

**COUNCIL MEETING – DEPUTATION/PETITION REQUEST FORM**

NAME OF DEPUTATION/PETITION LEADER: Frank Lampen

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Name and contact details of other proposed attendees (maximum of 6 plus deputation leader):

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**Does any member of the deputation have access requirements? If so, please tell us what they are:**

**No**

**Have you submitted a deputation request to the Council before? If so, please give details:**

The South Hampstead Flood Action Group which is supporting this deputation from a Belsize Road resident had a deputation to council in autumn 2021.

**Please summarise below the key points you wish to make at the Council meeting (continue on a separate sheet if necessary):**

1. We would like Thames Water (TW) and Camden Council (LBC) to undertake a comprehensive investigation of the condition of Belsize Road together, one which incorporates detailed knowledge of local geology and hydrology to ensure it gives a full view of the likely risk of further erosion and subsidence in the road, and therefore, ongoing and increased risk to the two major water pipes. It appears that TW and LBC have not liaised on the state of the road to share knowledge. LBC Highways department must be aware of the issues due to the time and effort they have spent on repairs.
2. In addition to the flow and pressure monitoring TW have in place, we would like TW to monitor the movement of pipes or stress on pipes and surrounding material in high-risk locations such as Belsize Road.
3. We would like TW and LBC to reconsider their current risk assessment – and consequent (low) priority level assigned to updating the pipes on Belsize Road – to take full account of the specific conditions of the road, surrounding geology, hydrology, acknowledged poor condition of the 15" pipe, and experience of recent incidents. Some of the information and justification of the current low prioritisation for further work does not appear to take into account all relevant information, or contains assertions on matters such as soil composition and traffic which local residents and their expert advisors believe are inaccurate. As per Q1 it also does not appear to have come from any coordinated evaluation by TW and LBC Highways department.
4. We would like TW to share further detail on the decision matrix used to prioritise areas for renewal and investment – to show how the potential impact of pipe fractures in a specific location (such as Belsize Road) is estimated, and to show the extent to which the compounding effect of different risks (co-location of 42" main, a corroded 15" pipe, a sewer bottleneck, a history of severe flooding, an underground river, and many basement flats) is considered. TW data shared on incidents/per year/per km of different roads are interesting, but there is clearly a major difference in economic and human terms between a bit of water leaking out of a crack in the road, and incidents like the Belsize Road December 2022 burst water main.
5. We would like TW to confirm in detail the work that has been done on the sewers and valves in and leading down to Belsize Road, and what has been agreed around installing non-return valves (NRVs) to mitigate the risk of flooding due to heavy rainfall events. Residents do not have up to date information on the extent to which these risks have been mitigated and some have not had a good experience with TW in the evaluation of eligibility for TW to install NRVs, or other practical flood prevention measures.
6. We would also like TW and LBC to work much more proactively together to prevent future flooding. E.g. they should:
  - Insist that developers upstream of flood zones install rainwater attenuation tanks when they extend buildings, and underneath any remaining paths and hard standing.
  - Take a comprehensive large scale joint approach to installing sustainable urban drainage systems upstream, including 'depaving' and placing attenuation tanks/vortex drops (as for Maygrove Peace Park and as Westminster has for Maida Vale) and to stopping property owners paving over their rear as well as front gardens.

## **GUIDANCE FROM THE COUNCIL'S [CONSTITUTION](#) \***

### **Deputations and petitions**

Anyone likely to be affected by a matter in which the authority has functions, or which affects that area of the authority, or some of it, or the inhabitants of that area, or some of them may ask that a deputation or a petition should be received by a meeting of the Council.

A deputation request should be made in writing to the Chief Executive (via the contact listed below) setting out the reason why the deputation should be received, by no later than 12noon, three working days before the meeting to which it relates.

The person making the deputation request shall indicate what the deputation is about, the number (no more than 7), names and addresses of the persons who will form the deputation, and the member of the deputation who will address the Council.

Requests to present petitions to Council will be considered in line with the Council's Petition Scheme (Part 5 of the Constitution).

The Mayor will decide whether the deputation or the petition is to be received or not, or whether the deputation or the petition should be heard by another body. In deciding whether or not to redirect a deputation or the petition to another body the Mayor will amongst other things consider whether the matter could benefit from an in-depth analysis which could not be provided at Council, whether it is of wide interest to the Borough and whether the deputation or the petition has already been aired recently at another Council body. A maximum of three deputations or petitions will be taken at each Council meeting with the Mayor deciding which to accept with an overall maximum time allocated to deputations and petitions of 30 minutes.

### **At the meeting**

When called, the spokesperson or Petition Organiser may speak for three minutes. The Mayor will ensure that the remarks are relevant and that the speaker refrains from personal attacks.

Members may then ask questions of the deputation. Six minutes per deputation or petition is allowed for this, to include responses from the depute(e)s/petitioner(s).

After the deputation or petition has been heard the appropriate Cabinet Member or committee chair may respond in a speech no longer than three minutes.

No deputation or petition may appear before the Council again within the next three months on the same or a similar subject.

## **Data Protection - What will we do with the information that you have provided to us?**

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\* Part 4 of Camden's Constitution, 'Procedure Rules and Standing Orders'