

## Editor's Comment

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# Homelessness amongst great opportunities

In Newham there exists massive opportunity with key developments expected to bring prosperity.

Love it or hate it, the expansion of London City Airport means jobs and investment, the impressive plan to redevelop Royal Albert Dock has potential to create 20,000 jobs. Going forward the council and key players in these will need to plan and create opportunities for local people to thrive.

Amongst the vast opportunities the borough offers, there is much desperation. A bloated housing list is worrying. Years of funding cuts, fall-out from the economic downturn and rise in cost of living has left many families homeless. That's why the work of Caritas Anchor House, a homeless charity and shelter helping hundreds of people each year, is a vital lifeline for the borough. Without its support families would simply fall through the cracks and not survive.

If you would like to make a donation to a local cause please support the Home and Hope Appeal, as it aims to raise a further £2.8million to reach its

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£15.2million target and build studio flats and training facilities for the homeless.

