-20	BL
156083	101656	09/10/2020	Request for pavement lic and s172F	Lic	19-20	BL
199317	101764	15/10/2020	consultation for pavement licence	Lic	19-20	BL
32234	101799	22/10/2020	Request flr PLH details: GBK Restaurants Ltd.	Lic	19-20	BL
152171	273200	12/12/2017	Please see attached email	Noise	17-18	BL
155965	274078	11/01/2018	complaint was about noise nuisance from newly installed air-condition	Noise	17-18	BL
152171	274766	26/01/2018	Complaint of noise - shouting, loud music, singing from students	Noise	17-18	BL

26164	274810	29/01/2018	Loud noise work all through the night	Noise	17-18	BL
152171	275111	06/02/2018	A/c units, complaint of excessive noise	Noise	17-18	BL
154324	276182	06/03/2018	Loud shouting & screaming heard at night	Noise	17-18	BL
19770	277144	03/04/2018	Noise and Vibrations - Planning Consultation	Noise	17-18	BL
198723	278045	02/05/2018	Alarm noise taking place	Noise	17-18	BL
26164	278236	04/05/2018	recently installed new plant equipment on a common area roof	Noise	17-18	BL
155271	279199	01/06/2018	Alarm building frequently goes off	Noise	17-18	BL
19418	279328	04/06/2018	Complaint regarding extractor fan installed 5 wks ago at premises	Noise	17-18	BL
151758	279709	13/06/2018	I live directly opposite this pub and the noise from it is so loud tha	Noise	17-18	BL
196947	279906	19/06/2018	refurbishment works being carried out at Silwex, to convert it to a Pr	Noise	17-18	BL
202325	279915	19/06/2018	extractor fan noise that belongs to a restaurant	Noise	17-18	BL
196947	280830	11/07/2018	Noise - commercial construction/demolition	Noise	17-18	BL
196947	281371	23/07/2018	OOH construction - Crane operation 2.30am	Noise	17-18	BL
155965	281498	25/07/2018	Noise - commercial	Noise	17-18	BL
155965	281587	27/07/2018	construction work - grinding,hammering	Noise	17-18	BL
196515	281743	31/07/2018	loud music	Noise	17-18	BL
155169	282781	24/08/2018	reported staff of the restaurant put the rubbish outside	Noise	17-18	BL
15831	282955	30/08/2018	Noise- work being done to the Duke of Wellington pub	Noise	17-18	BL
154148	283498	14/09/2018	Late night/early morning Sainsburys stock delivery noise nuisance	Noise	17-18	BL
152171	283523	14/09/2018	Loud music from student residence	Noise	17-18	BL
148965	283719	18/09/2018	to make a complaint to my neighbor, the restaurant named Galvin La Cha	Noise	17-18	BL
10978	283764	20/09/2018	high level of noise be emitted from restaurant fan.	Noise	17-18	BL
3920	285475	06/11/2018	Playing Loud music, please see attached email	Noise	18-19	BL
17081	285664	12/11/2018	Noise complaint- Excessive noise Loud Music	Noise	18-19	BL
16751	286376	30/11/2018	Noise Complaint - bar music	Noise	18-19	BL
198897	287049	19/12/2018	Please see attached email	Noise	18-19	BL
17146	288038	23/01/2019	Commercial alarm	Noise	18-19	BL
30963	288055	23/01/2019	Late night loud amplified music	Noise	18-19	BL
19734	289398	01/03/2019	construction work causing loud noise from crane	Noise	18-19	BL
156391	289770	11/03/2019	Noise from delivery vans to the hotel	Noise	18-19	BL
19418	289850	12/03/2019	Complaint regarding issue of an air conditioning unit on the rear of 4	Noise	18-19	BL
30963	291197	17/04/2019	Loud music with deep bass till late on Sat & Sun but not every weekend	Noise	18-19	BL
11067	291469	29/04/2019	Noise and vibration last 3 weeks all night - new extractors	Noise	18-19	BL
196947	292639	28/05/2019	Noisy and anti-social building works for the past 2 weeks	Noise	18-19	BL
196947	292696	30/05/2019	Building works-warehouse into hotel-loud drilling, hamering, vibration	Noise	18-19	BL
26028	292727	30/05/2019	Noise from restaurant music	Noise	18-19	BL
149584	292728	30/05/2019	extremely loud music	Noise	18-19	BL
148965	293111	06/06/2019	Noise Pollution from Galvin La Chapelle	Noise	18-19	BL
196947	293464	17/06/2019	Construction noise over the weekend causing vibrations	Noise	18-19	BL
196947	293469	17/06/2019	Construction noise Sunday 2:40am causing vibrations and cracks on wall	Noise	18-19	BL
18923	295282	23/07/2019	Complaint - Track & Records restaurant noisy at night hours 17375063	Noise	18-19	BL
9370	296571	19/08/2019	Extremely loud music coming from the above premises	Noise	18-19	BL
196243	300064	14/11/2019	Noise from commercial premises	Noise	19-20	BL
18923	300149	18/11/2019	loud music	Noise	19-20	BL
198040	300280	21/11/2019	Noise from Extractor fan	Noise	19-20	BL
198040	300452	26/11/2019	noise from a commercial extractor fan	Noise	19-20	BL
155271	301133	16/12/2019	Noise from Bar - alarm at random times	Noise	19-20	BL

155271	301197	17/12/2019	alarm going off commercial property allnight	Noise	19-20	BL
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18923	302930	06/02/2020	loud music	Noise	19-20	BL
19508	303632	25/02/2020	Loud noise from diesal lift	Noise	19-20	BL
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196947	306014	27/04/2020	Construction noise early morning and late at night	Noise	19-20	BL
30584	306935	19/05/2020	Loud Extractor noise	Noise	19-20	BL
151758	307344	27/05/2020	Building alarm	Noise	19-20	BL
12395	309045	23/06/2020	Vehicle noise delivery drivers at the premises and the staff who congr	Noise	19-20	BL
196947	309399	30/06/2020	Noise - commercial construction/demolition	Noise	19-20	BL
19418	311066	27/07/2020	Alarm from restaurant	Noise	19-20	BL
19418	311078	28/07/2020	Noise in progress - commercial alarm	Noise	19-20	BL
196947	312773	02/09/2020	Digging noise and vibrations	Noise	19-20	BL
10997	313518	14/09/2020	Loud music played by indian restaurant later than previously permitted	Noise	19-20	BL
152171	272073	12/11/2017	ople asleep.. complainant then deliberately put the phone down.	Out of Hours noise	17-18	BL
19418	274701	26/01/2018	s called comp @ 22.57 no answer. no answer left voice message and adv	Out of Hours noise	17-18	BL
19418	274705	26/01/2018	sed call.CANCELLATION @ 23.25 noise has stopped. RESULT / ACTIONs ca	Out of Hours noise	17-18	BL
9413	274755	28/01/2018	comp reports of disturbance comign from a a pub called the culpeper, h	Out of Hours noise	17-18	BL
18298	275032	04/02/2018	property and an MC on a microphone. Proprietor was compliant and turn	Out of Hours noise	17-18	BL
19418	277938	27/04/2018	Dreilling and hammering	Out of Hours noise	17-18	BL
19418	277941	26/04/2018	esterday as late as 23:30 and agreed to house visit. Client also conf	Out of Hours noise	17-18	BL
19418	277943	26/04/2018	te denies using any electrical equipment. Advised verbal warning issue	Out of Hours noise	17-18	BL
151758	278270	05/05/2018	errace.	Out of Hours noise	17-18	BL
19418	278958	24/05/2018	tion accordingly. Th5039.Advised client he is next in line and officer	Out of Hours noise	17-18	BL
154148	278980	25/05/2018	Parking team to seek further advice.	Out of Hours noise	17-18	BL
33154	279217	01/06/2018	RESULT / ACTIONs called comp @ 20.30 no answer. no answer. voicemail	Out of Hours noise	17-18	BL
19418	280881	12/07/2018	do not come in. complainant will be advised if officers will re visit	Out of Hours noise	17-18	BL
19418	281525	19/07/2018	complaint concenring vent at BiFe Restaurant	Out of Hours noise	17-18	BL
19418	284305	04/10/2018	Statutory noise witnessed 21:48Hrs. complainant confirmed he has calle	Out of Hours noise	17-18	BL
18923	286850	14/12/2018	GENERAL MANAGER 07506 735368 available 8am 10pm	Out of Hours noise	18-19	BL
18923	288718	09/02/2019	s time. Comp advised to call back if the noise goes up and causes nuis	Out of Hours noise	18-19	BL
18923	289470	02/03/2019	d now ended and recorded music played by the DJ. He was advised to kee	Out of Hours noise	18-19	BL
30963	291088	14/04/2019	keep the bass down,NO SN.	Out of Hours noise	18-19	BL
9370	291693	02/05/2019	e gun nd sled the, to keep the door shut to stop noise emitting from p	Out of Hours noise	18-19	BL
9413	292558	26/05/2019	usic went on very late	Out of Hours noise	18-19	BL
9413	292559	26/05/2019	comp reports of loud amplified music coming from the Culpepper. Disrup	Out of Hours noise	18-19	BL
24887	293107	10/06/2019	ESULT / ACTIONs call logged.	Out of Hours noise	18-19	BL
30963	293816	22/06/2019	m over" RESULT / ACTIONs called comp@01:46. no answer.Left voicemai	Out of Hours noise	18-19	BL
9512	294828	15/07/2019	ed that the fans are getting louder*EHO further action required	Out of Hours noise	18-19	BL
18923	297300	06/09/2019	0Hrs) Control called 01:15Hrs caller said noise has stopped.Mission ab	Out of Hours noise	18-19	BL
20081	299660	03/11/2019	s become more of a nuisance. Landlord is Spitalfield Housing Associati	Out of Hours noise	19-20	BL
18923	299898	08/11/2019	he complainant. The management for track and records also welcome this	Out of Hours noise	19-20	BL
18923	300240	16/11/2019	comp reports of loud muisc and noise disruptions coming fom94 middlese	Out of Hours noise	19-20	BL

19418	300356	21/11/2019	's in the basement. Made him aware failure to produce license to offic	Out of Hours noise	19-20	BL
148128	312889	05/09/2020	Caller reported loud music from a party	Out of Hours noise	19-20	BL
155271	312910	06/09/2020	Caller reported loud music coming from the club	Out of Hours noise	19-20	BL











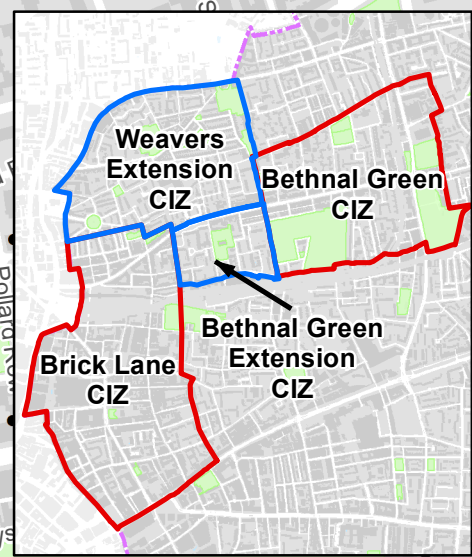
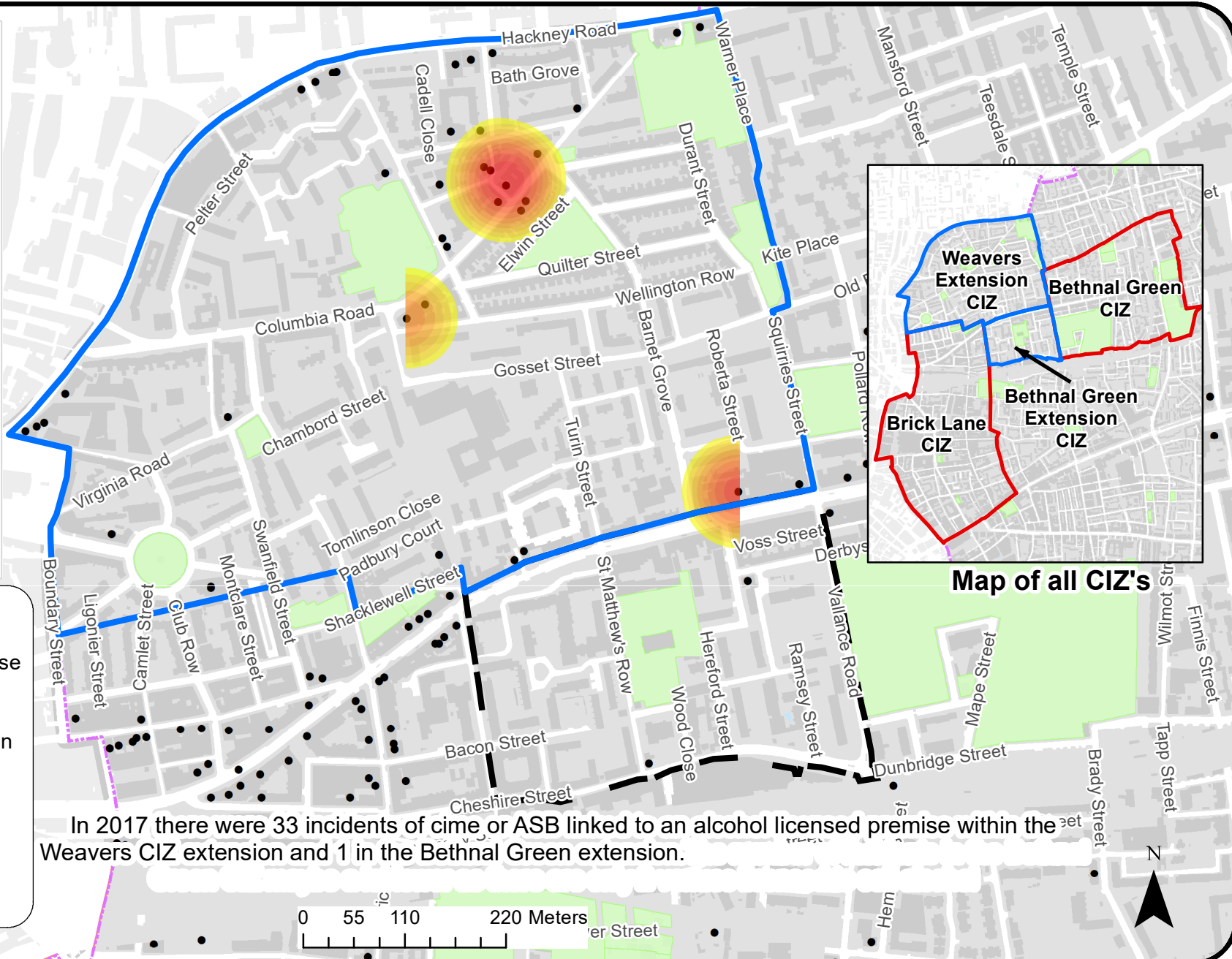
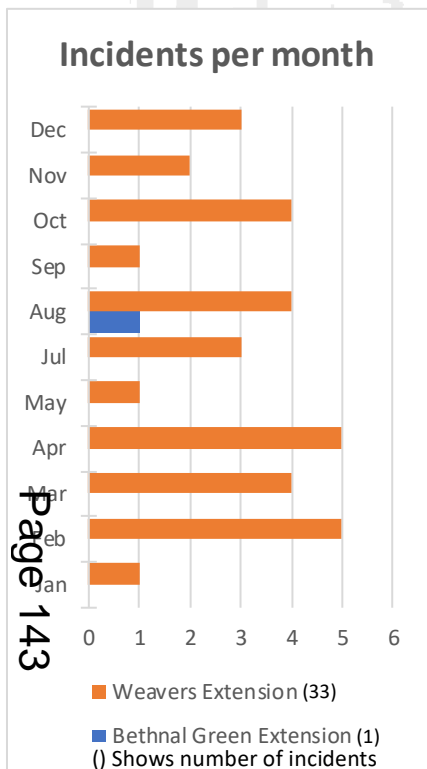






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# Bethnal Green & Weavers CIZ Extension Hotspot Map 2017



In 2017 there were 33 incidents of crime or ASB linked to an alcohol licensed premise within the Weavers CIZ extension and 1 in the Bethnal Green extension.

