

Non-Executive Report of the: Council 5 th October 2022	 TOWER HAMLETS
Report of: Janet Fasan, Director of Legal and Monitoring Officer	Classification: Unrestricted
Petitions to Council	

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

SUMMARY

1. This report sets out details of the valid petitions submitted for presentation and debate at the Council meeting on Wednesday 5th October 2022. The text of the petitions received are 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.
 - a. There are three petitions to be heard
 - i. CCTV on Gill Street
 - ii. Barleymow Estate
 - iii. Drug dealing and ASB near Cambridge Heath Station
 - b. There is one petition to be debated
 - i. Save our safer streets

PETITIONS TO BE HEARD

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

5.1 Petition regarding CCTV on Gill Street submitted by Lucilia Branco, Denise Otto and Shabul Zaman and others

Petition

We the undersigned petition the council to Re-install CCTV on Gill Street to deter drug dealing and anti-social behaviour in this area. We further request the council engage Anti-Social Behaviour officers to enforce against drug dealers and users in the area between Three Colt Street and Westferry DLR.

5.2 Petition regarding Barleymow Estate submitted by Derrick Cutler and others

The Barleymow Tenants and Residents Association request that LBTH Councillors and Officers consult with the THH Director and officers to carry out the following works which have been ongoing since 2017-

Brewster House cladding strengthening works, Malting House cladding strengthening works, 1-72 Barleycorn Way strengthening works, Kiln Court and Oast Court internal drainage piping move to external walls (since 2016).

5.3 Petition regarding Drug Dealing, Drug Abuse and Antisocial Behaviour in and around Cambridge Heath Station submitted by Ana Monzon, Anna Bosley and Chris Aria Tree and others

[In relation to drug dealing, drug abuse and anti-social behaviour in and around Cambridge Heath Station] We the undersigned petition the council to Move the rough sleepers hostel adjacent to Metropolis night club to a less residential area in the borough or alternatively significantly increase policing in the area early morning and evenings and review terms and conditions of offending rough sleepers to access the hostel's services.

PETITION TO BE DEBATED

6. The standard format for a Petition for Debate is as follows.
 - The petitioners to present their petition for a maximum of three minutes.
 - Questions and answers for four minutes.
 - Debate for 15 minutes. All speeches are limited to a maximum of three minutes
 - The Speaker will invite the Mayor or (at the Mayor's discretion) a Cabinet Member to respond to the matters raised
 - If no motion is moved during the debate, the petition will stand referred to the relevant Corporate Director for a written response.
 - If a motion is moved during the debate, the motion will be put to the vote. The petition will stand referred to the relevant Corporate Director for a written response.

Motions on the Petition

7. During their speech any Member may move a motion for the Council's consideration relevant to matters in the petition (this does not require the suspension of standing orders). It is requested that Motions relating to the petition be submitted to Janet Fasan, Director of Legal and Monitoring Officer in advance of the meeting to allow full circulation.
8. Following the petition debate, any motions moved will be put to the vote.
9. In relation to executive functions, the Council does not have powers to override any executive decision of the Mayor or substitute its own decision. The Council may however pass a motion expressing a view on the matter or referring the matter to the Mayor, calling on him to take some action, or consider or reconsider a decision, with recommendations to inform that consideration. Officers will advise on the constitutional validity of any motion that may be moved

5.3 Petition regarding Save our Safer Streets in Tower Hamlets submitted by Simon Ramsay* and others

We the undersigned petition the council to:

1. STOP plans to scrap the new street layouts.
2. LISTEN carefully to the diverse communities and stakeholders in our borough, engaging in more in-depth conversations and research before making decisions.

3. IMPROVE the borough's new street layouts. Keep what is working and improve where needed so that everyone's health, wellbeing and safety gets better.

*Naming error corrected after publication.