

## 17. RESIDENTS' GROUPS BY APPOINTMENT

Ms Belle Melzer of the Inner City East Neighbourhood Group read a prepared statement to the Board expressing the concern of the Group at the Council's purchase of a block of land at 250-254 Gloucester Street and the proposed demolition of the bedsitter apartment buildings on this land. Ms Melzer claimed that the action taken by the Council had been totally without consultation with affected groups and that the proposed Council accommodation was inappropriate to the needs of the low income people who obtain mutual support and a sense of community from living together in bedsitter type accommodation. The Neighbourhood Group asked the Council to reject the proposed design and urged that the Council follow its own consultation policy. Ms Melzer asked the Board to present the concerns of the Inner City East Neighbourhood Group to all Councillors as a matter of urgency.

The Board **decided** to ask the Community Manager to raise these concerns with the Legal Services Manager and to report back on this matter to the Community Board and to the Inner City East Neighbourhood Group.

Councillor Cox retired from the room for the consideration of this matter and took no part in the discussion and voting on this request.