### Legend

- Alcohol Licenced Premise
- Weavers Extension
- Bethnal Green Extension

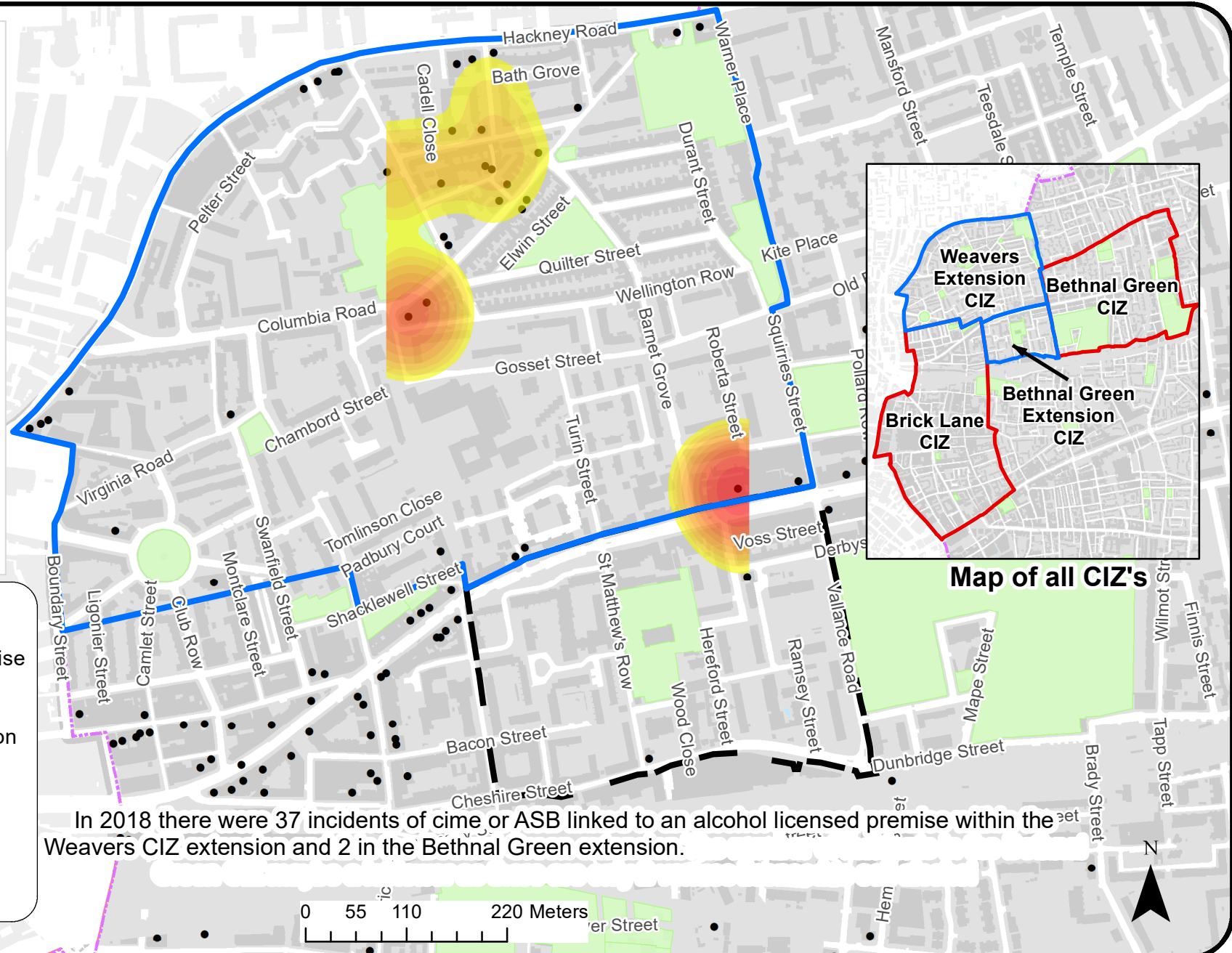
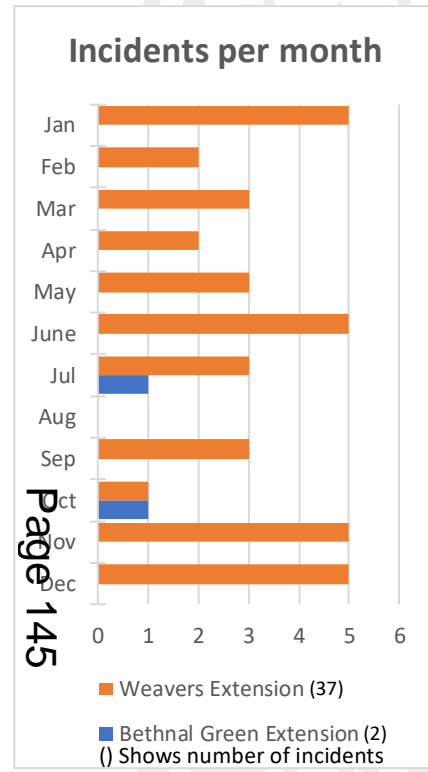
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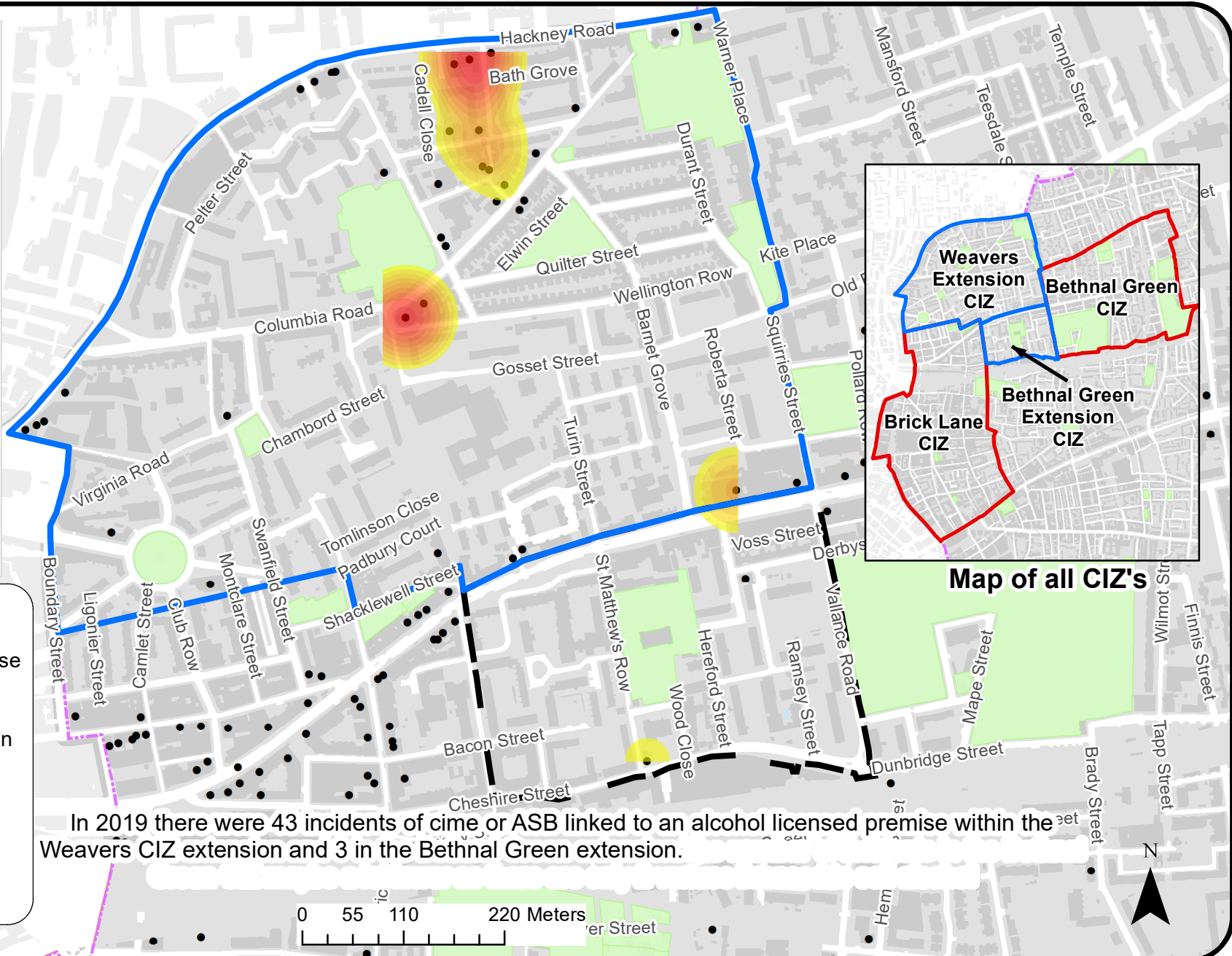
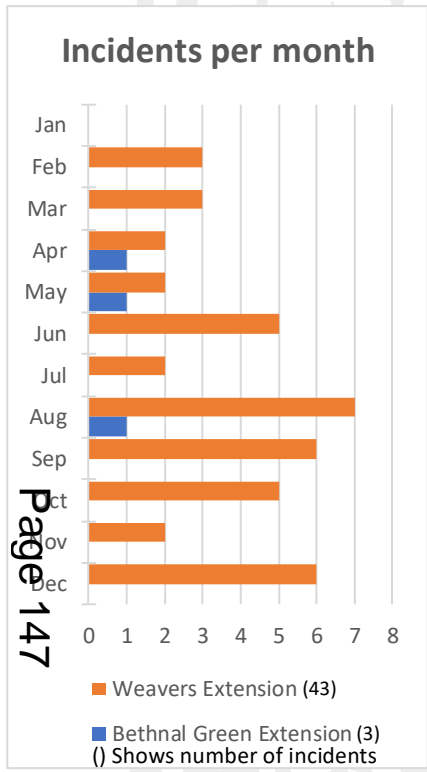


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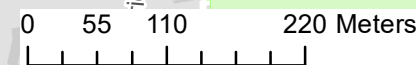


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# Bethnal Green & Weavers CIZ Extension Hotspot Map 2019

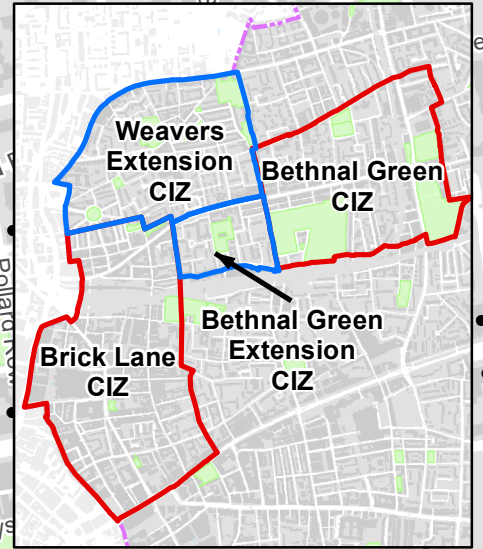
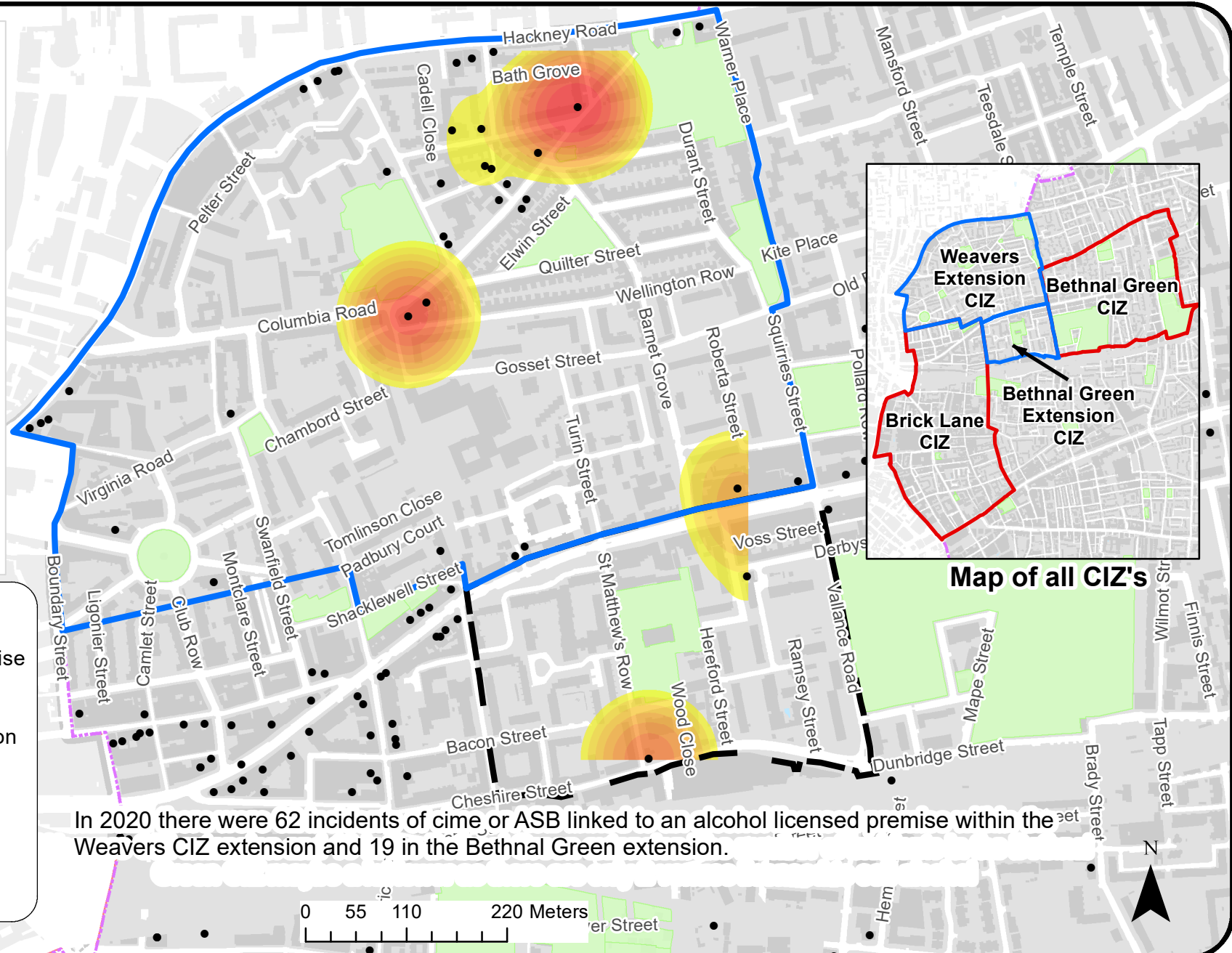
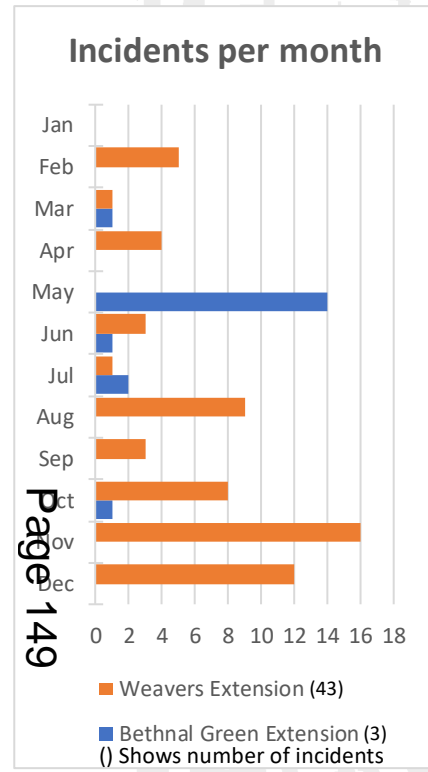


In 2019 there were 43 incidents of crime or ASB linked to an alcohol licenced premise within the Weavers CIZ extension and 3 in the Bethnal Green extension.



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# Bethnal Green & Weavers CIZ Extension Hotspot Map 2020



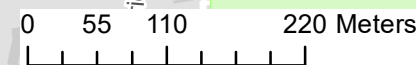
### Legend

- Alcohol Licenced Premise
- Weavers Extension
- Bethnal Green Extension

### Hotspot Key

- Low
- Medium
- High

In 2020 there were 62 incidents of crime or ASB linked to an alcohol licensed premise within the Weavers CIZ extension and 19 in the Bethnal Green extension.



