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Response form

Publicity Code Consultation 2013

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Questions:

1. Views on the proposed legislation are invited, and in particular do consultees see the proposals as fully delivering the commitment to give greater force to the Publicity Code by putting compliance on a statutory basis?

I live in Tower Hamlets. The mayor appears to be driving a coach and horses through the code. The Council paper still appears weekly and appears to cost a considerable sum each year.

2. If there is alternative to the power of direction, how will this meet the aim of improved enforcement of the code?

I have no view. The weekly newspaper should not be paid for by the taxpayer.

 This consultation invites evidence of the circumstances where the code was not met and the implications of this on competition in local media

I could send you copies of the Tower hamlets newspaper but I suspect you are fully aware of it. It is damaging the viability of the local newspaper, the East London Advertiser now merged with its Docklands sister paper.