

Non-Executive Report of the: Council 18 September 2019	 TOWER HAMLETS
Report of: Asmat Hussain, Corporate Director, Governance	Classification: Unrestricted
Petitions to Council for presentation.	

Originating Officer(s)	Matthew Mannion, Head of Democratic Services David Knight, Democratic Services Zoe Folley, Democratic Services
Wards affected	All wards

SUMMARY

1. This report sets out details of the valid petitions submitted for presentation at the Council meeting on Wednesday 18 September 2019.
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. Four petitions have been received for presentation at the meeting and the following process applies to these petitions:
 - 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 Petition 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 TO BE HEARD

5.1 Petition regarding Single Use Plastics submitted by Ciaran Cusack and others.

We the undersigned petition the council to eliminate all single-use plastic within council-managed buildings and facilities, by 2021, and eliminate single-use plastic from its supply chain, by 2025.

Request and encourage all businesses with which we engage, via our procurement network, to support the banning of single-use plastic from their place of work.

Ask the waste management team to prepare a report considering how they could promote the reduction of single-use plastic across the Borough, including supporting plastic-free initiatives such as plastic-free communities and plastic-free schools, and to highlight areas of further lobbying to central government by both collection and waste disposal authorities, and for this report to be prepared and then presented at council within 6 months.

5.2 Petition regarding prevent parking on school markings at Arnhem Wharf Primary School submitted by Frances Stephens and others.

We the undersigned petition the council to prevent people from parking dangerously near the entrances to our school on Westferry Road. On a daily basis, several parents of pupils are illegally parking on the yellow lines outside our school, causing pollution and increasing the chance of accidents for our students. We have some actions we would like you to take: send traffic wardens to patrol the area during school opening and closing times (between 8:40-9:15am and between 3:10 and 3:45pm); give fines, warnings or points to offenders who park illegally on yellow lines; and consider improving parking in the local area so people could park nearby. We would like you to do more to stop this dangerous, illegal and selfish act as this would help improve the health and safety of our pupils and help us to have a cleaner environment.

5.3 Petition regarding Stop the Lorries on Pennington Street submitted by Noel Thomas and others

We are looking for the council to change the traffic restrictions on Pennington Street, London E1W, to prevent construction traffic and large Lorries from using the street as a rat run into London. This could be done by making the road a no through-road, creating restrictions on the size and weight of vehicle allowed to use the road, or making sections of the road one way, so vehicles can only travel east along it.

5.4 Petition regarding the Community Hall known as the Canal Club, Waterloo Gardens, E2 9HP submitted by Emma Genders and others.

We the undersigned, petition the Council to refurbish rather than demolish the Community Hall known as the Canal Club, Waterloo Gardens, E2 9HP.

The site of a former wood wharf was purchased by the Greater London Council (GLC) in the 1970s as an extension to the Wellington Estate (THH). By the 1980s and 1990s it had become an important local resource, housing a community centre, designed by Julian Sofaer and providing a laundry, youth club, nursery and play and amenity space. Currently used as a nursery, the building and the surrounding amenities have been neglected but could be refurbished for local community use. We note that the subsequent extra housing built on the estate and the many residential developments in the area have increased the need for this kind of community open green space, as recognised by the Borough's Liveable Streets programme, the borough's support for the Healthy Streets initiative (Transport for London) and the Labour Party's environmental policy, the Green Transformation.

PETITIONS TO BE NOTED

5.5 Petition regarding Glyphosate – Herbicide submitted Mr Geoffrey Juden and others

We the undersigned petition the council to ban the using of Glyphosate in the borough.