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## Equality Impact Assessment Screening Tool

### Section 3: Equality Impact Analysis screening

<p>Is there a risk that the policy, proposal or activity being screened disproportionately adversely impacts (directly or indirectly) on any of the groups of people listed below ?</p> <p>Please consider the impact on overall communities, residents, service users and Council employees.</p> <p>This should include people of different:</p>	Yes	No	Comments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Sex</b></li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	This policy aims to promote public safety. Due to the policy, residents and visitors may feel safer in these areas. This will be applicable to all groups.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Age</b></li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Victim Supports reports that Children and Young People are disproportionately likely to be victims of crime and ASB. Due to the reduction of the ASB incidents enabled by the policy, children and young people are less likely to be a victim of ASB.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Race</b></li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	This policy aims to promote public safety. Due to the policy, residents and visitors may feel safer in these areas. This will be applicable to all groups.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Religion or Philosophical belief</b></li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	This policy aims to promote public safety. Due to the policy, residents and visitors may feel safer in these areas. This will be applicable to all groups.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Sexual Orientation</b></li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>This policy aims to promote public safety. Due to the policy, residents and visitors may feel safer in these areas. This will be applicable to all groups.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Gender re-assignment status</b></li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>This policy aims to promote public safety. Due to the policy, residents and visitors may feel safer in these areas. This will be applicable to all groups.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ People who have a <b>Disability</b> (physical, learning difficulties, mental health, and medical conditions)</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>This policy aims to promote public safety. Due to the policy, residents and visitors may feel safer in these areas. This will be applicable to all groups.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Marriage and Civil Partnerships</b> status</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>This policy aims to promote public safety. Due to the policy, residents and visitors may feel safer in these areas. This will be applicable to all groups.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ People who are <b>Pregnant</b> and on <b>Maternity</b></li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>This policy aims to promote public safety. Due to the policy, residents and visitors may feel safer in these areas. This will be applicable to all groups.</p>
<p>You should also consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Parents and Carers</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Socio-economic</b> status</li> <li>▪ People with different <b>Gender Identities</b> e.g. Gender fluid, Non-binary etc.</li> <li>▪ Other</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Victim Support reports notes that people on low income are also more likely to be disproportionately affected by ASB. Due to financial constraints, they are less likely to be able to move from an area where they live and experience ASB. Due to the reduction of the ASB incidents enabled by the policy, people with lower income are less likely to be affected by ASB.</p>

If you have answered **Yes** to one or more of the groups of people listed above, **a full Equality Impact Analysis is required**. The only exceptions to this is if you can



'justify' the discrimination (Section 4). ~~If there are equality impacts on Council staff please complete the restructure equality impact analysis on the 'Organisational change process' pages of the intranet.~~

## Section 4: Justifying discrimination

Are all risks of inequalities identified capable of being justified because there is a:	
(i) <i>Genuine Reason</i> for implementation	<input type="checkbox"/>
(ii) The activity represents a <i>Proportionate Means</i> of achieving a <i>Legitimate Council Aim</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(iii) There is a <i>Genuine Occupational Requirement</i> for the council to implement this activity	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Section 5: Conclusion

Before answering the next question, please note that there are generally only two reasons a full Equality Impact Analysis is not required. These are:

- The policy, activity or proposal is likely to have **no or minimal impact** on the groups listed in section three of this document.
- Any discrimination or disadvantage identified is **capable of being justified** for one or more of the reasons detailed in the previous section of this document.

### Conclusion details

Based on your screening does a full Equality Impact Analysis need to be performed?

Yes	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

If you have answered **YES** to this question, please complete a full Equality Impact Analysis for the proposal

If you have answered **NO** to this question, please detail your reasons in the 'Comments' box below

**Comments**

This a review of an Adoptive Policy under the Licensing Act 2003. The Council has a statutory obligation to review the policy and consider whether to keep it in place or not. The draft reviewed policy complies with the requirements of the Licensing Act 2003 and the Home Office Guidance issued under section 182 of this act.

The Cumulative Impact Policy aims to prevent crime and disorder, promote public safety, prevent public nuisance, and protect children from harm. Based on the policy, applications for the grant or variation of premises licences or club premises which are likely to add the existing cumulative impact may be refused.

While businesses applying for the licences may have an impact by the policy, the borough does not currently have a shared framework and/or understanding of equalities background of organisations or businesses. Therefore, we are unable to identify protected characteristics of organisations or businesses.

Data shows that the areas the policy covers have more reported Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) incidents and the number of the ASB incidents has been reduced since the introduction of the policy. ASB can have a detrimental effect on the lives of individuals and communities, resulting in mental health issues, lack of sleep, relationship issues and people feeling unsafe in their communities. According to the 2019 Annual Resident Survey 45% of responders reported that being drunk and rowdy in public places was a major concern, in the 2021 Resident Survey 47% of responders listed ASB and Crime as their top concern. It is envisaged that this proposal will have a positive impact on residents

# Cabinet



Wednesday, 27 October 2021 at 5.30 p.m.

C1, 1st Floor, Town Hall, Mulberry Place, 5 Clove Crescent,  
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## Supplemental Agenda 1 – Comments from OSC on Item 6.4



## Cabinet

Wednesday, 27 October 2021

5.30 p.m.

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<b>6 .4 Review of the Licensing Act Cumulative Impact Assessments</b>	<b>5 - 6</b>
Comments from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the item.	



## Agenda Item 6.4- Review of the Licensing Act Cumulative Impact Assessments

### Appendix 9

#### Comments from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2021

As part of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee's (OSC) duty to review budget and policy framework items, the Committee considered the Cumulative Impact Assessment 2021-24.


OSC welcomed this report and recognised the importance of this work in helping to tackle anti-social behavior, crime and disorder, public nuisance, and protecting children from harm in Bethnal Green and Brick Lane.

OSC heard that the council has carried out a review to ensure that the policy it is still valid and fit for purpose. A public consultation was carried out in January 2021 and engaged residents and organisations in the hospitality trade. OSC was pleased to note that residents have been sufficiently consulted and the majority are in support of the policy, with 55% supportive of the Brick Lane policy and 58% supportive of the Bethnal Green policy. The Committee noted that there was some negative feedback from businesses in the hospitality sector who felt that the policy is restrictive, especially considering the impact COVID has had on their income, and the council must support businesses in their recovery to ensure these concerns are mitigated.

OSC was also pleased to hear that this policy is supported by the Metropolitan Police who feel that this policy assists them to tackle anti-social behavior through ensuring applicants for licenses consider how they will run their business and mitigate any adverse impact they may have on the area.

OSC questioned whether this needs to be a borough wide policy and extended beyond Brick Lane and Bethnal Green. OSC are concerned that given the statutory timelines there is not sufficient flexibility to react to rising anti-social behavior hotspots which are linked to license premises and it leaves a long time to wait to address the impact. Following discussions, OSC is reassured that we are not time limited if the evidence presents a need to extend this policy to other areas of the borough. OSC was also pleased to hear that should there be issues with any premises not covered by the policy, there are other powers in regards to tackling premises which cause anti-social behavior, namely the Licensing Committee reviewing a license which could result in it being revoked or further conditions added to it. OSC would like to receive a note in writing which sets out the other mechanisms for councilors and residents to bring premises up before the Licensing Committee for review.

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Decision Report Cover Sheet:  <b>Council</b>  17 November 2021	 <b>TOWER HAMLETS</b>
<b>Cover Report of:</b> Matthew Mannion, Head of Democratic Services  <b>Main Report:</b> Kevin Bartle, Interim Corporate Director, Resources	<b>Classification:</b> Unrestricted
<b>Cover report of: Appointment of External Auditors for 2023-24 (plus 5 years)</b>	

<b>Wards affected</b>	All Wards
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**Summary**

At its meeting on 20 October 2021, the Audit Committee considered the report on the Appointment of External Auditors for 2023-24 (plus 5 years). Following discussion, they agreed to forward the proposals to Council for final determination.

The report is therefore attached to this cover sheet as Appendix 1.

**Recommendations:**

The Council is recommended to:

1. Review the attached Appointment of External Auditors for 2023-24 (plus 5 years) report.
2. Agree to opt into the national scheme operated by the PSAA for external auditor appointments.

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Non-Executive Report of the:  <b>Audit Committee</b>  Wednesday, 20 October 2021	 <b>TOWER HAMLETS</b>
<b>Report of:</b> Kevin Bartle, Interim Corporate Director, Resources (s.151 Officer)	<b>Classification:</b> Open (Unrestricted) / Not Exempt
<b>Appointment of External Auditors for 2023-2024 (plus 5 years)</b>	

<b>Originating Officer(s)</b>	Paul Rock
<b>Wards affected</b>	All (All Wards);

### Executive Summary

The Council is required to appoint an External Auditor to audit the Statement of Accounts and Value for Money review for 2023-2024 and for the following 5 years, by the end of December 2022 at the latest.

Public Sector Audit Appointments Limited (a not-for-profit, independent company limited by guarantee and incorporated by the Local Government Association) is an 'Appointing Person' for principal local government and police bodies and can appoint external auditors through a national scheme. To join the scheme a decision must be made by the members of the authority meeting as a whole and communicated to Public Sector Audit Appointments (PSAA) by the 11 March 2022. This report recommends that the Council joins the national scheme.

### Recommendations:

The Audit Committee is recommended to:

1. Recommend to full Council that the Council opts into the national scheme operated by the PSAA for external audit appointments.

### 1. REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS

- 1.1 The Council must appoint external auditors to audit its accounts for 2023-2024 and for the next 5 years by the end of December 2021. The appointment must be in accordance with the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 and the Local Audit (Appointing Person) Regulations 2015, which require a decision of full Council.

## 2. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

- 2.1 There are three ways for a principal local government body to appoint its auditor for the five financial years from 2023/24, the options are:
- A. Undertake an individual auditor procurement and appointment exercise
  - B. Undertake a joint audit procurement and appointing exercise with other bodies
  - C. Join the PSAA’s sector led national scheme (recommended in this report)
- 2.2 Both options A and B above require a local auditor to be appointed not later than 31 December in the financial year preceding the financial year of the accounts to be audited. For the audit of the accounts of the 2023/24 financial year, there must be a local auditor appointed by 31 December 2022.
- 2.3 For both options the legislation requires an independent auditor panel to be established. Guidance on auditor panels was issued by CIPFA in 2017 for local government bodies. <http://www.cipfa.org/policy-and-guidance/publications/g/guide-to-auditor-panels-pdf>.
- 2.4 There are advantages and disadvantages to options A and B, and they are set out in summary below:

### **Option A. Undertake an individual auditor procurement and appointment exercise**

<b>Advantages</b>	<b>Disadvantages</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full ownership of the process</li> <li>• Fully bespoke contract with the auditor</li> <li>• Tendering process more based on local circumstances (within EU procurement rules)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May experience difficulties in appointing a majority of independent panel members and independent panel chair as per the regulations.</li> <li>• Will need to ensure that panel members are suitably qualified to understand and participate in the panel’s functions</li> <li>• Will have to cover panel expenses completely</li> <li>• May not be able to procure at a lower cost, for example, depending on local authority location, where there will be a risk of limited provider choice and a single authority contract may be</li> </ul>

	<p>less attractive to some providers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will not achieve economies of scale</li> </ul>
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**Option B. Undertake a joint audit procurement and appointing exercise with other bodies**

<b>Advantages</b>	<b>Disadvantages</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Less administration than a sole auditor panel</li> <li>• Will be able to share the administration expenses</li> <li>• May be easier to attract suitable panel members</li> </ul> <p><i>If procuring a joint audit contract:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May still be a relatively locally tailored process</li> <li>• May be able to achieve some economies of scale</li> </ul> <p><i>If procuring separate audit contracts:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An opportunity for fully bespoke contracts with the auditor if the group of authorities can agree.</li> </ul>	<p><i>If procuring a joint audit contract:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May need to compromise on the arrangements or auditor contract</li> <li>• May not end up with first choice of auditor, compared to an individual auditor panel. If a large group of authorities work together and decide to appoint one joint audit contract across all the authorities, a joint panel may be more likely to advise appointment of an auditor it considers suitable for all authorities taken together</li> </ul> <p><i>If procuring separate audit contracts:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need to agree appointment of members across multiple authorities and set up an appropriate joint decision-making process</li> </ul>

2.5 Both options A and B will require significant resources and time to deliver. Very few authorities have previously selected either option A or B. Most local authorities opted into the national scheme in 2018, including all 32 London Boroughs. On this basis neither option A or B are recommended.

**3. DETAILS OF THE REPORT**

3.1 The Council is required to appoint an external auditor to audit the Statement of Accounts for 2023-2024 and for the following 5 years by the end of December 2022. Any such appointment must be in accordance with the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 and the Local Audit (Appointing Person) Regulations 2015.

2.6 There are three ways for a principal local government body to appoint its auditor for the five financial years from 2023/24, the options are:

A. Undertake an individual auditor procurement and appointment exercise.

- B. Undertake a joint audit procurement and appointing exercise with other bodies.
- C. Join the PSAA's sector led national scheme.
- 2.7 Both options A and B above require a local auditor to be appointed not later than 31 December in the financial year preceding the financial year of the accounts to be audited. For the audit of the accounts of the 2023/24 financial year, there must be a local auditor appointed by 31 December 2022.
- 2.8 For both options the legislation requires an independent auditor panel to be established. Guidance on auditor panels was issued by CIPFA in 2017 for local government bodies. <http://www.cipfa.org/policy-and-guidance/publications/g/guide-to-auditor-panels-pdf>.
- 3.2 Both options A and B will require significant resources and time to deliver. Very few authorities have previously selected either option A or B. Most local authorities opted into the national scheme led by the PSAA in 2018, including all 32 London Boroughs. For these reasons neither option A nor B are recommended.
- 3.3 In relation to option A, the LGA incorporated Public Sector Audit Appointments Limited (a not-for-profit, independent company limited by guarantee) to support Local Authorities in appointing external auditors. In July 2016, the Secretary of State for Housing Communities and Local Government specified PSAA as an appointing person for principal local government and police bodies for audits, under the provisions of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 and the Local Audit (Appointing Person) Regulations 2015.
- 3.4 The PSAA operate a national scheme for the appointment of auditors and setting of their fees. PSAA has responsibility for the following:
- Appointing auditors to all relevant authorities
  - Setting scales of fees, and charging fees, for the audit of accounts of relevant authorities and consulting with relevant parties in relation to those scales of fees
  - Ensuring effective management of contracts with audit firms for the delivery of consistent, quality and effective audit services to relevant authorities
  - Ensuring that public money continues to be properly accounted for and protected
  - Being financially responsible having regard to the efficiency of operating costs and transparently safeguarding fees charged to audited bodies, and
  - Leading its people as a good employer, ensuring that it continues to be fit-for-purpose; motivating and supporting its staff; and communicating with them in an open, honest and timely way.

3.5 Benefits of joining the national scheme include the following:

- Collective efficiency savings for the sector through undertaking one major procurement as opposed to a multiplicity of smaller procurements.
- Avoids the necessity for local bodies to establish an auditor panel and undertake an auditor procurement, enabling time and resources to be deployed on other pressing priorities.
- Transparent and independent auditor appointment via a third party.
- On-going management of any independence issues which may arise.
- Updates from PSAA to Section 151 officers and Audit Committee Chairs on a range of local audit related matters to inform and support effective auditor-audited body relationships.
- Access to a specialist PSAA team with significant experience of working within the context of the relevant regulations to appoint auditors, managing contracts with audit firms, and setting and determining audit fees.

3.6 The primary disadvantage to joining the national scheme is the loss of direct input into the selection of the external auditor, although it is worth noting that the number of appropriately qualified and experienced external audit firms is quite small.

3.7 Most of the Local Authorities (over 300) including all 32 London Boroughs opted to join the national scheme operated by the PSAA in 2018, a similar number is anticipated in the future.

3.8 The closing date to opt into the scheme is the 11 March 2022.

## **Recommendation**

3.9 Whilst the Council will not be able to decide which auditor is appointed, overall, we are confident that the national scheme remains the best option for most local authorities. It is the recommendation of the Interim Corporate Director, Resources that the Council opt-in and join the national scheme operated by the PSAA for the appointment of the Council's external auditors from 2023/24.

## **4. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 None.

## **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.

5.2 Other than adhering to the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, opting into the national scheme provides the best opportunity of securing economies of scale and value for money.

## **6. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER**

6.1 Opting into the national scheme is the most efficient and economic method of appointing the Council's external auditors. All 32 London Borough previously opted into the scheme and it is likely all 32 will do so again making a joint procurement (option B) unattractive and unrealistic. The current demands on the Finance Leadership Team, coupled with the requirement to appoint suitably qualified, experienced, independent appointment panel members, make it impractical to pursue a direct procurement and appointment (Option A).

## **7. COMMENTS OF LEGAL SERVICES**

7.1 The Council has the legal power to undertake the actions referred to in this report

7.2 The Council is required to run a competitive process when purchasing Services. This legal duty will be satisfied by the PSAA who are currently running a tender process on behalf of all potential "opt in" authorities. This is permissible under the Public Contracts Regulations 2015

7.3 The results of the tendering process will be released to all participating authorities which will allow the Council to satisfy itself that the procurement regime used by the PSAA satisfied the relevant legal duties. This is important as the Council can rely upon a tender process carried out on its behalf by another body but the Council cannot pass across the statutory responsibility to ensure that the resultant services provider has been properly procured.

7.4 The PSAA will also carry out contract and performance monitoring on the Council's behalf which will assist the Council to demonstrate statutory Best Value in the delivery of the services.

## **Linked Reports, Appendices and Background Documents**

### **Linked Report**

- NONE.

### **Appendices**

- NONE.

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

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

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- NONE

#### **Officer contact details for documents:**

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Decision Report Cover Sheet:  <b>Council</b>  17 November 2021	 <b>TOWER HAMLETS</b>
<b>Cover Report of:</b> Matthew Mannion, Head of Democratic Services  <b>Main Report:</b> Janet Fasan, Director of Legal and Monitoring Officer	<b>Classification:</b> Unrestricted
<b>Cover report of: Adopting a new Member Code of Conduct</b>	

<b>Wards affected</b>	All Wards
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## Summary

At its meeting on 30 September 2021, the Standards Advisory Committee considered a final report on a proposed new Member Code of Conduct as developed by the Committee and based on the new Model Code prepared by the Local Government Association.

