

# Camden Leaseholders' Forum

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**We are an independent group** speaking for those paying service charges to Camden Council. We tackle major issues to improve Council services, and advise individuals through our website.

**[www.wearecamden.org/leaseholders](http://www.wearecamden.org/leaseholders)**: see details of our meetings (all welcome to attend!), agendas, minutes from previous meetings plus guides, news updates and discussions boards.

## Mailing List

Join over 700 people on our mailing list; recent newsletters have highlighted the major works consultations, proposed landlord license changes, caretaking scrutiny and solar panel installations. And, you can send us messages seeking and giving information. To be in the loop, sign up... details at the bottom.

## March '15 topics update

Here are our main current areas of work; feed in comments and information to help us help you with them:-

- **Billing**; We are pressing for better information with bills, so you can easily check what you are expected to pay; also let us know what you want extra information you want on the "Camden Account" website.
- **Regeneration & HS2**; We got better offers for those leaseholders who face losing their homes but continue to press for more. We want to understand the valuations put on their existing homes, and used to charge them for new ones, to be sure they are fair.
- **Procurement**; We are working with Officers procuring the new contracts for large-scale works to ensure they are clear, enforceable, enforced and do not allow the contractors to inflate costs for poor works.
- **Service charges**; We want clear and better guidance on what is chargeable and what is not; to be sure it is applied; and the calculations are correct and clearly explained.

## You can influence Camden Council!

**This Forum has met and worked for three years. It has been an active and well-attended one, but inevitably some members have left us so we have empty places. New faces are also always welcome. Our time is almost up and there will be elections around the time of the next update (September '15). Do you WANT TO GET INVOLVED? The basic commitment is to come to Forum meetings every 6 weeks, but then it's up to you as to what happens! Why not come to one of our meetings in the meantime, to discover more and see for yourself? That's the way many of our members decided to stand!**

Next meetings are:      6.45pm, Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> May                      6.45pm, Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> June  
                                 6.45pm, Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> July                      6.45pm, Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> September  
                                 ...all at Camden Town Hall, Judd Street, WC1H 9JE, in the Council Chamber



**Dr Peter Wright, Chair,  
For the Forum**

## Where can I find out more information?

**Our website.** [www.wearecamden.org/leaseholders](http://www.wearecamden.org/leaseholders)

**Our mailing list.** Email: [leaseholdersforum@wearecamden.org](mailto:leaseholdersforum@wearecamden.org) Write "subscribe" in the subject line.

## How do I contact the Forum?

1. Join the website and send a message on it, or send an email to the above address.
2. Leave a message for us with Richard Stratford (our secretary) on 020 7974 6884.