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## **Tower Hamlets Community Governance Review: Phase Two Consultation**

### **Why are we writing to you?**

In July 2018 Tower Hamlets Council received a valid petition from residents requesting the creation of a new parish council (or 'local council') in the Spitalfields area. The council is obliged to carry out a community governance review under the provisions of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007. The review is considering whether or not a new parish council should be established.

We asked people what they thought about the proposal. You were one of the people who responded to the first stage of our community governance review consultation.

The council has reviewed people's feedback and examined the options and it has now produced draft recommendations as required by law.

There are three options that we want to put to local people for further consultation.

1. Create a parish council but with modifications to the proposals made in the original petition. At this stage, this is not the council's preferred option, however if a new parish council were to be created we think it should be called 'Spitalfields & Banglatown Parish Council'. We would also like people's views on possible boundary options.
2. Reject the proposal to create a parish council but instead create or strengthen non-parish forms of community governance in the area. At this stage this is the council's recommended option.
3. Reject the proposal to create a parish council and retain existing arrangements. This would involve no change, with Tower Hamlets Council remaining the lowest tier of local government in the area. Current arrangements for community involvement and engagement would continue.

We have set out the full reasons for our draft recommendations in our initial analysis and draft recommendations report which you can find on the council website at [www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/cgr](http://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/cgr).

**Even if you responded to the earlier consultation we still want to hear from you**

We will be distributing a phase two consultation document to all households in the wards of Spitalfields & Banglatown and Weavers. If you live outside the area or you do not receive a copy, please go to our website where you can view or download it [www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/cgr](http://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/cgr).

We are inviting you to comment online on the council's website. This is our preferred and most cost effective method of collecting consultation feedback. However, if this is not possible and you require a printed version of the consultation questions or need support completing the questionnaire, please email [CGR@towerhamlets.gov.uk](mailto:CGR@towerhamlets.gov.uk) or write to:

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All responses must be received by no later than **5pm Tuesday 28 May 2019**.

### **Do you want to know more about parish councils before you decide?**

Come along to one of our drop in roadshows. We will be at the following venues:

- **Tuesday 2 April, any time between 4 and 7.30pm, at the Osmani Centre, 58 Underwood Road, London E1 5AW**
- **Wednesday 1 May, any time between 4 and 7.30pm, at St Hilda's Community Centre, 18 Club Row, London E2 7EY**
- **Saturday 11 May, any time between 10am and 2.30pm, at the Brady Arts & Community Centre, 192-196 Hanbury Street, London E1 5HU**

The National Association of Local Councils has published a booklet called All About Local Councils. This is for anyone wanting to know more about parish, town, community and neighbourhood councils. You can find it at [www.nalc.gov.uk](http://www.nalc.gov.uk).

If you did not respond to the phase one consultation in the autumn or you would like to be removed from our mailing list please contact us at the address above.

Yours sincerely



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