



COUNCIL MEETING – 25 June 2015

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC

- a Mr Danny Simani to Councillor James Murray, Executive Member Housing and Development

Most disabled people live alone. According to police records, there were over three hundred disabled hate attacks reported to police in London in 2012. A member of my family and I were victims of such an incident in 1991 whilst living in a Council flat in the Andover estate. Several youth addicts kicked down the front door and jumped on my relative's bed, cutting their forehead. Their life was saved by swift police action, as they took my relative to Whittington Hospital in their car. The Council discrimination officer ordered our transfer to lower Hilldrop estate. In fear of a repetition of another discriminatory or disability hatred attack, I added front door and window security in 1995 without any Council objection and on three occasions since this has saved me from being attacked.

I would like to know why Islington Mayor is taking me to the Clerkenwell County Court in order to obtain injunction forcing me to dismantle my present safety security so that the Council contractors can install double glazing while knowing that remaining alive with the aid of security features is surely more important and beneficial to me than being dead in a flat with double glazing?

- b John Ackers to Councillor Claudia Webbe, Executive Member for Environment and Transport

Waltham Forest council should be congratulated on their Mini Holland project and in particular the introduction of filtered permeability and public realm improvements into Walthamstow Village, which the council says will reduce traffic flow on residential streets. Can comparisons be made between Walthamstow Village and Highbury West – is their Orford Road, which is being closed to motorised traffic, the equivalent of our Gillespie Road?