Following discussion, they agreed to forward the Code to Council for adoption. However, to avoid confusion they proposed that the new Code be adopted from the date of the next local elections in May 2022. Training on the new Code will be included in the Member Induction Programme for 2022.


The report to Standards and the new Code are therefore attached to this cover sheet as Appendix 1 and 2.

## Recommendations:

The Council is recommended to:

1. Review the attached Update on the new Member Code of Conduct report and appendix.
2. Agree to adopt the new Member Code of Conduct and add it to the Council's Constitution.
3. Agree that the new Code be adopted from Friday 6 May 2022 with training to be included as part of the Member Induction Programme following the local elections.

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<p>Non-Executive Report of the:</p> <p><b>Standards Advisory Committee</b></p> <p>Thursday, 30 September 2021</p>	 <p><b>TOWER HAMLETS</b></p>
<p><b>Report of:</b> Janet Fasan, Director of Legal and Monitoring Officer</p>	<p><b>Classification:</b> Open (Unrestricted)</p>
<p><b>Update on the new Member Code of Conduct</b></p>	

<b>Originating Officer(s)</b>	Matthew Mannion, Head of Democratic Services
<b>Wards affected</b>	(All Wards);

### **Executive Summary**

This report presents the final draft New Member Code of Conduct to the Committee. Members are asked to review it and determine whether they are content to forward the Code to Council for adoption.

This follows the conclusion of the work of the sub-group and also a period of consultation with the political groups on the Council.

### **Recommendations:**

The Standards Advisory Committee is recommended to:

1. Consider the draft New Member Code of Conduct as set out in Appendix 1 and agree that it be forward to Council for adoption.
2. To delegate authority to the Monitoring Officer, following consultation with the Chair of the Committee, to make any final minor changes to the Code prior to submission to Council.

### **1. REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS**

- 1.1 This report enables the committee to steer the development work on the draft new Code of Conduct.

### **2. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

- 2.1 The Committee may propose alternative options or agree to retain the existing Code of Conduct.

### **3. DETAILS OF THE REPORT**

- 3.1 As set out in the Committee report dated 4 February 2021, the new Model Code of Conduct was produced by the Local Government Association following a consultation period which ran through the summer of 2020.
- 3.2 The new Code is very similar in effect to the existing Tower Hamlets Code but it has updated much of the language and increased emphasis on some areas where that was felt appropriate.
- 3.3 The Standards Advisory Committee established an informal sub-group to meet and discuss the development of the new Code.
- 3.4 That group has met a number of times and presented back to the last Standards Advisory Committee (1 July 2021) a proposed draft Code for circulation.
- 3.5 At that time, it was noted that the Local Government Association (LGA) were due to publish guidance on the Code and that it may be necessary to incorporate changes following review of that guidance. In particular it was hoped that the guidance would include good examples and case studies which would be helpful to Members and officers on the application of the Code.
- 3.6 Following publication of that guidance, the Monitoring Officer reviewed the documentation. It was agreed that the best option would be to include relevant examples through web links to the guidance within the new Code.
- 3.7 After consulting with the Chair of the Committee, the Monitoring Officer then circulated the new Code to the political groups for consultation. The deadline for submissions has now closed and no negative comments or proposed amendments have been received.
- 3.8 This report therefore proposes that the Committee agree to submit the final Code to Council for adoption.

### **4. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 Equalities considerations are important as part of the consideration of the Code and have been included in the discussions. The Committee should ensure they are satisfied that the Code covers all relevant equalities issues.

### **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,
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- Risk Management,
- Crime Reduction,
- Safeguarding.
- Data Protection / Privacy Impact Assessment.

5.2 Nil items.

## **6. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER**

6.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

## **7. COMMENTS OF LEGAL SERVICES**

7.1 The principal statutory provisions relating to standards of conduct are contained in the Localism Act 2011. Section 27(1) of the 2011 Act provides that the Council must promote and maintain high standards of conduct by members and co-opted members of the authority.

7.2 Sections 27 and 28 of the 2011 Act require the Council to adopt a Code of Conduct consistent with the Nolan principles of good governance and to appoint at least one Independent Person whose views must be sought and taken into account before the Council makes any decision about the alleged breach of the Code that has been investigated.

7.3 Under the Council's Constitution, the Standards Advisory Committee's terms of reference include advising the Council on the adoption or revision of the Council's Code of Conduct for Members

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## **Linked Reports, Appendices and Background Documents**

### **Linked Report**

- Reports on the Code of Conduct to the last three Standards Advisory Committee meetings.

### **Appendices**

- Appendix 1 – final draft New Model Code of Conduct

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

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- None

**Officer contact details for documents:**  
N/A

## 31 Code of Conduct for Members

### Introduction and Purpose of the Code

1. This Code has been developed to support the high standards of leadership and performance of members, and the openness and accountability necessary to ensure public confidence in the way in which you conduct your public duties.
2. The Code applies to the Mayor, Councillors, and Co-opted members of the Council, collectively referred to as member(s) in the remainder of this document.
3. A “Co-opted member” is defined in the Localism Act 2011 Section 27(4) as “a person who is not a member of the authority but who
  - a) is a member of any committee or sub-committee of the authority, or;
  - b) is a member of, and represents the authority on, any joint committee or joint sub- committee of the authority;and who is entitled to vote on any question that falls to be decided at any meeting of that committee or sub-committee”.
4. Some Co-opted Members of the Council’s Scrutiny Committees are not caught by the above definition as they do not have the right to vote, however all Scrutiny Co-optees are expected to abide by the terms of this Code of Conduct.
5. The Code does not apply to Independent Persons, Observers and other persons involved in the Council’s Committees, Boards, and Panels. They are expected to take into account the Code and to follow any rules set out by their own organisations and act appropriately. This includes those members of bodies such as the Health and Wellbeing Board who are appointed by other organisations.
6. The purpose of this Code of Conduct is to assist you, as a Member, in modelling the behaviour that is expected of you, to provide a personal check and balance, and to set out the type of conduct that could lead to action being taken against you. It is also to protect you, the public, fellow councillors, local authority officers and the reputation of local government. It sets out general principles of conduct expected of all councillors and your specific obligations in relation to standards of conduct. The LGA encourages the use of support, training and mediation prior to action being taken using the Code. The fundamental aim of the Code is to create and maintain public confidence in the role of councillor and local government.

7. In addition to the Member Code of Conduct, the Council's governance arrangements include a number of further Codes and Protocols set out in the Constitution which provide additional guidance or obligations which Members must consider. These include, but are not limited to, the Planning and Licensing Codes of Conduct and the Member / Officer relations protocol.
8. As Members you are also required to adhere to the Council's Social Media policy in your role as a Member.
9. The Member Code of Conduct has been set within the context of the Tower Values of 'Together, Open, Willing, Excellent, and Respect' which we all hold [Council's TOWER values \(towerhamlets.gov.uk\)](https://towerhamlets.gov.uk).
10. This Code of Conduct has been developed from the Model Code of Conduct published by the Local Government Association (LGA). The LGA has also produced guidance to accompany its Model Code. This guidance is a useful reference point for Members and officers on the application of the Code.
11. The relevant sections of the guidance are referenced throughout this Code as a useful guide on the application of the code. The full guidance is available here: <https://www.local.gov.uk/publications/guidance-local-government-association-model-councillor-code-conduct>
12. Although the guidance is a useful reference for officers and Members, it will be for the Monitoring Officer in consultation with the Independent Person and/or Standards Advisory Committee as appropriate, (applying the Code), to determine whether a Member has breached it.

### **General principles of councillor conduct**

13. Everyone in public office at all levels; all who serve the public or deliver public services, including ministers, civil servants, councillors and local authority officers; should uphold the [Seven Principles of Public Life](#), also known as the Nolan Principles. The Nolan Principles are set out in Appendix A to the Code of Conduct.
14. In accordance with the public trust placed in me, on all occasions:
  - I act with integrity and honesty
  - I act lawfully
  - I treat all persons fairly and with respect; and
  - I lead by example and act in a way that secures public confidence in the role of councillor.
15. In undertaking my role:
  - I impartially exercise my responsibilities in the interests of the local community



- I do not improperly seek to confer an advantage, or disadvantage, on any person
- I avoid conflicts of interest
- I exercise reasonable care and diligence; and
- I ensure that public resources are used prudently in accordance with my local authority's requirements and in the public interest.

**Local Government Association Guidance on the Model Code of Conduct**  
 – General Principles of Councillor Conduct

<https://www.local.gov.uk/publications/guidance-local-government-association-model-councillor-code-conduct#general-principles-of-councillor-conduct>

**Application of the Code of Conduct**

16. This Code of Conduct applies to you as soon as you sign your declaration of acceptance of the office of Mayor/Councillor or on appointment as a co-opted member and continues to apply to you until you cease to be a member.
17. This Code of Conduct applies to you when you are acting in your capacity as a member which may include, but is not limited to, when:
- You are acting on council business
  - Your actions would give the impression to a reasonable member of the public with knowledge of all the facts that you are acting as a councillor;
  - You misuse your position as a Councillor
18. The Code applies to all forms of communication and interaction, including:
- at face-to-face meetings
  - at online or telephone meetings
  - in written communication
  - in verbal communication
  - in non-verbal communication
  - in electronic and social media communication, posts, statements and
  - comments.
19. You are also expected to uphold high standards of conduct and show leadership at all times when acting as a councillor.
20. Your Monitoring Officer has statutory responsibility for the implementation of the Code of Conduct, and you are encouraged to seek advice from your Monitoring Officer on any matters that may relate to the Code of Conduct. Town and parish councillors are encouraged to seek advice from their Clerk, who may refer matters to the Monitoring Officer.

**Local Government Association Guidance on the Model Code of Conduct**  
– Application of the Model Councillor’s Code of Conduct

<https://www.local.gov.uk/publications/guidance-local-government-association-model-councillor-code-conduct#application-of-the-model-councillors-code-of-conduct>

**Standards of member conduct**

21. This section sets out your obligations. Should your conduct fall short of these standards, a complaint may be made against you, which may result in action being taken.

**General Conduct**

**A - Respect**

**22. As a Member:**

- a. I promote and support high standards of conduct through my leadership and example.
- b. I treat other Members and members of the public with respect.
- c. I treat local authority employees, and representatives of partner organisations and those volunteering for the local authority with respect and respect the role they play.
- d. I take account of the views of others, including where applicable my political group, but I reach my own conclusions and act in accordance with those conclusions.

23. Respect means politeness and courtesy in behaviour, speech, and in the written word. Debate and having different views are all part of a healthy democracy. As a councillor, you can express, challenge, criticise and disagree with views, ideas, opinions, and policies in a robust but civil manner. You should not, however, subject individuals, groups of people or organisations to personal attack.

24. In your contact with the public, you should treat them politely and courteously. Rude and offensive behaviour lowers the public’s confidence in councillors.

**Local Government Association Guidance on the Model Code of Conduct**  
– Respect

## **Public Behaviour**

25. In return, you have a right to expect respectful behaviour from the public. If members of the public are being abusive, intimidatory or threatening you are entitled to stop any conversation or interaction in person or online
26. If you wish to raise concerns about the behaviour of a member of the public you can seek advice from the Monitoring Officer in the first instance.
27. Where you have stopped engaging or refused to engage with any member of the public who could reasonably be perceived as being abusive, threatening, intimidatory or otherwise displaying unacceptable behaviours you should direct them to other communication channels within the council.
28. This also applies to fellow councillors, where action could then be taken under the Councillor Code of Conduct, and local authority employees, where concerns should be raised in line with the member / officer protocol.

## **B – Bullying, harassment and discrimination**

### **29. As a Member:**

- a. **I do not bully any person**
- b. **I do not harass any person**
- c. **I promote equalities and do not discriminate unlawfully against any person**

30. The Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service (ACAS) characterises bullying as offensive, intimidating, malicious or insulting behaviour, an abuse or misuse of power through means that undermine, humiliate, denigrate or injure the recipient. Bullying might be a regular pattern of behaviour or a one-off incident, happen face-to-face, on social media, in emails or phone calls, happen in the workplace or at work social events and may not always be obvious or noticed by others.
31. The Protection from Harassment Act 1997 defines harassment as conduct that causes alarm or distress or puts people in fear of violence and must involve such conduct on at least two occasions. It can include repeated attempts to impose unwanted communications and contact upon a person in a manner that could be expected to cause distress or fear in any reasonable person.
32. Unlawful discrimination is where someone is treated unfairly because of a protected characteristic. Protected characteristics are specific aspects of a

person's identity defined by the Equality Act 2010. They are age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.

33. The Equality Act 2010 places specific duties on local authorities. Members have a central role to play in ensuring that equality issues are integral to the local authority's performance and strategic aims, and that there is a strong vision and public commitment to equality across public services.

**Local Government Association Guidance on the Model Code of Conduct – Bullying, Harassment and Discrimination**

<https://www.local.gov.uk/publications/guidance-local-government-association-model-councillor-code-conduct#bullying>

**C – Impartiality of officers of the council**

**34. As a Member:**

- a. **I do not compromise, or attempt to compromise, the impartiality of anyone who works for, or on behalf of, the local authority.**

35. Officers work for the local authority as a whole and must be politically neutral (unless they are political assistants). They should not be coerced or persuaded to act in a way that would undermine their neutrality. You can question officers to understand, for example, their reasons for proposing to act in a particular way, or the content of a report that they have written. However, you cannot require or coerce them to act differently, change their advice, or alter the content of that report.

**Local Government Association Guidance on the Model Code of Conduct – Impartiality of Officers**

<https://www.local.gov.uk/publications/guidance-local-government-association-model-councillor-code-conduct#impartiality-of-officers->

**D - Confidentiality and access to information**

**36. As a Member:**

- a. I do not disclose information:
  - i. Given to me in confidence by anyone
  - ii. Acquired by me which I believe, or ought reasonably to be aware, is of a confidential nature, unless
    - 1. I have received the consent of a person authorised to give it;
    - 2. I am required by law to do so;
    - 3. The disclosure is made to a third party for the purpose of obtaining professional legal advice provided that the third party agrees not to disclose the information to any other person; or
    - 4. The disclosure is:
      - a. Reasonable and in the public interest; and
      - b. Made in good faith and in compliance with the reasonable requirements of the local authority;
      - c. And I have consulted the Monitoring Officer prior to its release.

**37. I do not improperly use knowledge gained solely as a result of my role as a Member for the advancement of myself, my friends, my family members, my employer or my business interests.**

**38. I do not prevent anyone from getting information that they are entitled to by law.**

39. Local authorities must work openly and transparently, and their proceedings and printed materials are open to the public, except in certain legally defined circumstances. You should work on this basis, but there will be times when it is required by law that discussions, documents and other information relating to or held by the local authority must be treated in a confidential manner. Examples include personal data relating to individuals or information relating to ongoing negotiations.

**Local Government Association Guidance on the Model Code of Conduct – Confidentiality and Access to Information**

<https://www.local.gov.uk/publications/guidance-local-government-association-model-councillor-code-conduct#confidentiality-and-access-to-information->

**E – Disrepute**

**40. As a Member:**

**a. I do not bring my role or local authority into disrepute**

41. As a Councillor, you are trusted to make decisions on behalf of your community and your actions and behaviour are subject to greater scrutiny than that of ordinary members of the public. You should be aware that your actions might have an adverse impact on you, other councillors and/or your local authority and may lower the public's confidence in your or your local authority's ability to discharge your/it's functions. For example, behaviour that is considered dishonest and/or deceitful can bring your local authority into disrepute.
42. Members collectively are able to hold the local authority and fellow Members to account and where appropriate you can constructively challenge and express concern about decisions and processes undertaken by the council whilst continuing to adhere to other aspects of this Code of Conduct. Members should not make trivial or malicious allegations against each other.

**Local Government Association Guidance on the Model Code of Conduct  
– Disrepute**

<https://www.local.gov.uk/publications/guidance-local-government-association-model-councillor-code-conduct#disrepute->

**F – Use of position**

**43. As a Member:**

- a. I do not use, or attempt to use, my position improperly to the advantage or disadvantage of myself or anyone else.**

44. Your position as a member of the local authority provides you with certain opportunities, responsibilities and privileges, and you make choices all the time that will impact others. However, you should not take advantage of these opportunities to further your own or others' private interests or to disadvantage anyone unfairly.

**Local Government Association Guidance on the Model Code of Conduct  
– Misuse of Position**

<https://www.local.gov.uk/publications/guidance-local-government-association-model-councillor-code-conduct#misuse-of-position>

**G – Use of local authority resources and facilities**

**45. As a Member:**

- a. I do not misuse council resources.
  - b. I will, when using the resources of the local authority or authorising their use by others;
    - i. Act in accordance with the local authority's requirements; and ensure that such resources are not used for political purposes unless that use could reasonably be regarded as likely to facilitate, or be conducive to, the discharge of the functions of the local authority or of the office to which I have been elected or appointed.
46. You may be provided with resources and facilities by the local authority to assist you in carrying out your duties as a councillor. They should be used in accordance with the purpose for which they have been provided and the local authority's own policies regarding their use and are not to be used for business or personal gain.
- Examples include:
    - office support
    - stationery
    - equipment such as phones, and computers
    - transport
    - access and use of local authority buildings and rooms.

