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An organisation run by and for residents of Council or social housing properties in Tower Hamlets.

Newsletter of Tower Hamlets Federation of Tenants and Residents Associations (TRAs)

Enough land to solve TH housing crisis...



...but they want it for *more* luxury housing

All of you can help protect Tower Hamlets on **18th April** when...
Bishopsgate Goods Yard's planning application will be determined at City Hall, by Boris Johnson, in his last month as London Mayor.
Cemonstrate outside from **12 noon** with fellow residents.
Deveryone can sign the petition and send a letter and join the protest to...
Efrustrate the developers who just want to take profits out of our community.

For more information about the planning application, what a waste of such a huge site it is and for links you can use to sign the petition, go to:

● www.morelightmorepower.co.uk

Fed's April meeting: ELECTION HUSTINGS

Representatives of the main parties standing in May's GLA elections explain their housing policies: come and hear what they have to say and ask them questions.

7-9pm, Monday

25th April

Collingwood Hall, Collingwood Street,

E1 5DY

Collingwood Hall is wheelchair accessible and has an accessible toilet. Please contact us with any specific access inquiries.

To help us plan the meeting, please email your questions to us at the below address.

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Has Barking found an answer?

Tower Hamlets isn't the only Council trying to protect residents from the Housing Bill. Last month, Barking & Dagenham Council's Cabinet decided to give tenants a "right to invest", which would allow tenants to buy a share of their properties and continue renting the rest of it.

There are problems with shared ownership, but the Council hopes this will reduce the number of homes the Government forces it to sell, as well as protecting individual households from "pay to stay".

The Plan is now out for public consultation.

Tower Hamlets CVS is an umbrella body for voluntary organisations in the borough. The next meeting of its Health & Wellbeing Forum meeting will be held from 09.30am-12.30pm on Thursday, 14th April in Mile End. It will be discussing how voluntary groups can help end health disadvantage and working on the development of a strategy to do this in Tower Hamlets. If you would like to go to this meeting on behalf of the Fed, please contact us as soon as possible.

Tower Hamlets Kill the Housing Bill Group

Next meeting: 7pm, Tuesday, 5th April

Ogilvie Tenants Hall, Pitsea Estate

(Email us for access details.)

Planning info meetings and actions in TH.

Tower Hamlets Homes Sub-Group

Next meeting: 7pm, Monday, 11th April

Sidney Estate Tenants Hall, 2 Jarman House, Jubilee Street

Main discussion: repairs service and the call centre. Please let us know of any problems you have had with these services.

The following meeting will discuss resident engagement.

Fed's Planning Sub-Group

The meeting planned for 18th April has been cancelled (as people with a particular interest in planning will have been at the Bishopsgate demo all day). A new date will be set shortly.

May Cabinet

5.30pm, Monday, 10th May

This meeting will be discussing what policy the Council should adopt on affordable rents.

Please join the Federation at this meeting to press for a good policy to be adopted.