



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

Requests for dispensations are considered by a Panel of Independent Persons, or by the Monitoring Officer in urgent cases. 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 without reference to the Panel

I request a dispensation until the Ward elections in 2025 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

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

- I confirm that this interest is already included in my register of interests, or
- I confirm that I will register this interest within 28 days

I request a dispensation to enable me to:

speak

vote

on the following matter(s):

The development of London Wall West

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

Until the Ward election in March 2025

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).

As a new member, I may be being overly cautious to apply for any dispensation regarding the London Wall West development. My flat is on the 35<sup>th</sup> floor of Shakespeare Tower and faces north and west – not south towards the current Museum of London and Bastion House site. I therefore have no interest compared with flats with a view of St Paul's. I am wary, however, of preparing to vote on this development in case others consider that I have an engaged pecuniary interest. Perhaps consideration may be made firstly whether I do have an engaged interest or not – as that would resolve whether a dispensation is needed.

Commenting specifically on Appendix 3, para (b):

- I do not know on the numbers prohibited from participation, would suggest that it is crucial for public confidence to have Ward representatives to speak on behalf of constituents. In common with all other Ward councillors, I identified the London Wall West development in my election manifesto as one where constituents views need to be heard.
- it is in the interests of residents in the Ward to have one of their elected representatives to speak and vote on their behalf. They would otherwise be disadvantaged by reduced representation on an issue of democratic interest and impact.
- it is in the interests of non-resident constituents in the Ward to have one of their elected representatives to speak and vote on their behalf. They would otherwise also be disadvantaged by reduced democratic representation on issues of interest and impact. This includes the two livery halls situated in the Ward.