

<b>Item No.</b> 4.	<b>Classification:</b> Open	<b>Date:</b> 16 October 2013	<b>Meeting Name:</b> Council Assembly
<b>Report title:</b>		Other Deputation Requests	
<b>Ward(s) or groups affected:</b>		All	
<b>From:</b>		Proper Constitutional Officer	

1. The following deputation requests were received on issues other than the subject of the themed section of the meeting. The deputations are listed in order of receipt.
2. The third deputation listed was received within the deadline for receipt of deputations but was omitted from the agenda as further advice was being sought on its content.
3. Council assembly procedure rule 2.6 (11) states that no more than three deputations shall be considered at any one meeting. However the meeting can decide to suspend this rule in order to hear more or vary the order.
4. When considering whether to hear a 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*
  - to refer the deputation to the most appropriate committee/sub-committee.

### **Other deputation requests**

#### **1. Camberwell Library and Orchard**

The deputation request states:

Camberwell has needed a proper library for the last 70 years and the current plans to address that need are welcomed!

But, build in haste regret at leisure aptly describes the current plans to build a library that is, on the drawing board, too small by half for current needs and by 2030 will be at best 1/3 the size of what will be needed to house a modern balance of books and computers, study space and meeting rooms.

There is room and need in Camberwell for BOTH a properly built library of well determined size to serve the Camberwell community well into the future and the existing, mature Orchard. We want the council to stop portraying this as either a library or a piece of unusual and much needed open space. There is good reason to doubt the council's sincerity, openness and honesty throughout the history of the battle to retain and cherish a rare oasis of dense quiet green space on an otherwise congested badly planted, planned and built loud urban intersection.

Camberwell Green and the adjacent Orchard are in one of the most cemented, ugly, desolate parts of Southwark. The Orchard must be taken off the table as a building site, for anything.

We want the council to stop an ill conceived plan to jam a very small building called a "library" simply by choice of a word into what could be developed into a spectacular piazza. The problem in this strange left over space in front of the Magistrate's Court is not the Camberwell Green Orchard but all the other awful buildings and the hodgepodge of terrible architecture and design and planning that has characterised this part of Southwark from the moment it stopped being farm land in the 1800's.

## **2. Deputation from Free Healthy School Meals Programme**

The deputation states:

We are a group of parents and grandparents of children at Southwark schools.

We want to bring a deputation to council assembly on 16 October to call on the council to continue with their free healthy school meals programme. We are concerned that the new government scheme falls short of the scheme in Southwark, and with council's under increasing financial pressure, we want to ensure that the council make retaining this scheme for all primary children a priority.

## **3. Deputation from John Kennedy Campaign Group**

The deputation states:

We want to raise pressing and serious concerns about the policy Southwark Council has got for collecting outstanding service charges from leaseholders, particularly in our block, John Kennedy House, on our Estate, the Hawkstone.

We want to know if the council's home ownership unit is talking to the council's financial collection department about specific programmes of major works where very large service charges seem to be generated at the moment – and if perhaps there can be more communication between them, because it appears to us that the council is negotiating with us with one handover these charges and strangling our throats for money with the other?

Surely Southwark council assembly can initiate a policy re-think for us - and all the other leaseholders in Southwark who stand to face sizeable major works service charge bills in the near future.

## BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Deputation Request File	Constitutional Team 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH	Lesley John 020 7525 7228
Council Assembly Procedure Rule 2.6, Southwark Constitution	Constitutional Team 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH	Lesley John 020 7525 7228

## AUDIT TRAIL

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Director of Legal Services	No	No
Strategic Director Finance & Corporate Services	No	No
<b>Cabinet Member</b>	No	No
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