

**LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2013**

**PETITIONS**

**REPORT OF THE SERVICE HEAD,  
DEMOCRATIC SERVICES**

**SUMMARY**

1. The Council's Constitution provides for up to three petitions to be received at each Council Meeting. These are taken in order of receipt. This report sets out the valid petitions submitted for presentation at the Council meeting on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2013.
2. The deadline for receipt of petitions for this meeting is noon on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April. However, at the time of agenda despatch the maximum number of petitions has already been received as set out overleaf.
3. In each case the petitioners may address the meeting for no more than three minutes. Members may then question the petitioners for a further four minutes. Finally, the relevant Cabinet Member or Chair of Committee may respond to the petition for up to three minutes.
4. Any outstanding issues will be referred to the relevant Corporate Director for attention who will respond to those outstanding issues in writing within 28 days.
5. Members should confine their contributions to questions and answers and not make statements or attempt to debate.

**5.1 Putting the Bang back into Banglatown** (Petition from Mr Dan McCurry and others)

We, the undersigned, request the assistance of Tower Hamlets council, in our project to regenerate the restaurant business of Brick Lane. We are inspired by Temple Street market, in Hong Kong, which is illuminated by colourful neon advertising banners, that criss cross the street. See photos below. By emulating the colourful advertising banners, in Bangla style, we hope to increase the attraction of the area as a culinary destination.

**5.2 Stop Vodafone from erecting six mobile phone masts on James Hammett House** (Petition from Mr George Morgan and others)

Despite objections from local residents, Columbia TRA, JHERA and LBTH Planning Department and following three unsuccessful planning applications the planning inspectorate have allowed Vodafone, on appeal, to erect six mobile phone masts on James Hammett House. The block recently underwent significant refurbishment and is in a conservation area. I ask that [the Mayor] now use [his] executive powers not to allow these masts to be installed.

**5.3 Petition against the closure of East End Life** (Petition from Mr Ahmed Osman and others).

We, the undersigned, residents of Tower Hamlets, are protesting against Tower Hamlets Labour and Tory parties' decision to close East End Life paper. East End Life is a valuable community resource, serving over 90,000 households, every week across the borough. The Labour and Tory party decision is reckless and pushed through without any consultation with staff, unions or residents. It puts jobs at risk, impacts on families and could cost the council more money if it's outsourced. We call on the Mayor, to do everything within his power, to keep this important community asset available to the residents of Tower Hamlets.