**Local Government Association Guidance on the Model Code of Conduct – Misuse of resources and facilities**

<https://www.local.gov.uk/publications/guidance-local-government-association-model-councillor-code-conduct#misuse-of-resources-and-facilities->

## **H – Complying with the Code of Conduct**

47. As a Member:
- a. I undertake Code of Conduct training provided by my local authority.
  - b. I cooperate with any Code of Conduct investigation and/or determination
  - c. I do not intimidate or attempt to influence any person who is likely to be involved with the administration of any investigation or proceedings.
  - d. I comply with any sanction imposed on me following a finding that I have breached the Code of Conduct.
48. If you do not understand or are concerned about the local authority's processes in handling a complaint you should raise this with your Monitoring Officer.
49. Any alleged breach of this code will be dealt with in accordance with the arrangements set out in Appendix C to the Code.

**NB: a breach of any of the statutory requirements relating to the registration and declaration of disclosable pecuniary interests may result in prosecution. If you need advice you should contact the Monitoring Officer.**

**Local Government Association Guidance on the Model Code of Conduct**  
– Complying with the Code of Conduct

<https://www.local.gov.uk/publications/guidance-local-government-association-model-councillor-code-conduct#complying-with-the-code-of-conduct>

## **Protecting your reputation and the reputation of the local authority**

### **I – Interests**

#### **50. As a Member:**

##### **a. I register and disclose my interests.**

51. Section 29 of the Localism Act 2011 requires the Monitoring Officer to establish and maintain a register of interests of members of the authority.
52. An example of an interest is something which is of value to you which you may have through personal, professional or other private reasons. For example, your job, home or other property. Your main financial interests are called Pecuniary Interests.
53. You should note that failure to register or disclose a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest as set out in Table 1 of Appendix B, is a criminal offence under the Localism Act 2011 for which you can be prosecuted.
54. You need to register your interests so that the public, local authority employees and fellow Members know which of your interests might give rise to a conflict of interest.
55. An example of a conflict of interest is ‘a situation where your interests (or responsibility to another organisation) could be (or could be seen to be) in conflict with your responsibilities as a Councillor’. This is especially important in relation to your role as a decision maker at the Council. Table 3 of Appendix B sets out how different types of declarations should be dealt with at meetings.
56. If in doubt, always seek advice from your Monitoring Officer.



57. The register of interests maintained by the Monitoring Officer is a public document that can be consulted when (or before) an issue arises. Your interests will be published on your Council web page.
58. The register also protects you by allowing you to demonstrate openness and a willingness to be held accountable. You are personally responsible for deciding whether you should disclose an interest in a meeting, but it can be helpful for you to know early on if others think that a potential conflict might arise. It is also important that the public know about any interest that might have to be disclosed by you or other councillors when making or taking part in decisions, so that decision making is seen by the public as open and honest. This helps to ensure that public confidence in the integrity of local governance is maintained.

**Local Government Association Guidance on the Model Code of Conduct  
– Declarations of Interest**

<https://www.local.gov.uk/publications/guidance-local-government-association-model-councillor-code-conduct#declarations-of-interest>

**J – Gifts and hospitality**

**59. As a Member:**

- a. **I do not accept gifts or hospitality, irrespective of estimated value, which could give rise to real or substantive personal gain or a reasonable suspicion of influence on my part to show favour from persons seeking to acquire, develop or do business with the local authority or from persons who may apply to the local authority for any permission, licence or other significant advantage.**
- b. **I register with the Monitoring Officer any gift or hospitality with an estimated value of at least £25 within 28 days of its receipt.**
- c. **I register with the Monitoring Officer any gift or hospitality that I have been offered but have refused to accept.**
- d. **I will also declare repeated smaller hospitality/gifts which, when combined, would likely exceed £25 within any three-month period.**
- e. **I will consider donating any gifts to the Speaker's Charity or other charitable causes.**

60. In order to protect your position and the reputation of the local authority, you should exercise caution in accepting any gifts or hospitality which are (or which you reasonably believe to be) offered to you because you are a councillor.

61. It would be expected that you would accept normal gifts and hospitality in relation to your work. However, if the gift or hospitality was valued at over £100 you would normally only accept it if it directly related to your role as a Member. You should make the reasons for acceptance clear in your declaration.
62. However, there may be times when such a refusal may be difficult if it is seen as rudeness in which case you could accept it but must ensure it is publicly registered.
63. However, you do not need to register gifts and hospitality which are not related to your role as a member and that you would have received anyway such as:
- gifts from your friends and family,
  - gifts/hospitality primarily in relation to your employment, voluntary work or similar which are not related to your role as a Member,
  - invitations to weddings and similar events from family and friends,
  - small gifts or hospitality received as part of weddings, life-events, religious festivals and celebrations that you would in any case have attended in a personal capacity (Christmas, Eid, Hannukah, Ramadan etc).

**Local Government Association Guidance on the Model Code of Conduct**  
– Registration of gifts, hospitality and interests

<https://www.local.gov.uk/publications/guidance-local-government-association-model-councillor-code-conduct#registration-of-gifts-hospitality-and-interests>

## **Appendices**

### **Appendix A – The Seven Principles of Public Life**

The principles are:

#### **Selflessness**

Holders of public office should act solely in terms of the public interest.

#### **Integrity**

Holders of public office must avoid placing themselves under any obligation to people or organisations that might try inappropriately to influence them in their work. They should not act or take decisions to gain financial or other material benefits for themselves, their family, or their friends. They must disclose and resolve any interests and relationships.

#### **Objectivity**

Holders of public office must act and take decisions impartially, fairly and on merit, using the best evidence and without discrimination or bias.

#### **Accountability**

Holders of public office are accountable to the public for their decisions and actions and must submit themselves to the scrutiny necessary to ensure this.

#### **Openness**

Holders of public office should act and take decisions in an open and transparent manner. Information should not be withheld from the public unless there are clear and lawful reasons for so doing.

#### **Honesty**

Holders of public office should be truthful.

#### **Leadership**

Holders of public office should exhibit these principles in their own behaviour. They should actively promote and robustly support the principles and be willing to challenge poor behaviour wherever it occurs.

## Appendix B Registering interests

Within 28 days of becoming a member or your re-election or re-appointment to office you must register with the Monitoring Officer the interests which fall within the categories set out in **Table 1 (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests)** which are as described in "The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012". You should also register details of your other personal interests which fall within the categories set out in **Table 2 (Other Registerable Interests)**.

**Type A "Disclosable pecuniary interest"** means an interest of yourself, or of your partner if you are aware of your partner's interest, within the descriptions set out in Table 1 below.

**"Partner"** means a spouse or civil partner, or a person with whom you are living as husband or wife, or a person with whom you are living as if you are civil partners.

1. You must ensure that your register of interests is kept up-to-date and within 28 days of becoming aware of any new interest, or of any change to a registered interest, notify the Monitoring Officer.
2. A 'sensitive interest' is as an interest which, if disclosed, could lead to the member, or a person connected with the member, being subject to violence or intimidation.
3. Where you have a 'sensitive interest' you must notify the Monitoring Officer with the reasons why you believe it is a sensitive interest. If the Monitoring Officer agrees they will withhold the interest from the public register.

### Nonparticipation in case of disclosable pecuniary interest

4. Where a matter arises at a meeting which directly relates to one of your Disclosable Pecuniary Interests as set out in **Table 1**, you must disclose the interest, not participate in any discussion or vote on the matter and must not remain in the room unless you have been granted a dispensation. If it is a 'sensitive interest', you do not have to disclose the nature of the interest, just that you have an interest. Dispensation may be granted in limited circumstances, to enable you to participate and vote on a matter in which you have a disclosable pecuniary interest.
5. Where you have a disclosable pecuniary interest on a matter to be considered or is being considered by you as a Cabinet member in exercise of your executive function, you must notify the Monitoring Officer of the interest and must not take any steps or further steps in the matter apart from arranging for someone else to deal with it.

## **Type B - Disclosure of Other Registerable Interests**

6. Where a matter arises at a meeting which directly relates to one of your Other Registerable Interests (as set out in Table 2), you must disclose the interest. You may speak on the matter only if members of the public are also allowed to speak at the meeting but otherwise must not take part in any discussion or vote on the matter and must not remain in the room unless you have been granted a dispensation. If it is a 'sensitive interest', you do not have to disclose the nature of the interest.

## **Disclosure of Non-Registerable Interests**

7. **Type C** - Where a matter arises at a meeting which ***directly relates*** to your financial interest or well-being (and is not a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest set out in Table 1) or a financial interest or well-being of a relative or close associate, you must disclose the interest. You may speak on the matter only if members of the public are also allowed to speak at the meeting but otherwise must not take part in any discussion or vote on the matter and must not remain in the room unless you have been granted a dispensation. If it is a 'sensitive interest', you do not have to disclose the nature of the interest.
8. **Type D** - Where a matter arises at a meeting which ***affects*** –
  - a. your own financial interest or well-being;
  - b. a financial interest or well-being of a friend, relative, close associate; or
  - c. a body included in those you need to disclose under Disclosable Pecuniary Interests as set out in **Table 1**

you must disclose the interest. To determine whether you can remain in the meeting after disclosing your interest the following test should be applied.

9. Where a matter ***affects*** your financial interest or well-being:
  - a. to a greater extent than it affects the financial interests of most inhabitants of the ward affected by the decision and;
  - b. a reasonable member of the public knowing all the facts would believe that it would affect your view of the wider public interest

You may speak on the matter only if members of the public are also allowed to speak at the meeting but otherwise must not take part in any discussion or vote on the matter and must not remain in the room unless you have been granted a dispensation.

If it is a 'sensitive interest', you do not have to disclose the nature of the interest.

10. Where you have a personal interest in any business of your authority and you have made an executive decision in relation to that business, you must make

sure that any written statement of that decision records the existence and nature of your interest.

**Table 1: Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

This table sets out the explanation of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests as set out in the [Relevant Authorities \(Disclosable Pecuniary Interests\) Regulations 2012](#).

No.	Subject	Description
1	<b>Employment, office, trade, profession or vocation</b>	Any employment, office, trade, profession, or vocation carried on for profit or gain.  Any unpaid directorship.
2	<b>Sponsorship</b>	Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from the council) made to the councillor during the previous 12-month period for expenses incurred by him/her in carrying out his/her duties as a member, or towards his/her election expenses. This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.
3	<b>Contracts</b>	Any contract made between the councillor or his/her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the councillor is living as if they were spouses/civil partners (or a firm in which such person is a partner, or an incorporated body of which such person is a director* or a body that such person has a beneficial interest in the securities of*) and the council  — (a) under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and (b) which has not been fully discharged.
4	<b>Land and Property</b>	Any beneficial interest in land which is within the area of the council. 'Land' excludes an easement, servitude, interest or right in or over land which does not give the councillor or his/her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the councillor is living as if they were spouses/civil partners (alone or jointly with another) a right to occupy or to receive income.
5	<b>Licenses</b>	Any licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the area of the council for a month or longer
6	<b>Corporate tenancies</b>	Any tenancy where (to the member's knowledge)— (a) the landlord is the council; and (b) the tenant is a body that the councillor, or his/her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the councillor is living as if they were spouses/ civil

		partners is a partner of or a director* of or has a beneficial interest in the securities* of.
<b>7</b>	<b>Securities</b>	Any beneficial interest in securities* of a body where— (a) that body (to the member's knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of the council; and (b) either— (i) ) the total nominal value of the securities* exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which the member, or his/ her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the member is living as if they were spouses/civil partners has a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.

\* 'director' includes a member of the committee of management of an industrial and provident society.

\* 'securities' means shares, debentures, debenture stock, loan stock, bonds, units of a collective investment scheme within the meaning of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 and other securities of any description, other than money deposited with a building society.

## Table 2: Other Registerable Interests

You have a personal interest in any business of your authority where it relates to or is likely to affect:

No.	Subject
	Any body of which you are in a general control or management and to which
8.	You are nominated or appointed by your authority
9.	Any body exercising functions of a public nature
10.	Any body directed to charitable purposes
11.	Any body one of whose principal purposes includes the influence of public opinion or policy (including any political party or trade union)

### Note

There is no definitive list of bodies exercising functions of a public nature, but those bodies which:-

- carry out a public service,
- or take the place of local/central government (including through outsourcing);
- or carry out a function under legislation or in pursuit of a statutory power;
- or can be judicially reviewed,

are likely to be bodies carrying out functions of a public nature. They include bodies such as government agencies, other councils, health bodies, council owned companies and school governing bodies.



**Table 3: Summary of Rules around Participation at Meetings**

11. This table sets out a summary of the general rules around participation at meetings with respect to interests. This is only a summary and does not replace more specific guidance available from the Monitoring Officer.

Type Code	Interest Type	Declare on Register	Declare at Meetings <sup>1</sup>	Participate Normally	Only speak with same rights as public and leave meeting after speaking <sup>2</sup>	Must leave the meeting entirely
<b>A</b>	<b>Disclosable Pecuniary Interests</b> (Lines 1-7 of the ROI form)	Y	Y	N	N	Y
<b>B</b>	<b>Other Registerable Interests</b> (Lines 8 – 11 of the ROI form)	Y	Y	N	Y	N
<b>C</b>	<b>Other Non-Registerable Interests</b> (direct financial or well-being interest of you or close relative/friend that is not on the ROI form)	N	Y	N	Y	N
<b>D1</b>	<b>Other Non-Registerable Interests</b> (affects financial or well-being interest of you or close relative/friend that is not on the ROI form or affects a body listed on the ROI form)  Affects you/relative/friend <b>more</b> than most people affected	N	Y	N	Y	N
<b>D2</b>	<b>Other Non-Registerable Interests</b> (affects financial or well-being interest of you or close relative/friend that is not on the ROI form or affects a body listed on the ROI form)  Affects you/ relative/ friend <b>the same or less</b> than most people affected	N	Y	Y	N	N

**Notes**

**1** – Interests must be declared at all meetings or other situations where you come into contact with the issue, this includes informal internal discussions in advance of formal decision-making meetings.

**2** – If the public do not have a right to speak then you may not speak.

**General Note** – where not straight-forward, apply the precautionary principle and in all cases apply the test of whether a reasonable member of the public knowing all the facts would believe you were taking the correct course of action.

**Local Government Association Guidance on the Model Code of Conduct**  
– Interests flowchart

<https://www.local.gov.uk/publications/guidance-local-government-association-model-councillor-code-conduct#appendix-1-interests-flowchart>

**LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS**  
**ARRANGEMENTS FOR DEALING WITH COMPLAINTS OF BREACH OF THE**  
**CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS**  
**Arrangements agreed by Council on 5th December 2016.**

**Introduction**

The Council has adopted a Code of Conduct for Members which is available on the Council's website and on request from the Monitoring Officer.

In accordance with section 28 of the Localism Act 2011, these arrangements set out how an allegation may be made that the Mayor, an elected Member or a Co-opted Member of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets has failed to comply with the Council's Code of Conduct for Members and how the Council will deal with such allegations.

These arrangements also require that the Monitoring Officer shall ensure that the Council appoints at least one Independent Person and at least one reserve Independent Person for the purposes of meeting the statutory requirements of the Localism Act 2011.

Any reference in these arrangements to the Monitoring Officer shall include a deputy Monitoring Officer. The timelines set out are for guidance and shall be observed where practicable but may be extended by the Monitoring Officer as necessary if they cannot be complied with by any relevant party due to sickness, holidays or other reasonable cause.

**Complaints**

1. Allegations concerning possible breaches of the Code of Conduct for Members should be made in writing to the Monitoring Officer.
2. On receipt of a complaint the Monitoring Officer shall within five working days acknowledge receipt to the complainant. The Monitoring Officer will also within five working days and on a confidential basis, inform the subject Member of the substance of the complaint and the identity of the complainant (unless the Monitoring Officer considers that such notification would prejudice the proper consideration and investigation of the complaint).
3. Complainants must provide their name and postal address when submitting a complaint. Anonymous complaints will not be considered unless the Monitoring Officer decides (after consultation with the Independent Person) that the complaint raises a serious issue affecting the public interest which is

capable of investigation without the need to ascertain the complainant's identity.

4. A complainant when making an allegation should specify the identity of the person(s) alleged to have breached the Code, the conduct that is alleged to give rise to the breach, the evidence that supports the allegation and the names (and contact details) for any potential witnesses able to give direct evidence of the events complained about.

