

TOWER HAMLETS COMMUNITY HOUSING

Satellite Dishes and Other Aerials - Policy

1. Statement of intent

- 1.1 The THCH Satellite Dishes policy is designed to strike a fair balance about allowing residents access to satellite transmissions and protecting both the appearance and structure of our buildings.

2. Guidance

- 2.1 This policy is designed to be used either when a resident applies for written consent to install a satellite dish or when a resident has installed a dish without permission.
- 2.2 More and more THCH buildings are built using modern methods of construction with non-traditional facings to a building. These materials are not designed to withstand the wind-loading of a satellite dish and carry warranties which would be compromised by unregulated fixtures.
- 2.3 Where a communal TV aerial system is provided by THCH;
- 2.3.1 Permission will not be given to any resident of a flat or maisonette to fix a satellite dish to any part of the structure of the building or in any garden or in or on any communal part of the building(s).
- 2.3.2 Permission will be given to any resident of a flat or maisonette to erect a satellite dish on their private balcony provided that the structure shall not be permanent or fixed to any part of the building(s).
- 2.3.3 The resident shall be responsible for meeting the cost of making good any damage to THCH's property as a result of the erection or removal of any satellite dish.
- 2.3.4 All residents in a block will contribute to the cost of a communal satellite dish system even when they have their own dish.
- 2.4 THCH will allow satellite dishes to be fixed to a house or erected in the garden provided that it will be the responsibility of the resident to obtain planning permission where necessary.

- 2.5 THCH will remove unauthorised satellite dishes or aerials and recharge the cost of that work and for making good when necessary.
- 2.6 The term resident in this policy shall include tenant, lessee, shared-owner or any other persons occupying a dwelling with the permission of THCH.
- 2.7 The term building shall include fencing and fence posts.
- 2.8 This policy will be reviewed every three years.

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