



## For immediate release

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### **Brodick House lifts off**

A £350,000 project to renew the old and unreliable lifts at Brodick House will see residents safely home in October.

Tower Hamlets Homes Chief Executive, Gavin Cansfield said: "The old lifts were not only slow and out of date but also prone to breaking down frequently, costing a lot to repair.

"The new safer lifts will improve the lives of residents by getting them home quicker and costing less in the long run."

Tower Hamlets Council's Lead Member for Housing and Development, Cllr Marc Francis, commented: "I've had to carry a baby's push chair to the top floor of Brodick House when the old lift broke down, so I know what a nightmare that can be for older residents and young mums.

"Residents living in our tower blocks have a right to expect lifts that are reliable and so we are working with Tower Hamlets Homes to renew as many old and unreliable lifts as we can each year."

Resident Shirley Gee said the lift was quicker and running smoother than the old one.

Shirley said: "I am very happy about the lift. It does the job efficiently."

The first of the two new lifts in the 20 story tower block is almost twice as fast as the old one, taking residents up at two meters per second.

Works on the second lift are currently underway and is expected to be up and running by 18 March 2010.

Gavin said: "This project is a part of our commitment to improving living conditions for Tower Hamlets Homes residents and making a visible impact to their neighbourhoods."

The new lifts will also be more energy efficient than the old ones so will not only save residents time but also lend a hand to the environment.

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**Notes to editor:**

1. The lift speed of 2 meters per second is 4.5 miles per hour.
2. Tower Hamlets Homes (THH) is an arm's-length management organisation (ALMO) managing approximately 22,000 tenants and leasehold properties on behalf of the Tower Hamlets council. [www.towerhamletshomes.org.uk](http://www.towerhamletshomes.org.uk)

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