### **Assessment of Complaints**

5. The Monitoring Officer shall, after consultation with the Independent Person and within ten working days of receiving the complaint:
  - a) Decide whether or not a complaint merits formal investigation and where appropriate arrange for an investigation; OR
  - b) Decide to attempt to facilitate informal resolution of the complaint (such attempt shall be subject to a four-week time limit).
6. In making this determination the Monitoring Officer may at their discretion report the matter to the Investigation & Disciplinary Sub-Committee (IDSC) of the Standards Advisory Committee for consideration and/or consult other persons as appropriate.
7. The Monitoring Officer may decide not to refer the matter for investigation where:
  - (a) The allegation does not demonstrate any potential breach of the Code (because for example it relates to dissatisfaction with a Council decision/service or relates to events which occurred when the person complained about was not acting in an official capacity).
  - (b) The event(s) complained about took place more than six months ago and there are no valid reasons for the delay in bringing the complaint, such as fresh evidence not available at the earlier date or only recently discovered.
  - (c) The allegation is about someone who is no longer the Mayor or a Member/Co-opted Member.
  - (d) The complainant failed to provide the information specified in paragraph 4 above or any other information reasonably requested by the Monitoring Officer.
  - (e) The same or a similar allegation has been investigated and determined.
  - (f) The Mayor, Member or Co-opted Member has already accepted they made an error in their conduct and/or has apologised for their conduct and the Monitoring Officer considers the matter would not warrant a more serious sanction.
  - (g) The allegation is politically motivated and/or 'tit for tat'.

- (h) The allegation is not considered sufficiently serious to merit the cost to the public of carrying out an investigation.
  - (i) The Monitoring Officer has facilitated an informal resolution of the complaint (see below) and the Mayor or Member/Co-opted Member complained about has offered to take remedial action that the Monitoring Officer considers appropriate in all the circumstances (for example by apologising to the complainant and/or undertaking training or issuing a statement of factual correction).
8. Where the Monitoring Officer decides to reject a complaint, they shall inform the complainant in writing giving the reasons for rejection.

### **Investigation and Monitoring of Complaints**

9. If a complaint of failure to comply with the Code is referred for investigation the Monitoring Officer shall appoint an investigator or complete the investigation themselves. Such investigation should whenever possible be completed within two months of the decision to refer the matter for investigation. The Monitoring Officer may extend this period by up to a further two months where they feel it is necessary to ensure a proper and adequate investigation. The Monitoring Officer may refer a complaint for investigation to the Monitoring Officer in a different authority where they have a conflict of interest.
10. The Monitoring Officer will keep the complainant and the subject Member informed as to progress at appropriate intervals and shall inform them of any extension to the period for the investigation.
11. The Monitoring Officer will report every six months to the Standards Advisory Committee on the number and nature of complaints received and action taken as a result. This will include details of complaints that have been rejected by the Monitoring Officer and any extension made to the period for an investigation of a complaint.
12. Where any investigation into a complaint of breach of the Code finds no evidence of failure to comply with the Code of Conduct, the Monitoring Officer shall within four weeks of receipt of the investigation report, consult with the Independent Person and decide whether the matter should be closed without reference to a Hearings Sub-Committee. The Monitoring Officer shall provide a copy of the report and findings of the investigation which shall be kept confidential to the complainant and to the Member concerned and shall report the matter as part of the quarterly report to the Standards Advisory Committee for information. The Monitoring Officer may also seek advice from the IDSC before deciding that a matter should be closed without reference to the Hearings Sub-Committee.

13. Where an investigation finds evidence of a failure to comply with the Code of Conduct, the Monitoring Officer following consultation with the Independent Person, may seek local resolution of the complaint. If local resolution succeeds the Monitoring Officer shall report the matter as part of the quarterly report to the Standards Advisory Committee. If local resolution does not succeed or if following consultation with the Independent Person, the Monitoring Officer considers that it is not appropriate to seek local resolution, the Monitoring Officer shall report the investigation findings to a Hearings Sub-Committee of the Standards Advisory Committee for local hearing and determination. The Hearings Sub-Committee will whenever practicable be convened within one month of the Monitoring Officer receiving the investigation report.

### **Hearings Sub-Committee**

14. The Hearings Sub-Committee will consider the investigation report and any submissions from the subject Member and determine:

- (a) If there has been a breach of the Code of Conduct having taken into account the views of the Independent Person; and if so
- (b) Whether any sanction is appropriate having considered the views of the Independent Person.


15. Possible sanctions may include any of the following:-

- (a) Publication of the Sub-Committee's decision.
- (b) Reporting the Sub-Committee's decision to Council.
- (c) Requesting the Monitoring Officer to arrange training for the Member (subject to the Member's agreement).
- (d) Issuing a censure or reprimand which may also be reported to Council.
- (e) Requiring the Member to contact the Council and officers via specified point(s) of contact.
- (f) Withdrawing facilities provided to the Member by the Council, such as a computer or internet access.
- (g) Excluding the Member from the Council's offices or other premises, with the exception of meeting rooms as necessary for attending Council, Executive, Committee and Sub-Committee meetings (as appropriate).
- (h) Recommending to the Member's Group Leader that they be removed from any or all Committees or Sub-Committees of the Council.
- (i) Recommending to the Mayor that the Member be removed from the Executive, or removed from a particular portfolio responsibility.
- (j) Recommending to Council or the Mayor as appropriate the removal from outside appointments to which the Member has been appointed or nominated.
- (k) Recommending to Council that the Member be removed from any or all Council Committees or Sub-Committees.

16. In determining any recommended sanction the Hearings Sub-Committee may take into account any previous breach by the Member concerned and/or their compliance with any previous sanction applied.

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Non-Executive Report of the:  <b>Council</b>  17 November 2021	
<b>Report of Janet Fasan, Divisional Director Legal Services, and Monitoring Officer</b>	<b>Classification:</b> Unrestricted
<b>Proposed changes to Borough Ward Names</b>	

<b>Originating Officer(s)</b>	Robert Curtis, Head of Electoral Services
<b>Wards affected</b>	Bethnal Green Ward, St Peters Ward & Canary Wharf Ward

## Summary

This report informs Council of the responses to the proposals to change the ward names of Bethnal Green Ward, St Peters Ward & Canary Wharf Ward.

A recommendation to change the names was made during the consultation for the Polling District and Polling Places review agreed at Council on 15 January 2020 and the subsequent consultation agreed by General Purposes Committee on the 6 October 2020.

The consultation took place between 22nd November 2020 and 2nd February 2021 and was reported to General Purposes Committee for their observations on 24 June 2021.

## Recommendations:

The Council is recommended to:

Note the results of the consultation and to decide whether to amend the names of the Borough Wards as recommended or not.

- change Bethnal Green Ward to Bethnal Green East Ward
- change Canary Wharf Ward to Millwall Ward
- change St. Peter's Ward to Bethnal Green West Ward

## **1. REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS**

- 1.1. To ensure compliance with statutory process.

## **2. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

- 2.1 None.

## **3. DETAILS OF REPORT**

- 3.1 On the 15 January 2020 the Council was, following the review of Polling Districts and Places, asked to determine recommendations from consultees who proposed amendments to the existing polling places and polling districts.
- 3.2 The report detailed several small amendments but contained within one of the consultation responses, from the Local Campaigns Forum of the Labour Party, a recommendation that the Council initiate the required steps set out in Section 59 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 to amend three ward names, namely:
- changing Bethnal Green Ward to Bethnal Green East Ward
  - changing Canary Wharf Ward to Millwall Ward and
  - changing St. Peter's Ward to Bethnal Green West Ward
- 3.3 The council could not undertake the required process at that time because the recommendation was not considered to be a formal request to change the names. However, it was considered appropriate that the recommendation be brought to the attention of the GPC on the 6 October 2020 to decide if this should be acted on and a formal review instigated.

## **4 Process**

- 4.1 Under Section 59 of the Local Government & Housing Act 2007, a local authority may change the name of any of its electoral areas. If the area's name is protected, the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) must first agree to the proposed change.

An electoral area is "protected" if

- (a) The name was given to the electoral area by or in pursuance of an order under section 17 of the Local Government Act 1992 or section 14 of the Local Government and Rating Act 1997, and
- (b) That order was made during the period of five years ending with the day on which a resolution to change the name is to be passed.
- 4.2 As the Council's ward names were considered at the time of the Periodic Electoral Review in 2013 and instigated in 2014 i.e., more than 5 years ago, the names of the current Wards are not protected and can be changed by resolution of the Council.
- 4.3 The resolution to change the name of an electoral area must be passed at a meeting which is specially convened for the purpose of deciding the resolution with notice of the object and by a majority of at least two thirds of the meeting.
- 4.4 The local authority must not pass the resolution unless it has taken reasonable steps to consult such persons it considers appropriate on the proposed name. The change of name does not take effect until the LGBCE has been given notice of the change.

As soon as practicable after a resolution is passed, the local authority must give notice of any change of name to the following -

- (a) The Electoral Commission
- (b) The Boundary Commission for England
- (c) The Office of National Statistics
- (d) The Director General of the Ordnance Survey.

4.5 On 6 October 2020 GPC considered the recommendation and decided that the changes proposed be subject to consultation and this was passed to the Councils Strategy, Policy & Performance Division within the Governance Directorate to undertake.

## 5. **Consultation**

5.1 A consultation/survey was carried out on the council's consultation hub, Let's Talk Tower Hamlets, was promoted on the council's website, Our East End and via social media channels.

5.2 22,000 emails were also sent to electors in the three directly affected wards directing them to the portal where the survey and information was held.

5.3 The survey took place between 22nd November 2020 and 2nd February 2021.

5.4 The survey comprised of a questionnaire with three questions for each of the three proposed ward name changes being consulted on:

1. Would you like to respond to the suggestion to change the name of x ward? Yes/No
2. We have received a suggestion to change the name of x ward to y.
3. Do you want to make any other comments on the suggestions to change the name of the ward?

5.5 The open-ended questions in the consultation questionnaire were coded into themes to allow the responses to be quantified. This encompassed reading every response and the creation of a code frame of key themes.

5.6 The results of the survey are detailed in the power point presentation provided in Appendix A and a summary provided in Appendix C.

5.7 Responses were also received from Cllr Golds and Cllr A Wood and these are attached at Appendix B but were not considered in the formal survey data because the comments were not received through the approved survey portal but have been added to this report.

5.8 On 24<sup>th</sup> June 2021 the results of the survey were presented to GPC who, as part of the consultation, have recommended the following

- that the proposed name changes for Bethnal Green Ward and St Peters Wards to Bethnal Green East Ward and Bethnal Green West Ward respectively be referred to Council for consideration.
- that the proposed name change for Canary Wharf Ward to Millwall Ward is not progressed.

## **6. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 There are no equality or diversity implications arising from this report.

## **7. OTHER STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS**

7.1 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.

7.2 There are no other implications arising from this report.

## **8. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER**

8.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

## **9. LEGAL COMMENTS**

9.1 The legal implications are set out in the report.

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### **Linked Reports, Appendices and Background Documents**

#### **Linked Report**

- NONE.

#### **Appendices**

Appendix A: Consultation results (Power Point)

Appendix B: Submission of Cllr A Wood and Cllr Peter Golds)

Appendix C: Summary of results

#### **Local Government Act, 1972 Section 100D (As amended) list of “Background Papers” used in the preparation of this report**

- NONE.

#### **Officer contact details for documents:**

- Robert Curtis, Head of Electoral Services



# Tower Hamlets council ward name change consultation

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The results of consultation to change the borough ward names for three wards: Bethnal Green Ward; Canary Wharf Ward; and St. Peter's Ward.

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### Overview

#### *Background*

Following a Polling Places and Polling District Review, which concluded in January 2020, a consequential recommendation from that review from the Local Campaigns Forum of the Labour Party was considered by General Purposes Committee on Tuesday 6th October 2020.

The recommendation was for the council to initiate the required steps set out in legislation to change the names of three of the Borough Ward names namely:

- changing Bethnal Green Ward to Bethnal Green East
- changing Canary Wharf Ward to Millwall Ward and
- changing St. Peter's Ward to Bethnal Green West Ward

A decision was made to

commence a consultation as to the viability of changing the Borough Ward names, as recommended by the Local Campaigns Forum of the Labour Party, with a view to Full Council determining if any changes should take place following observation of comments received through the process of consultation.

#### *Methodology*

This survey was carried out on the council's consultation hub, Lets Talk Tower Hamlets,. The survey was promoted on the council's website and via social media channels by the Communications Team.

The consultation took place between 22nd November 2020 and 2nd February 2021.

#### *Survey content*

The questionnaire comprises three questions for each of the three proposed ward

name changes being consulted on:

1. Would you like to respond to the suggestion to change the name of x ward? Yes/no
2. We have received a suggestion to change the name of x ward to y.
3. Do you want to make any other comments on the suggestions to change the name of the ward?

The open-ended questions in the consultation questionnaire were coded into themes to allow the responses to be quantified. This encompassed reading every response and the creation of a code frame of key themes.

## Tower Hamlets council ward name change consultation

## About the survey – Demographic profile of respondents



GENDER	
Male	186 (51.2%)
Female	104 (28.3%)
Prefer to self describe / not to say	73 (20.1%)

AGE GROUPS	
16-24	21 (5.8%)
25-34	83 (22.9%)
35-44	100 (27.5%)
45-54	54 (14.9%)
55-64	39 (10.7%)
65-74	19 (5.2%)
75+	10 (2.8%)
Prefer not to say	37 (10.2%)

DISABILITY	
Yes	22 (6.0%)
No	292 (80.4%)
Prefer not to say	71 (19.5%)

ETHNICITY	
White: British	134 (36.9%)
White: Irish	8 (2.2%)
White: Traveller of Irish heritage	1 (0.3%)
Any other White background	69 (19.0%)
Mixed: White and Black Caribbean	2 (0.6%)
Mixed: White and Black African	1 (0.3%)
Mixed: White and Asian	4 (1.1%)
Mixed: Any other Mixed background	8 (2.2%)
Asian / Asian British: Indian	8 (2.2%)
Asian / Asian British: Pakistani	4 (1.1%)
Asian / Asian British: Bangladeshi	19 (5.2%)
Any other Asian background	10 (2.8%)
Black / Black British: Somali	1 (0.3%)
Black / Black British: Other African	2 (0.6%)
Chinese	6 (1.7%)
Any other background	4 (1.1%)
Prefer not to say	82 (22.6%)

RELIGION	
Agnostic	31 (8.5%)
Buddhist	5 (1.4%)
Christian	86 (23.7%)
Hindu	5 (1.4%)
Humanist	3 (0.8%)
Jewish	7 (1.9%)
Muslim	26 (7.2%)
Sikh	2 (0.6%)
No religion or belief	97 (26.7%)
Prefer to self-describe	9 (2.5%)
Prefer not to say	92 (25.3%)

## Tower Hamlets council ward name change consultation

## About the survey – Demographic profile of respondents



SEX	
Man	184 (50.7%)
Woman	48 (13.2%)
Intersex	0 (0.0%)
Prefer to self describe	1 (0.3%)
Prefer not to say	130 (35.8%)

LEGALLY MARRIED OR IN CIVIL PARTNERSHIP	
Yes	129 (35.5%)
No	142 (39.1%)
Prefer not to say	92 (25.3%)

GENDER IDENTITY THE SAME AS THE ASSIGNED SEX	
Yes	287 (79.1%)
No	4 (1.1%)
Prefer not to say	72 (19.8%)

MARITAL, CIVIL PARTNERSHIP OR COHABITATION STATUS	
Cohabiting with partner	54 (14.9%)
Divorced	7 (1.9%)
Formerly in a registered civil partnership which is no dissolved	2 (0.6%)
In a registered civil partnership	8 (2.2%)
Married	115 (31.7%)
Separated, but still legally married	2 (0.6%)
Single (never married or never registered in civil partnership)	80 (22.0%)
Widowed	4 (1.1%)
Prefer not to say	91 (25.1%)

SEXUAL ORIENTATION	
Bi (attracted to more than one gender)	23 (6.3%)
Gay/lesbian	52 (14.3%)
Heterosexual/straight	189 (52.1%)
Prefer to self describe	3 (0.8%)
Prefer not to say	110 (30.3%)

PREGNANT OR GIVEN BIRTH IN LAST 12 MONTHS	
Yes	13 (3.6%)
No	210 (57.9%)
Not applicable	64 (17.6%)
Prefer not to say	76 (20.9%)

CARING OR PARENTING RESPONSIBILITIES	
Yes	59 (16.3%)
No	236 (65.0%)
Prefer not to say	68 (18.7%)

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# Results

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This report describes the results of the questions in the survey.

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## About the results

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The results will be presented in the following order:

### 1. Bethnal Green Ward

- We have received a suggestion to change the name of Bethnal Green Ward to Bethnal Green East Ward
- Do you want to make any other comments on the suggestions to change the name of the ward?

### 2. St. Peter's Ward

- We have received a suggestion to change the name of St. Peter's Ward to Bethnal Green West Ward
- Do you want to make any other comments on the suggestions to change the name of the ward?

