

## For immediate release

**Date: 30 January 2009**

### **Malmesbury makeover - Tower Hamlets estate gets major facelift**

Extensive new lighting, pavements and improved open spaces - along with more efficient waste storage and fresh licks of paint around the estate – are among major improvements set to be completed on the Malmesbury Estate by the end of the week, on time and on budget.

The works form the first stage of a £150,000 package to improve the look and feel of the Bow estate - funded as part of a boroughwide £7.5million council investment programme and carried out by Tower Hamlets Homes.

Tower Hamlets Homes Chief Executive Gavin Cansfield said the project, which started in September 2008, has so far brought significant improvement to the estate.

Mr Cansfield said: "Tower Hamlets Homes is all about improving the service for residents - getting the basics right and going that 'extra mile'.

"The Malmesbury Estate makeover shows that we are making progress and demonstrates our real commitment to delivering decent neighbourhoods for all our residents."

"We are now in the process of applying for funding to landscape public spaces in the neighbourhood," Mr Cansfield added.

"If all goes to plan, we should be starting this work by mid-March and will be completed by the end of November."

Tower Hamlets Cabinet member for Housing and Development, Cllr Marc Francis, commented: "The work taking shape on Malmesbury is a great example of the vastly improved environment we'd like to see on all our estates. We will continue to work hand-in-hand with Tower Hamlets Homes so that our residents get the decent neighbourhoods they deserve."

The scheme is funded by cash contributed by private developers to improve local community facilities, through 'section 106' planning contributions negotiated as part of the planning process.

## **ENDS**

### **Notes to editor:**

1. Tower Hamlets Homes (THH) is an arm's-length management organisation (ALMO) managing approx. 22,000 tenants and leasehold properties on behalf of the Tower Hamlets council. Tower Hamlets Homes, which went live on 7 July 2008, is a not-for-profit and 100% owned by the TH Council. [www.towerhamletshomes.org.uk](http://www.towerhamletshomes.org.uk)

### **Press contacts:**

For more information please contact: Lee Lixenberg – Tower Hamlets Council Communications, email: [lee.lixenberg@towerhamlets.gov.uk](mailto:lee.lixenberg@towerhamlets.gov.uk), tel.020 7364 4754

Melissa Lathouras, Tower Hamlets Homes, email: [melissa.lathouras@towerhamletshomes.org.uk](mailto:melissa.lathouras@towerhamletshomes.org.uk), tel. 020 7364 7359