

Item No. 5.	Classification: Open	Date: 26.1.05	Meeting Name: Council Assembly
Report title:		Deputation requests	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		Chief Executive (Borough Solicitor)	

RECOMMENDATION

1. That council assembly consider whether or not to hear the deputation from the Muslim Association of Nigeria (UK)
2. That council assembly consider whether or not to hear a joint deputation from Southwark Group of Tenants (SGTO) and Tenants Council
3. That council assembly consider whether or not to hear the deputation from parents of pupils at Brunswick Park Primary School.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

4. When considering whether to hear each deputation request, council assembly can decide to
 - Receive the deputation at this meeting or a future meeting; *or*
 - That the deputation not be received; *or*
 - Refer the deputation to the most appropriate committee/sub-committee.
5. A deputation shall consist of no more than six people, including its spokesperson. Only one member of the deputation shall be allowed to address the meeting for no longer than 5 minutes. After this time members may ask questions of the deputation for up to 5 minutes. At the conclusion of the questions, the deputation will be shown to the public gallery where they may listen to the remainder of the open section of the meeting.

KEY FACTORS FOR CONSIDERATION

Deputation request from the Muslim Association of Nigeria (UK)

6. The Muslim Association of Nigeria (UK) are seeking support for the Old Kent Road Mosque and Cultural Centre from the council.

Joint deputation request from the SGTO and Tenants Council

7. SGTO and the Tenants Council wish to bring to the council's attention the concerns of tenants and tenants representatives across the borough, following the recent re-organisation of housing management and housing services.

Parents of pupils at Brunswick Park Primary School

8. The deputation concerns the lengthy delays in the building of a sports hall at Brunswick Park primary school. The building is part of Sports England's Space for Sports and Arts programme.

SUPPLEMENTARY ADVICE FROM OTHER OFFICERS

Comments from the Strategic Director of Regeneration on the Muslim Association of Nigeria (UK) deputation

The council's role in any issues arising from the use of the Mosque is limited as the Mosque is a private body on private land. The council can therefore offer support in finding alternative premises or considering any application for new uses of land.

The property department has reviewed the Mosque's requirements and has not been able to identify any suitable property. If we become aware of any such property we will forward details to the Mosque. It will be difficult to provide an alternative centre on the land at the corner of Glengall Road and Old Kent Road as this is designated for planning purposes as Metropolitan Open Land. Development is not normally permitted on such land.

The Mosque may wish to consider seeking professional support and advice. Council officers would be happy to collaborate with the Mosque's advisers in considering any further proposals.

Comments from the Strategic Director of Housing on the SGTO & Tenants Council joint deputation

Please refer to the comments attached to motion no.5 in the members motions report elsewhere on this agenda.

Comments from the Director of Education on the Brunswick Park Primary school

To follow

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Deputation Request File	Town Hall, Peckham Road, London SE5 8UB	Lesley John 020 7525 7228

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