### 3. Canary Wharf Ward

- We have received a suggestion to change the name of Canary Wharf Ward to Millwall Ward
- Do you want to make any other comments on the suggestions to change the name of the ward?

# Results Summary

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## Tower Hamlets council ward name change consultation

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363 responses received.

Most respondents wanted to retain the current ward names.

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## Results summary

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In total, the Council received 369 responses to the consultation. Review of these responses led to 6 responses being deemed invalid. Reasons for removal was duplicate responses and survey testing.

Following review, 363 responses were considered valid.

94 per cent of respondents responded as individuals, 2 per cent responded on behalf of local business, and 4 per cent said 'other'.

Ward	Keep current name	Change name	Suggest another name
Bethnal Green Ward	50%	45%	5%
St. Peter's Ward	47%	44%	9%
Canary Wharf Ward	89%	8%	3%

# Results

## Bethnal Green Ward

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## Tower Hamlets council ward name change consultation

## Bethnal Green Ward. We have received a suggestion to change the name of Bethnal Green Ward to Bethnal Green East Ward



The current ward name should be kept – overall responders

50.0%

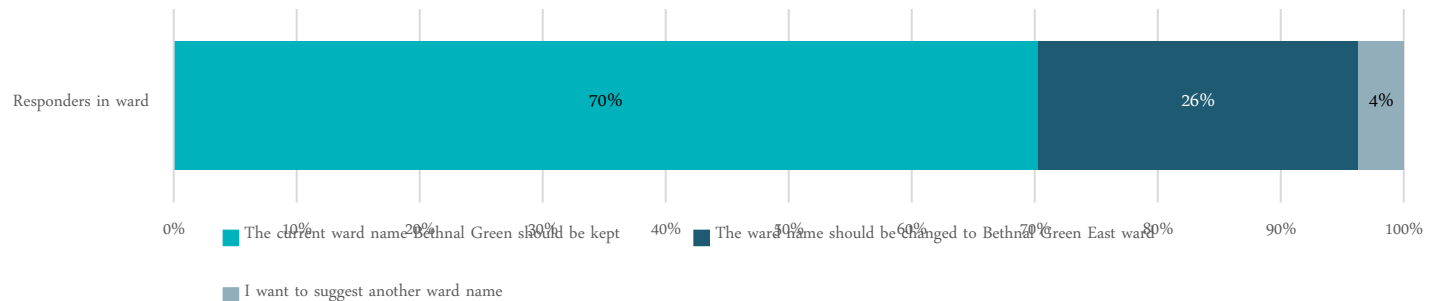
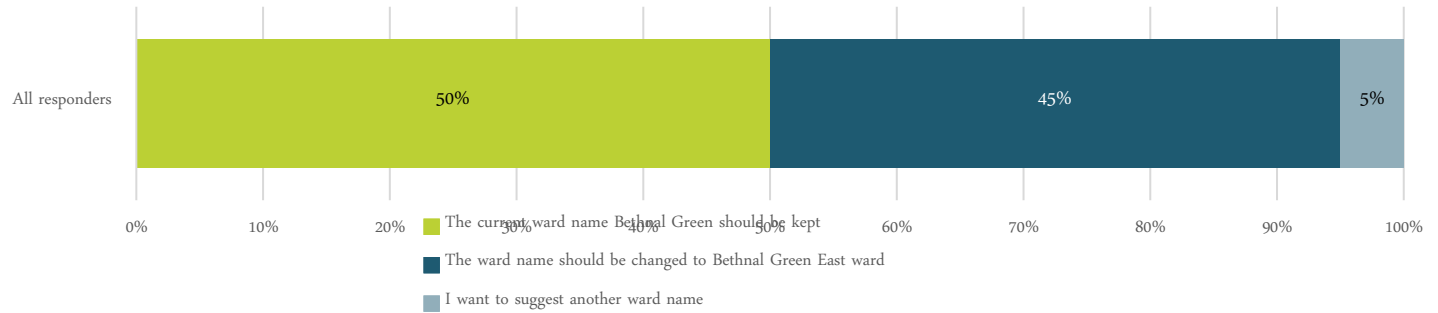
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Respondents providing in-ward postcode

7.4%

The current ward name should be kept – residents living in ward

70.3%



**Tower Hamlets  
council ward name  
change consultation**

**Respondents  
providing additional,  
quantifiable  
commentary**

**20.7%**

**Against ward name  
change – waste of  
money/time/effort**

**29.7%**

**For ward name  
change – main  
reason is  
geographical  
accuracy**

**10.6%**

**Bethnal Green Ward. Do you want to make any other  
comments on the suggestions to change the name of the  
ward?**



<b>Comments from responders who said ward name should remain the same</b>	<b>Number</b>
Waste of money / time / effort	29.7% (14)
What's the justification / why?	25.5% (12)
Meddling / politics	2.1% (1)
Council has more pressing issues to worry about	2.1% (1)
Maintain heritage	4.2% (2)
Cause confusion / familiar with current name	8.5% (4)
Geographical accuracy	4.2% (2)
Only change if other ward name changes	2.1% (1)
No benefit to business	2.1% (1)

<b>Comments from responders who said ward name should change</b>	<b>Number</b>
Geographical accuracy	10.6% (5)
What's the justification / why?	4.2% (2)
Only change if other ward name changes	2.1% (1)

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# Results

## St. Peter's Ward



## Tower Hamlets council ward name change consultation

The current ward name should be kept – overall responders

47.0%

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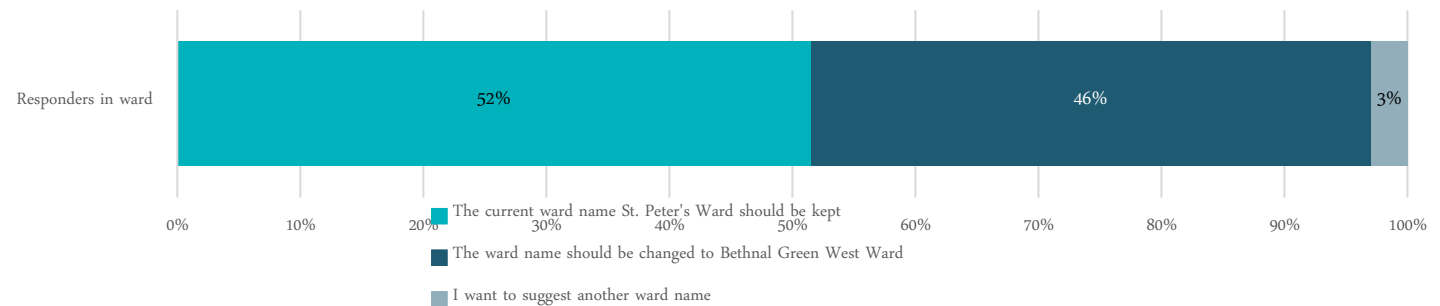
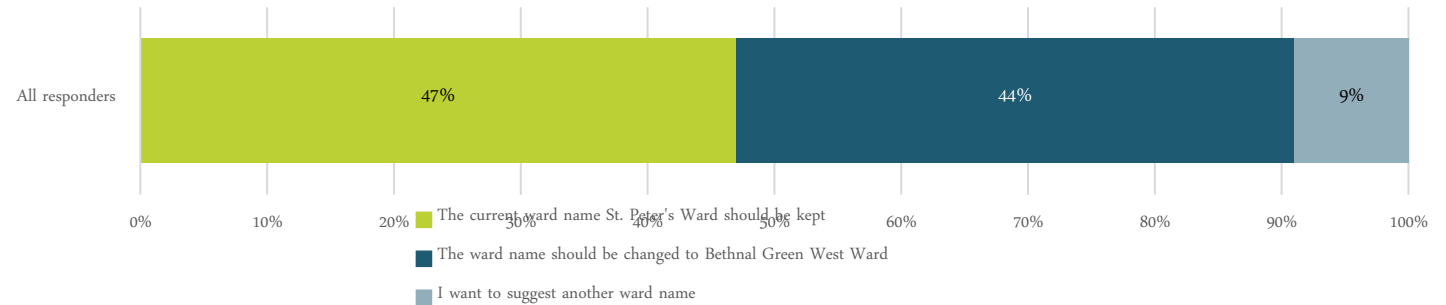
Respondents providing in-ward postcode

13.8%

The current ward name should be kept – residents living in ward

51.5%

## St. Peter's Ward. We have received a suggestion to change the name of St. Peter's Ward to Bethnal Green West Ward



**Tower Hamlets  
council ward name  
change consultation**

**St. Peter's Ward. Do you want to make any other  
comments on the suggestions to change the name of the  
ward?**



**Respondents  
providing additional,  
quantifiable  
commentary  
27.6%**

**Respondents  
suggesting  
alternative name for  
Ward  
1.2%**

**Alternative names for St. Peter's Ward**

Columbia Road Ward

Cambridge Health Ward (suggested twice)

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**Against ward name  
change – main  
reason is retain  
identity / maintain  
heritage  
28.7%**

**For ward name  
change – main  
reason is  
geographical  
accuracy  
15.1%**

<b>Comments from responders who said ward name should remain the same</b>	<b>Number</b>
Retain own identity / maintain heritage	28.7% (19)
Waste of money / time / effort	16.6% (11)
Cause confusion / familiar with current name	10.6% (7)
What's the justification / why?	18.1% (12)
Council has more pressing issues to worry about	4.5% (3)
Petty politics	1.5% (1)

<b>Comments from responders who said ward name should change</b>	<b>Number</b>
Geographical accuracy	15.1% (10)
What's the justification / why?	3.0% (2)
Current name not appropriate for a diverse borough	1.5% (1)

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## Canary Wharf Ward

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**Tower Hamlets council ward name change consultation**

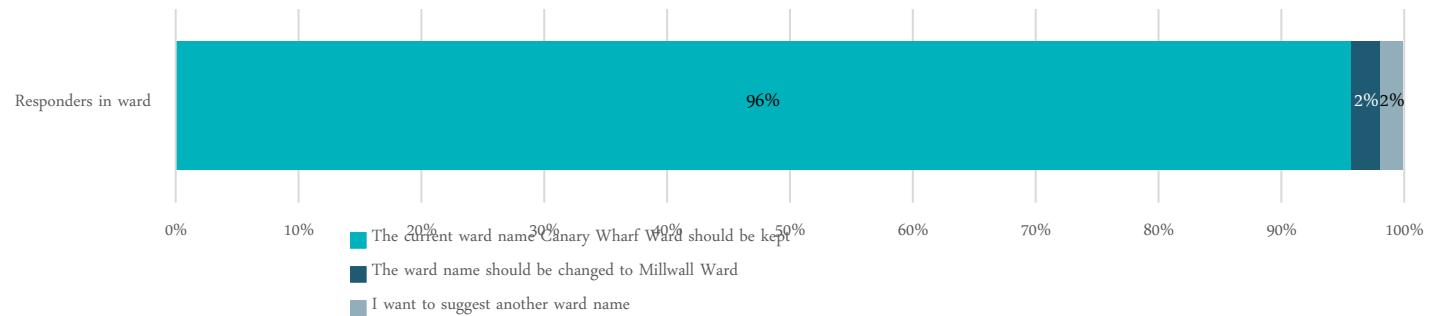
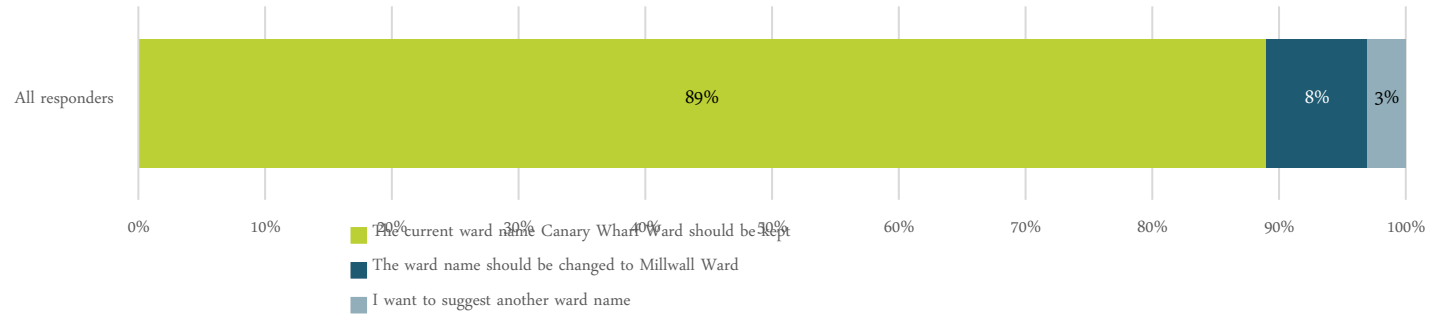
**Canary Wharf Ward. We have received a suggestion to change the name of Canary Wharf Ward to Millwall Ward**



**The current ward name should be kept – overall responders 89.0%**

**Respondents providing in-ward postcode 45.7%**

**The current ward name should be kept – residents living in ward 95.7%**



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**Tower Hamlets council ward name change consultation**

**Canary Wharf Ward. Do you want to make any other comments on the suggestions to change the name of the ward?**



**Respondents providing additional, quantifiable commentary**  
**49.8%**

**Respondents suggesting alternative name for Ward**  
**1.2%**

Alternative names for Canary Wharf Ward
Isle of Dogs Ward
Westferry Ward
Canary Wharf and Millwall Ward
North Millwall Ward

**For ward name change – main reason is name is well known with positive connotations**  
**24.5%**

Comments from responders who said ward name should remain the same	Number
Geographical reasons (new name is accurate; proposed name is confusing)	19.4% (31)
Positive connotations / well known	24.5% (39)
What's the justification / why?	17.6% (28)
Negative connotations to proposed name	15.0% (24)
Waste of money / time / effort	13.2% (21)
Council has more pressing issues to worry about	2.5% (4)
New name unpronounceable	1.2% (2)
Not without amending ward boundaries	0.6% (1)

**Against ward name change – main reason is need to reflect wider ward**  
**2.5%**

Comments from responders who said ward name should change	Number
Ward name should reflect whole ward - ward is more than just Canary Wharf / business	2.5% (4)
Geographical accuracy	1.2% (2)
Proposed name reflects history	1.8% (3)

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Cllr Peter Golds – received Tue 15/12/2020 10:27

I have also spoken to residents. The view is that the status quo should remain, and this has certainly hardened since the incident at Millwall. This has been entirely driven by Canary Wharf Group. There has not been any local upsurge of opinion on the whole matter.

Canary Wharf, like the council, the government and the nation have many overriding issues to consider. The expense of renaming a local government ward is not one of any relevance and should be put aside until a future wholesale review of boundaries. It should be noted that this arose last time and the name Canary Wharf as a ward was by far the most popular option in the consultation undertaken by the LGBCE.

Cllr Andrew Wood – received Mon 14/12/2020 10:12

Following the launch of the consultation on ward names I ran a poll across three social media sites, started 4th December with 958 responses as at Saturday morning on the proposal to change the Canary Wharf ward name. The results so far are:

- 62% Waste of time & money - in the text I made clear this meant no change
- 25% Canary Wharf (no change) (22%+3% responses below)
- 7% Millwall & Canary Wharf - my proposed compromise solution, like Blackwall & Cubitt Town, St Katharine's & Wapping wards
- 6% Millwall
- 0.4% Other options

I was surprised that Millwall got such a low response as well as my compromise solution, but we had the controversy last weekend over Millwall fans booing Millwall FC players taking the knee which may have affected some people. This happened after I started the poll.

Two weeks ago, I reported to the Police some stickers left around Millwall Park on the Isle of Dogs, all left by Millwall Berserkers/NTO, a well-known football hooligan group. The Police called me back last Thursday to confirm they are treating it as a hate crime. I have not put these stickers in the public domain yet as to have done so while undertaking the poll would have been to skew the results even though it is very unfair to link the ward with a football club that left the area over a hundred years ago. But the Police did ask me to keep an eye out for them. But it may also explain why the Millwall name is not that popular with some members of the community.

If the referendum next May picks the Leader & Cabinet model, we may have to reverse the 2014 reduction in Cllrs from 50 to 45 through another Boundary review. When we do that would be an appropriate time to look at this issue again + population/voter growth underway in some parts of TH.

But I think the comments and poll are clear, this is not the time to change the ward name and the Millwall name has some issues.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Residents have asked whether you will consider these poll responses or not, I did advertise the formal consultation link as well so am curious to see what those look like given that the consultation will last until February 2021.



Below are links to the three polls, you may find the comments interesting.

