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Mary Ney Chief Executive Royal Borough of Greenwich Town Hall, Wellington Street Woolwich, London SE18

Dear Mary Ney,

It saddens me to learn that the Secretary of State Rt. Hon. Eric Pickles has ordered to Borough to cease the publication of Greenwich Time.

Greenwich Time is the only local paper which is received by all households including our large Muslim Community, young and old, and it provides us very useful source of information for all residents on council services as well as other community activities. Greenwich Times played an important role in bringing news to the residents of Borough during Olympic Games and made it very exciting.

Fact that Greenwich Times is produced Weekly has been particularly important during the times of potential community tension when the paper has been used to provide statements from all community and faith communities which has helped to reassure residents and build harmony between the different parts of community. I have been pleased to be part of that on behalf of the Muslim community in the Borough.

Furthermore, Greenwich Times is also a great source of information on jobs, social housing, planning applications as well as entertainment.

I can assure you that discontinuation of its publication will most definitely leave a huge gap in the lives of our elderly and unemployed who look forward to reading it each week.

I would like to request the Secretary of State to re consider his decision on this matter so that the residents of this Borough can continue enjoying and benefiting by reading their favourite Weekly Newspaper.

Thank you so much and I look forward reading the Greenwich Times for many years to

Yours sincerely,

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