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Dear Resident,

I am writing to advise you about the Council's ambition to provide new affordable homes for rent on Council-owned land within your area. The Council would also like to invite you to an initial consultation event to seek your views.

Tower Hamlets is a densely populated borough with over 250,000 people living in eight square miles at the heart of London's east end. In addition, the Council currently has over 18,000 households on the Council's Common Housing Register awaiting to bid for an affordable rented home.

There is an urgent need to provide housing for local residents in order to build and develop settled communities. One of the Council's key themes is to create 'A great place to live'. The Mayor is committed to making Tower Hamlets a place where people live in high quality and affordable homes, which are well-designed, built to modern space standards, energy efficient and make a positive contribution to the local environment. In addition 10% of new homes will be adapted for people with disabilities.

In order to meet this challenge, over the next 4 years the Council is aiming to deliver 1,000 new affordable homes. As part of a borough-wide approach areas of land have been identified within existing estates for the development of new homes. An area within your neighbourhood has been considered to have the potential for delivering these plans, subject to planning permission.

The proposed new homes will be built by the Council with 50% let at social rent levels and 50% at the Tower Hamlets Living rent level, as recommended in the Mayor's 2016 Affordability Commission report. The allocations of the new homes will be on the basis of assessed housing need to households currently on the Council's Common Housing Register.

The Council also aims to make sure that some of the new homes will be available for local residents in housing need.

The Council is keen to engage with residents at an early stage and obtain feedback which will be used to inform the design and layout of the new development and the environmental improvements in the local area. To enable this, an initial drop-in session has been organised with Council officers and architects from Rivington Studios who will be available to answer any questions you may have.

The consultation events will be held on:

- **Monday 29th January 2018 between (2pm -7pm) and**
- **Saturday 3rd February 2018 between (10am – 1pm) at**
Wapping Children's Centre
15 Chandler Street
London
E1W 2QL

If you have any questions about the proposed development in the meantime, please contact Monju Ali, on 0207 364 2962 or email at monju.ali@towerhamlets.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely,

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