

Non-Executive Report of the: Council 13 November 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 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 13 November 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 Save Our Youth Centre submitted by Geneva Blissett and others.

We the undersigned petition the council to reconsider in funding a youth project in the Bow West area. To ensure the continuation of one of the busiest youth clubs in Tower Hamlets with positive activities and engagement to prevent young people in engaging in negative and risky behaviour. For decision makers and councillors to be more involved in local youth clubs and to know what is happening in there local centres. For myself and other kids in the youth club to meet with the Mayor and councillors to discuss our concerns

5.2 Petition regarding Trees for Mile End submitted by Nicholas Caulkett and others.

We the undersigned petition the council to Consider planting trees in Mile End in the locations specified below and in the video link. As part of Tower Hamlets pledge to plant 1000 trees across the borough, we, the residents have identified four potential locations for tree planting in Mile End. We believe planting trees in these locations will help fill in empty gaps in the Local Plan's 'Green Grid', calm traffic, in particular speeding, and benefit large amount of people as well as the immediate residents.

5.3 Petition regarding Anti - Social Behaviour issues in Jolly's Green Areas submitted by Redwan Shuhel and others.

We the undersigned urge the Mayor of Tower Hamlets Council John Biggs to take immediate action to address Anti - Social Behavioural issues in Jolly's Green Areas.

5.4 Petition regarding Residential Permits for all Electric Cars Drivers submitted by Love Oyeniran and others.

We the undersigned petition the council to support the use of low emission vehicles and to provide residential parking permits to all electric car drivers. The council should support drivers in reducing air pollution; and as such an exception should be given to electric vehicle drivers including those on a car-free developments.

PETITIONS TO BE NOTED

5.5 Petition regarding Bartlett Park and Planning consultations submitted by Terry McGrenera and others.

The Plans for the redevelopment of Bartlett Park are a perfect example of what is wrong with the Planning process – people invariable only know about planning applications after they have been passed and approved.