

**MUNICIPAL PHYSICAL PLANNING OFFICER MEETS WITH TUMU  
TRADITIONAL AREA ON DEVELOPMENT CONTROL IN THE MUNICIPALITY**

On the 10<sup>th</sup> of May, 2021, a team of staff from the Physical Planning Department of the Sissala East Municipal Assembly had a meeting with the Paramount Chief of Tumu Traditional Area, Kuoro Richard Babini Kanton VI to discuss matters of enforcement of the development controls, permitting and permitting processes as well as alienation of lands for residential, commercial, industrial and other related uses.

This was in response to the continuous increase of unauthorized structures on unauthorized areas within the Municipality. The team educated the Chief and his Elders and all members present on the provisions of the law such as Land Use and Spatial Planning Act of 2016, Act 925, and Local Governance Act 2016, Act 936 and Land Use and Spatial Planning Regulations 2016 LI2384 especially sections 113 to 118 of Act 925, 106 and 107 of Act936 and section 197 of LI2384.

As part of the meeting, some residents indicated that there is continuous increase of temporal structures; **commonly called ‘container’** on access areas within the town and therefore urged the Physical Planning Department and by extension the Municipal Planning Authorities take steps to remove all such structures as provided by law. Responding to that, the Physical planning officer, assured the Chief and his Elders of the department Commitment to ensuring that the planning objectives within the Municipality area achieved and that, all affected persons have already been served with demolition notice prior to the meeting and therefore called for their support.

The Physical Planning Department Officer, Mr. Joseph Yelekpekpi assured the good people of Tumu that, the development within the town will be carried out of with recourse to planning regulations in order to ensure aesthetic and accessibility within the town.

The Physical Planning Officer, Mr. Joseph Yelekyekpi also took the opportunity to solicit the support of the Paramount Chief and his Elders to the Assembly in the preparations of the planning schemes and local plans to guide and direct growth and development of the town. In response, the chief assures him of their total support as far as it inures to the benefits of the people of the town and by extension the Municipality.

The Tumu Kuoru in conclusion remarks, assured the Department of his committed to the course of enforcing development control within the Municipality and thus charged the Department to

strictly enforce the provision of the various regulations to ensure that developments within the Municipality properly sited and all necessary documents obtained prior the development of such properties and any structure short of that should dealt with and also demolition all unauthorized structures.

The Physical Planning Officer thanked the Chief and his Elders the patience exercised their patience and contributions throughout the course of the meeting. He further thanked and encouraged them to continue to render their support to the Planning Authorities as far development within the Municipality was concerned.