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SUBMISSION BY EASTENDHOMES LTD TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND ON ITS DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NEW ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

Dear Sirs

EastendHomes Ltd (EeH) is a local registered provider (Housing Association) and a registered charity.

EeH has over 3,500 homes (tenanted and leasehold) across Tower Hamlets. Some of the estates are clustered in distinct geographical areas including what are known as the Mile End East estates. These number some 1,500 properties and comprise the following estate areas:

British Street estate;
Eric/Treby estate;
Bede Estate

We understand that the Commission proposes significant changes to the ward arrangements in this area and we are concerned that the proposals do not take account of the existing communities and the strong links which exist between them. We would therefore urge the Commission to reconsider the proposal to separate the estate area by the transfer of the British Street estate from the Mile End ward into Bromley North.

EeH estates currently in Mile End ward, are widely known and referred to by local residents as the Mile End East estates: They form a natural community and were transferred to EastendHomes as a single entity as part of a stock transfer from Tpwer Hanlets council in 2005. The management of the estates (British Street, Eric/Treby and Bede) are overseen by a single local estate board comprising residents from the three constituent estates. EastendHomes housing management office for the area is located in the heart of these estates and it is logical for the British Street estate to remain within the Mile End Ward as part of these unified management arrangements. There are also community links within and between the estates which are very strong.

Given the above, we would therefore strongly recommend that the Boundary Commission reconsider the current proposals and agree that existing boundary between the Mile End and Bromley North wards is retained.

Yours Faithfully

Paul Bloss
Chief Executive.
EastendHomes