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MORLEY HOUSE RENAMED NELSON MANDELA HOUSE

Pre-War Morley House, recently given a new lease of life by Hackney Council, will also get the new name of Nelson Mandela House on Thursday, April 19, in recognition of Nelson Mandela's struggle against apartheid in South Africa.

The re-naming of the block is intended to help promote good race relations in the borough, to demonstrate the Council's solidarity with the ideals of Nelson Mandela, and to highlight his plight in fighting South Africa's discriminatory racial laws.

Situated at 124/8 Cazenove Road, N16, the 1938 housing estate was identified in 1978/79 for the Pre-War Estate Improvement Programme.

Renovation works, which included higher quality fixtures and fittings and greater space standards were completed last year and the 78 flats are now fully tenanted.

The naming ceremony commemorates Nelson Mandela's 22nd year of imprisonment in South Africa. It also coincides with the success of the song 'Free Nelson Mandela' by the band, the Special AKA.

A video of the group performing the song will be shown after Council Leader Anthony Kendall unveils the plaque at 11.00 a.m.

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The plaque is inscribed as follows:-

This block was re-named Nelson Mandela House in support of Nelson Mandela in his valiant struggle against Apartheid in South Africa, and was officially opened by the Leader of Hackney Council, Anthony Kendall, on Thursday 19th April, 1984.

"During my lifetime I have dedicated myself to this struggle of the African people. I have fought against white domination, and I have fought against black domination. I have cherished the ideal of a democratic and free society in which all persons live together in harmony and with equal opportunities. It is an ideal which I hope to live for and to achieve. But if needs be, it is an ideal for which I am prepared to die".

Nelson Mandela, 20th April, 1964.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: Reporters and photographers are invited to attend the opening ceremony at 11.00 a.m.

In order that there are sufficient car parking spaces on the day could you please confirm your attendance on 986-3123 ext.384/202. Ask for Peter Coltelli.