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AMA SETS RECORD STRAIGHT ON 24-HOUR MARKET PROJECT, DETAILS THREE-MONTH STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENTS

The Accra Metropolitan Assembly (AMA) has taken notice of misinformation being circulated by a section of the public concerning the proposed 24-Hour Market at Agboghloshie and wishes to set the record straight.

For more than three months, the Assembly, led by the Mayor of Accra, Hon. Michael Kpakpo Allotey has engaged groups and individuals whose activities, livelihoods, or properties may be affected by the implementation of the project.

These engagements have involved traditional authorities, market leaders, traders, occupants within the project area, and other relevant stakeholders, including the leadership of the Yam Market, Nzema Market, and Cargo Station.

Discussions have focused on the project design, land requirements, implementation arrangements, movement of traders, continuity of business activities, and measures to minimise disruption to existing economic activities.

The AMA, therefore, wishes to state categorically that the project has not been pursued without consultation, but through sustained dialogue and consensus-building aimed at incorporating and addressing the concerns of affected persons before physical works commence.

Key engagements undertaken by the Assembly include:

July 9, 2026: The Mayor briefed the Ga Mantse, His Royal Majesty King Tackie Teiko Tsuru II, and the Ga Traditional Council on the proposed market, its land requirements and intended implementation arrangements.

July 9, 2026: Following the meeting with the Ga Traditional Council, the Mayor met traders at Agboghloshie, formally introduced the contractor and provided further information on the redevelopment.

July 13, 2026: The AMA met the leadership of the Agboghloshie Yam Market at the City Hall to discuss the proposed siting of the market on portions of the land they currently occupy.

August 4, 2026: The Assembly met chiefs and traditional leaders at Agboghloshie as part of continuing consultations under the 24-Hour Economy initiative. Subsequently, a nine (9) member committee was constituted to oversee the focal areas mentioned above.

Following the engagements, the Assembly served a one-month notice ending **August 31, 2026**, on traders and occupants within portions of Agboghloshie identified as part of the project site.

The Assembly has also held separate engagements with the leadership and representatives of the Yam Market because a portion of the land currently occupied by the market forms part of the area identified for the proposed development.

The AMA wishes to clarify that approximately four acres of land are required for the full implementation of the 24-Hour Market project. Of this requirement, approximately 3.2 acres have so far been identified for the development, including three plots equivalent to 0.48 acres of land within the existing Yam Market area.

This issue has formed an important part of discussions between the Assembly and the leadership of the Yam Market. The AMA has emphasised that the exercise is not intended to arbitrarily displace traders, but to arrive at practical arrangements that will allow the project to proceed while protecting the legitimate interests and livelihoods of affected persons.

The Assembly further wishes to put on record that throughout the more than three months of stakeholder consultations, representatives who participated in the engagements were provided with transportation allowances of not less than GH¢3,000 per meeting to facilitate their participation.

The engagements also provided stakeholders with opportunities to raise concerns, seek clarification and make proposals on land requirements, movement of traders, continuity of business activities and the need for an orderly implementation process.

So far, the parties have agreed on the need for continued dialogue, cooperation, and consultation throughout the implementation of the project. There is also a common understanding that arrangements affecting existing traders should be handled in an orderly manner through direct engagement with their recognised leadership, while communication on project decisions should continue through established stakeholder structures to avoid misinformation, unnecessary anxiety and speculation.

Against this background, the AMA firmly rejects claims that affected stakeholders have been ignored or excluded from discussions on the 24-Hour Market project. The record demonstrates a sustained consultation process involving several engagements over a period exceeding three months, and the Assembly remains committed to ensuring that the redevelopment is undertaken transparently, fairly and with due regard for the livelihoods of persons operating within the project area.

The proposed 24-Hour Market is expected to provide modern infrastructure to support extended commercial activity, improve sanitation and safety, better organise trading, and create employment and economic opportunities in Accra.

The AMA will continue engaging the Yam Market leadership, other affected traders, traditional authorities and relevant stakeholders ahead of the commencement of the main construction works and urges the public to rely on official information from the Assembly rather than unverified claims.

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