

**Defend  
Council  
Housing**

**PUBLIC  
MEETING**

**NO TO DEMOLITION  
AND PRIVATISATION**

**YES TO DECENT,  
SECURE, SAFE  
COUNCIL HOMES**

**with:**  
**Treves and Lister residents,  
Eileen Short, DCH  
and Holland estate reps who  
defeated demolition plans**

- Last month, Tower Hamlets Council tried to sneak through demolition orders for Treves and Lister Houses in Whitechapel. Residents quickly got organised and the Council has backed off – for now.
- We need to make sure this plan is dropped permanently. No to demolition – we demand safe, secure homes

**Wednesday  
23rd  
August  
6.30pm**

**at the  
Osmani  
Centre  
Vallance Rd/  
Underwood Rd,  
E1 5AW**



Tower Hamlets Council say ‘consultation’ would take place after demolition orders were issued. This is a disgraceful way to behave at any time. But weeks after the Grenfell Tower disaster, once again the council is treating us, our homes and communities with contempt.

Councils are public bodies spending public money – they need to be open and accountable, and stop dirty deals and divide and rule tactics.

For years, residents of Treves and Lister have been promised repairs and improvements they’re entitled to. Now the Council wants to demolish the blocks

and ‘do a deal’ with developers.

They claim they will build more homes for local people. But talk about ‘affordable’ housing is a joke. What they’re really trying to do is cash-in on high land values (boosted by Crossrail) and make Whitechapel a ‘destination’ for the new civic centre.

Across London, many estates face a similar threat. Demolition means:

- Tenants forced out, with higher rents and less legal protection.
- Leaseholders getting a fraction of the market value for their home.
- Breaking up communities.
- Big profits for private developers.

- Fewer genuinely affordable homes for rent.

Instead of demolition, we demand investment. Demolition and redevelopment is always more expensive than bringing homes up to the standard residents deserve. It’s bad for the community, the environment and for the next generation – we all need safe, secure homes we can afford.

Tower Hamlets and other councils need to stop the dodgy deals with developers – instead do a deal with us, to stand by the community that elected you and the homes we need.

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