Facebook on the Canary Wharf & Isle of Dogs residents' group (which is mainly composed of E14 residents)

It also had 63 comments and was seen by over 5,000 people of whom 746 responded

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1458438024296291/permalink/2898125163660896/>

**Twitter on my profile (mainly followed by people in TH)**

462 people read the tweet of whom 189 responded

<https://twitter.com/Andrewwood17/status/1334822790734753792?s=20>

Nextdoor (3 local areas only)

23 responses so far, advertised only in the areas in the ward plus Millwall South

[https://nextdoor.co.uk/p/4J9cchJzG\\_NP?utm\\_source=share](https://nextdoor.co.uk/p/4J9cchJzG_NP?utm_source=share)

<b>Poll on Canary Wharf ward name</b>							
	Facebook	FB %	Twitter	Twitter %	Nextdoor	Total	Total %
Waste of time & money	523	70%	58	31%	11	<b>592</b>	62%
Canary Wharf (no change)	141	19%	62	33%	6	<b>209</b>	22%
Millwall & Canary Wharf	37	5%	23	12%	5	<b>65</b>	7%
Millwall	12	2%	46	24%	1	<b>59</b>	6%
Waste of time & money but keep CW	29	4%				<b>29</b>	3%
Other options added by others	4	1%				<b>4</b>	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>746</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>958</b>	<b>100%</b>

### Poll on Canary Wharf Ward name

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## Screenshots

A screenshot of a Twitter poll with eight options. Each option includes a checkbox, a description, a profile picture, and a vote count. The options are:

- Added by you: A waste of time & money (523 votes)
- Added by you: Canary Wharf (no change) (141 votes)
- Added by you: Millwall & Canary Wharf (37 votes)
- Added by [redacted]: Waste of time & money, but maintain Canary Wharf (29 votes)
- Added by you: Millwall (12 votes)
- Added by [redacted]: The Canary Wharf estate be the Canary Wharf ward. The remainder to be called Millwall ward. (2 votes)
- Added by [redacted]: 'Isle of Towers' (1 vote)
- Added by [redacted]: Isle of Dogs (1 vote)

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Millwall & Canary Wharf	12.2%
<b>Canary Wharf (no change)</b>	<b>32.8%</b>
Millwall	24.3%
A waste of time & £	30.7%

189 votes · Final results  
11:32 AM · Dec 4, 2020 · Twitter Web App

[View Tweet activity](#)

<b>Millwall &amp; Canary Wharf</b>	<b>22%</b>
Canary Wharf (no change)	26%
Millwall	4%
Waste of time & money	48%

23 votes  
Posted in **General To 3 neighbourhoods**

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**Summary of survey results**

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Non-Executive Report of the:  <b>Council</b>  17 <sup>th</sup> November 2021	
<b>Report of:</b> Janet Fasan, Director of Legal and Monitoring Officer	<b>Classification:</b> Unrestricted
<b>Questions submitted by Members of the Council</b>	

<b>Originating Officer(s)</b>	Matthew Mannion, Head of Democratic Services
<b>Wards affected</b>	All wards

## SUMMARY

1. Set out overleaf are the questions that were submitted by Members of the Council for response by the Mayor, the Speaker or the Chair of a Committee or Sub-Committee at the Council meeting on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2021.
2. In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10.4, questions relating to Executive functions and decisions taken by the Mayor are put to the Mayor unless he delegates such a decision to another Member, who will therefore be responsible for answering the question. In the absence of the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor will answer questions directed to the Mayor.
3. Questions are limited to one per Member per meeting, plus one supplementary question unless the Member has indicated that only a written reply is required and in these circumstances a supplementary question is not permitted. Oral responses are time limited to one minute. Supplementary questions and responses are also time limited to one minute each.
4. Council Procedure Rule 10.7 provides for an answer to take the form of a written answer circulated to the questioner, a reference to a published work or a direct oral answer.
5. There is a time limit of thirty minutes at the Council meeting for consideration of Members' questions with no extension of time allowed and any questions not put within this time are dealt with by way of written responses.
6. Members must confine their contributions to questions and answers and not make statements or attempt to debate.

## **MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

16 questions have been received from Members of the Council as follows:-

### **11.1 Question from Councillor Eve McQuillan**

Will the Mayor provide an update on the Liveable Streets programme given his recent announcement?

### **11.2 Question from Councillor Peter Golds**

Will the Mayor state how many CCTV cameras there are provided and managed by the council in the borough?

### **11.3 Question from Councillor Shah Ameen**

I am thrilled to hear about the £9.3 million Levelling-Up funding that the Council secured in my ward, Whitechapel. Please can the Lead Member tell me how this money will be used to regenerate the area?

### **11.4 Question from Councillor Kabir Ahmed**

The council is required to publish its accounts by 31st of May each year and formally approve and audit the accounts by 31st July, but due to the COVID pandemic it has been extended to 30th September. Can the Mayor confirm that in line with the accounts and audit regulations 2015 and also the amendment for 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22 that Tower Hamlets council's accounts for the last tax year 2020/2021 have been published, audited and certified?

### **11.5 Question from Councillor Victoria Obaze**

How much is the Council spending on projects related to the Mayor's Covid-19 Recovery Fund?

### **11.6 Question from Councillor Andrew Wood**

Will the Mayor provide an update on the discussions with utility providers and the GLA as to the capacity of the utility networks (gas, water, sewage, electricity) specifically to and underneath Marsh Wall to support the developments approved by LBTH along Marsh Wall or close to it?

### **11.7 Question from Councillor Faroque Ahmed**

How will the Council implement the recommendations put forward by the Poverty Review?

### **11.8 Question from Councillor Harun Miah**

The road marking In Watney street and Cable Street junction is increasingly causing a hazard to pedestrians, cyclists and motorists.

Can the cabinet member urgently look into this and install a give way sign to cyclist to minimise harm?

### **11.9 Question from Councillor Val Whitehead**

Recent polling shows 80% of Britons across all regions and ethnicities feel anxious about climate breakdown. We know that in order to avert a catastrophe we will need macro and micro change.

What is the Council doing to empower its residents to make a difference?

### **11.10 Question from Councillor Marc Francis**

Will the Lead member for Housing state when Tower Hamlets Homes will begin consulting residents on introducing a new Traffic Management Order to enable parking enforcement for the St Stephen's estate, Usher Road and Annie Besant close?

### **11.11 Question from Councillor Amina Ali**

The £20 cut to Universal Credit has caused severe hardship to many vulnerable people in Tower Hamlets, and the Government's response to this issue in the Spending Review has not even touched the surface of this problem.

What is the Council doing to support families affected by this cut?

### **11.12 Question from Councillor Helal Uddin**

Can the Mayor provide us with an update on the Parks investment program?

### **11.13 Question from Councillor Puru Miah**

In light of the Public Sector Equalities Duty, how many schools in Tower Hamlets have an up-to-date Equality Information and Objectives Policy, especially in the light of recent finding in regard to the disproportionate number of Covid deaths in certain demographics? And how many schools have adopted the model policy advocated by the Runnymede Trust?

### **11.14 Question from Councillor David Edgar**

The interim report of the Competition and Markets Authority reports that private providers of children's homes are making 'significant and persistent' profits by charging councils elevated prices for placements with the largest providers charging councils an average of £3,830 a week per child with an average operating profit margin of 23%.

What is the response of the council to this report and is it considering with other councils the option of providing children's home directly?

### **11.15 Question from Councillor Bex White**


Can the Cabinet Member please provide an update on the Local Infrastructure Fund consultation with residents for the coming year?

### **11.16 Question from Councillor Rabina Khan**

Following my visit with the Director for Environment to Watney Market in Shadwell raising concerns of disrepair to the Market, traders and businesses to have better improved premises, storage and stalls to operate from improve, cleaner and sanitised areas both in the underground parking and in the market square and improved lighting, will the Mayor

commit to ensuring that Watney Market is improved by addressing the issues identified from the visit.



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<b>Report of: Janet Fasan, Director of Legal and Monitoring Officer</b>	<b>Classification:</b> Unrestricted
<b>Motions submitted by Members of the Council</b>	

<b>Originating Officer(s)</b>	Matthew Mannion, Head of Democratic Services
<b>Wards affected</b>	All wards

## SUMMARY

1. 4 motions have been submitted by Members of the Council under Council Procedure Rule 11 for debate at the Council meeting on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2021
2. The motions submitted are listed overleaf. In accordance with the Council Procedure Rules, the motions alternate between the administration and the other Political Groups, with the Opposition Group motions starting with the largest Political Group not to have that meeting's Opposition Motion Debate slot.
3. Motions must be about matters for which the Council has a responsibility or which affect the Borough. A motion may not be moved which is substantially the same as a motion which has been put at a meeting of the Council in the previous six months; or which proposes that a decision of the Council taken in the previous six months be rescinded; unless notice of the motion is given signed by at least twenty Members.
4. There is no specific duration set for this agenda item and consideration of the attached motions may continue until the time limit for the meeting is reached. The guillotine procedure at Council Procedure Rule 9.2 does not apply to motions on notice and any of the attached motions which have not been put to the vote when the time limit for the meeting is reached will be deemed to have fallen. A motion which is not put to the vote at the current meeting may be resubmitted for the next meeting but is not automatically carried forward.

## MOTIONS

Set out overleaf is the motions that have been submitted.

## **12.1 Motion regarding Local Government Funding**

Proposer: Cllr Candida Ronald

Secunder: Mayor John Biggs

### **This Council notes that:**

1. The Spending Review took place last month, and was an opportunity for the Chancellor to provide much-needed respite to the residents of Tower Hamlets and increase funding to public services in these difficult economic times.
2. That the Chancellor missed this opportunity and instead of taking action to address the growing cost of living crisis, decided to raise taxes for working families through a record increase in national insurance.
3. London Councils has estimated that boroughs require up to £2bn of additional funding over the Spending Review period to meet underlying demand, inflation and the ongoing impact of Covid-19 on lost income and additional spending.
4. Tower Hamlets Council has had to save over £200m since 2010 due to Government austerity and increasing demand.
5. While the Chancellor has announced additional funding for local authorities, this doesn't begin to replace the amount of funding that has been lost through austerity, and much of the increase will be consumed by the costs of the Government's Social Care reforms.
6. The Tower Hamlets Poverty Review found that in a typical classroom of 30 children, 17 are living below the poverty line, while at the other end of the age spectrum 44% of older people live in low income households. It also found that inequality and poverty go hand in hand; families that have a disabled member, those from Black Minority and Ethnic backgrounds, lone parents and larger families are all at greater at risk of being in poverty.

### **This Council believes that:**

1. Tower Hamlets, like other London Councils, has seen an increase in underlying demand and has had to respond to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic.
2. The impact of the £20 cut to Universal Credit, the end of furlough, rising National Insurance contributions, and rising energy prices will only worsen the impact of the cost of living crisis on our already badly hit residents.
3. While the recent Spending Review has pledged an increase in funding to local government services, the amount promised is nothing compared to the funding that has been cut from councils by the Conservative Government since 2010 and the Chancellor's spending projections assume a 3% council tax increase across the country for each of the next 3 years.
4. While the change to the Universal Credit taper rate is welcome, it only restores around £2bn of funding to the UC system after they removed £6bn through the £20p/w cut.
5. We welcome the Government's announcement that the Whitechapel Road Improvement Programme will benefit from the Levelling Up Fund, but after over ten years of funding cuts we will not applaud the Conservative Government when they restore a fraction of the money that they have plundered from our borough over the last decade.

**This Council resolves to:**

1. Send a copy of this motion to the Chancellor, alongside a copy of the council's recent Poverty Report, calling on him to boost funding to vital public services including our local councils.
2. Continue to stand up for Tower Hamlets residents and push the Government for fairer policies to fight for social justice and equalities in society.

## **12.2 Motion regarding Probity in the Planning System**

Proposer: Cllr Andrew Wood

Seconder: Cllr Peter Golds

This Council notes:

That Tower Hamlets has more development going through the planning system than most local authorities.

That the gross development value of many developments exceeds £100 million and some such as the recently consented ASDA site exceed £1 billion.

There is frequently local opposition to development for a range of reasons including issues including sunlight, daylight access and the provision (or lack) of social infrastructure.

This Council further notes:

The prominence of some well-known local businesspeople in the role of supporting developers with public relations consultancy support.

The situation at ASDA whereby the Developers sponsored a public event during the determination of the planning application at which awards were distributed to attendees which went beyond public consultation.

Previous allegations of bribery which were never as far as is publicly known investigated by the Police.

### **This Council resolves:**

To restore trust in the planning system and to counter the narrative from some residents that brown paper envelopes full of cash explains why Tower Hamlets approves so many developments.

This Council therefore recommends:

For all planning applications subject to a decision by the Strategic Development Committee:

1. The creation of a Register of all public relations and public affairs companies, individuals and consultants engaged by developers active in Tower Hamlets to be on a publicly available list with the organisations contact details made available. That this register be made available on the Council website.
2. That developers are asked only to use public relations agents listed on this register.
3. That all such organisations are members of the appropriate trade body, the Public Relations Consultants Association (PRCA) which includes a register of clients and consultants for each company on their publicly available website.
4. That in the event of an applicant using a company that is a non PRCA member, or an individual practicing in a freelance capacity, this be noted by the council and the information made available to the public on the council website.
5. That all donations / financial support made to local political parties or for Council events from those listed on the Register are declared.

6. That the planning portal details the public relations agent(s) employed by developers on their planning application
7. That all those involved in the planning system commit to reporting directly to the Police ASAP any attempts to bribe or create undue influence.
8. That all members of the Council who are employed by any organisation lobbying on behalf of planning applications, whether it be a PR company, developer or acting as a freelance consultant to developers, declare this and recuse themselves from membership of the Strategic Development Committee.
9. That members of the Strategic Development Committee have no direct relationship with any developer nor their agents by way of meetings or events including exhibitions, social events meetings without the involvement of Council planning officers, during the entire planning process from preapplication to the final decision by committee.
10. That the Council writes to the Government and urges them to bring forward preforms promised prior to them taking office in 2010 regarding the compulsory registration of all lobbyists both at a national and local government level.

### **12.3 Motion regarding a Memorial to the Matchwomen and matchgirls**

Proposer: Cllr Sabina Akhtar

Seconder: Cllr Rachel Blake

#### **This Council believes:**

1. We have a proud modern history in Tower Hamlets of championing diversity and standing up to discrimination, but there is more we can do
2. That historically under-represented groups should be remembered in the public realm
3. That the women and girls who took part in the Match Factory Strike of 1888 were pioneers of the Labour Movement (see notes)

#### **This Council notes:**

1. The Council has pro-actively undertaken a review of race and equality in the public realm.
2. The purpose of the review was to share thoughts about under-representation in public spaces – not only in terms of race, but also on issues across the equalities landscape including but not limited to civil rights, workers', women's and LGBTQ+ rights and more.
3. The review asked the community identify and nominate other names, particularly of under-represented groups, who have done something memorable and who we should celebrate.

#### **This Council resolves:**

1. To welcome ideas for remembering the Matchwomen and Matchgirls who fought for their employment rights
2. To work with the Matchgirls Memorial Trust to remember the struggle of the Matchwomen and Matchgirls

## **12.4 Motion regarding a Bleed Kit**

Proposer: Cllr Rabina Khan

This Council Notes:

1. In the year ending March 2020, there were around 46,000 (selected) offences involving a knife or sharp instrument in England and Wales.
2. London recorded the highest rate of 179 offences involving a knife per 100,000 population 2Fin 2019/20, a slight increase on a rate of 169 in 2018/19.
3. The ONS reported that more than 46,000 offences involving knives or sharp instruments were recorded by police in the year ending March 2020.
4. Tower Hamlets has a growing young population and has witnessed an increase of violent crime in recent years involving knives and sharp objects.
5. The most recent incident at the time of submitting this motion a teenager suffered a significant knife wound after being stabbed in Tower Hamlets on Sunday evening (September 12).

**This Council believes:**

1. That every measure needs to be taken to save the lives of victims of violent knife crime and congratulates The Daniel Baird Foundation for its work in promoting the use and installation of Bleed Control Kits around the country.
2. The Daniel Baird Foundation was established by Lynne Baird after her son Daniel was stabbed to death in Birmingham after a dispute outside a pub in 2017.
3. A Bleed Control Kit is a small critical injury pack which contains specialised dressings, a tourniquet, instructions and other specialised medical supplies designed to stop or control the severe bleeding that often follows when someone is stabbed.
4. The public access kits are designed to be used by non-emergency personnel in much the same way that heart defibrillators ('shock machines') specifically designed for use by those with no First Aid training are becoming a common sight in London and the UK.
5. While we still need an effective Public Health approach to reduce the catastrophe that is knife crime, Bleed Control Kits can be another way to treat victims.

**This Council resolves:**

1. To direct the Tower Hamlets Public Health team to work with The Daniel Baird Foundation, the NHS, Metropolitan Police Service and the London Ambulance Service to develop the best strategy for the deployment of Bleed Control Kits across the borough.
2. To seek sponsorship of Bleed Control Kits from commercial partners to reduce costs of purchase and installation go Bleed Control Cabinets.
3. To introduce First Aid training into every secondary school and college classroom in the borough to increase the potential benefits of any Bleed Control Kits that have to be used.
4. To publicly thank Lynne Baird for her tireless efforts in memory of her son Daniel to establish The Daniel Baird Foundation and hope that her good work saves many lives.

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