

<b>Item No.</b> 13.	<b>Classification:</b> Open	<b>Date:</b> 20 October 2010	<b>Meeting Name:</b> Council Assembly
<b>Report title:</b>		Late Deputation Request – King's Stairs Gardens	
<b>Ward(s) or groups affected:</b>		All	
<b>From:</b>		Strategic Director of Communities, Law & Governance	

## RECOMMENDATION

1. That council assembly considers whether or not to hear a late deputation from a group of residents from King's Stairs Gardens regarding the Thames Tunnel project (see paragraph 5 below).

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. The Mayor has been notified of the late deputation request. In accordance with council assembly procedure rules, it will be for council assembly on the evening to decide whether or not to suspend the relevant procedures rules. In this instance, council assembly would need to suspend council assembly procedure rule 2.6(7) (deadline for receipt of deputations) and procedure rule 2.6(4) (scope of deputations – referral to the relevant decision making body).
3. When considering whether to hear the 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.
4. 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 ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

### King's Stairs Gardens – Thames Tunnel Project

5. A deputation request has been received from a group of residents from King's Stairs Gardens. The purpose of the deputation is to address councillors on the matter of the Thames Water's proposals to use King's Stairs Gardens as a site for the Thames Tunnel project. The deputation states:

"We are most grateful to the council assembly for giving us the opportunity to address them, even though the deadline for deputations had passed.

"We believe the matter requires the utmost urgency, given that we have only until 20 December to make our case to Thames Water before their first round of consultation

finishes. We are working as a group to alert local residents and muster as much support as possible to demonstrate to Thames Water that we feel their choice of King's Stairs Gardens as a site for the Thames Tunnel project is inappropriate in a local amenity such as this park.

“Our submissions tonight will go much further into why we feel it is of great importance that KSG be protected and an alternative brown-field site be found.”

#### REASONS FOR URGENCY

6. The residents only have until 20 December 2010 to respond to Thames Water before the first round of consultation ends.

#### REASONS FOR LATENESS

7. The request was received after the agenda despatch date of 8 October 2010

#### BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

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

#### AUDIT TRAIL

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