



## REQUEST FOR A DISPENSATION TO SPEAK AND/OR VOTE WHERE A MEMBER / CO-OPTED MEMBER HAS A DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST

The granting of dispensations is a function of the Standards Committee and its Dispensations Sub-Committee. Authority to grant some straightforward applications has also been delegated to the Town Clerk. You are advised to read the policy and guidance on the granting of dispensations before completing this form.

Please complete this form electronically and email it to [declarations@cityoflondon.gov.uk](mailto:declarations@cityoflondon.gov.uk). Alternatively, paper forms can be submitted to the Committee and Member Services Team in the Town Clerk's Department, but typed forms should be provided if at all possible. Please submit your application as soon as possible after becoming aware that a dispensation is required.

Name:

Date:

### Dispensations available from the Town Clerk

I request a dispensation until the Ward elections in 2021 to enable me:

- to speak and vote on the setting of council tax
- to speak as a member of the public on planning applications
- to speak as a member of the public on licensing applications
- to speak on general housing matters

### Please complete the rest of this form if you are applying for any other dispensation from the Standards Committee

Please describe the nature of the disclosable pecuniary interest that would otherwise prohibit you from speaking and/or voting:

My wife Paula and I are joint long leaseholders of 133 Cromwell Tower, Barbican, EC2Y 8DD. We also rent 3 baggage stores in Cromwell Tower.

I confirm that the interest is already included in my register of interests in respect of being long leaseholders.

I confirm that I will register the interest within 28 days in respect of baggage storage

I request a dispensation to enable me to:

speak

vote

on the following matter(s):

1. car parking spaces and private storage spaces, relating to Barbican residential estate
2. Fire safety matters affecting the Barbican Estate post Grenfell including those relating specifically to the Towers.

for a specific committee meeting or meetings, or for a specific period, as follows:

Barbican Residential Committee meetings

Until the Ward elections in March 2021

1. Renewal of current dispensation. I have just been nominated onto the BRC as one of the reduced number of resident representatives. I have been a member of the Working Party on this complex and difficult issue for a number of years. The next meeting of BRC is on 14 September and I would like to speak on the matter and offer myself to serve.
2. This matter is extremely likely to be discussed at the BRC of 14<sup>th</sup> September and future BRC meetings

1. have special knowledge as a member of the previous Working Parties on this difficult and complex topic. I am also a member of the Barbican Estate's electric vehicle parking Working Party.
2. I was nominated by the Chairman of the BRC last year as 'Resident's Champion' to help (with the Deputy Chairman) to help progress with officers the resolution of outstanding Fire safety problems.

The Estate is well constructed and historically has been very safe. However, the Grenfell Tower tragedy indicated the need for some areas of concern to be urgently investigated. Several serious problems have now come to light which are being pursued. Given the risk to life it is essential that as much experience as is available be brought to bear until solutions are agreed and implemented.

Although some issues are common to all the Estate the Towers have special problems eg relating to their height, construction and subsequent modification which 3 years after Grenfell still require urgent resolution. As a resident since 1992 and Chairman of the Cromwell Tower House Group (RTA) for over 15 years I was especially well placed to deal with this.

Post Grenfell, as Cromwell Chairman, I attended the only full rehearsal of the Fire Brigade to deal with a Barbican Tower Block Fire.

This revealed that the only escape route for all 111 flats on 39 floors, a single staircase, was completely blocked by the Brigade meaning individual escape was not possible. After arrival in sufficient numbers to start their work (15 to 20 minutes) it took the Brigade over 20 minutes to reach the eighth floor. By which time most of their oxygen had run out.

Last year, having read almost every page of the Grenfell report, I attended a senior meeting with the London Fire Brigade arranged by Andrew Carter. This enabled me to raise issues with them and gain an understanding of their perspective and capabilities.

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Please provide any relevant information in support of your application, including a consideration of the statutory grounds for granting a dispensation (paragraph 13) and the additional factors (Appendix 3) set out in the policy:

N.B. If you are applying for a dispensation to vote please comment specifically on Appendix 3, paragraph (b), points (i)-(iv).