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To: [REDACTED]

For your information. You will see from the correspondence below that the Council is now disclaiming responsibility for the Kensington Academy development!

Please let me have your comments on the proposed motion for the Council meeting as quickly as possible. This makes it even more important than before.

Cllr. Judith Blakeman

From: Cllr-Blakeman

Sent: 07 April 2011 11:50

To: Myers, Derek: CP-ChiefExec

Cc: Bradbury, Peter: FCS-GrpSvc; Matthews, Rebecca: FCS-Director; Blake, Libby: FCS-Director; Brill, Tot: TELS-Director; Ramage, Peter: TELS-WasteLeis; Cllr-Cockell

Subject: RE: Kensington Academy

Dear Mr. Myers

Thank you for this reply.

While I understand the point you are making, this is most unhelpful for us as ward councillors. We have residents breathing down our neck at every opportunity. The last half hour of each of our Saturday morning surgeries are dominated by residents asking us questions and raising issues and concerns about the proposal as it affects Lancaster West Estate.

As you will appreciate, residents on the Estate will have their lives fundamentally changed, both during the construction period and afterwards. Some residents tell us that they are experiencing serious anxiety about the lack of information on how the project will affect them. Many are requesting or thinking about requesting urgent transfers because they do not believe they will be able to live comfortably with the Academy on site. Other Borough residents obviously may wish to move on to the Estate precisely because of the presence of the Academy.

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We await the outcome of the consultation on the SPD with some trepidation. A huge number of comments have been made and, from what I have managed to glean thus far, it appears that the Council is to take no account whatsoever of any of the points of concern that have been raised.

Please may we have some sort of comfort that the residents of Lancaster West can be swiftly updated on what is to happen in their immediate backyard. The situation for us as ward councillors is becoming increasingly fraught.

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The Leader has discussed with me your email of the 29th March.

He shares your determination that there should be a series of regular meetings with residents to discuss all the development options.

You know that there have been meetings dealing with the planning guidance and that consultation period has now closed. We have been on pause waiting for the appointment of the DfE project manager. We have to come to terms with the fact that this is not a Council project. It is a new Academy, paid for in part or whole by the Government and with a third party sponsor.

Therefore any engagement has to include the DfE and the sponsor.

It isn't the case that anything is "being done" at present.

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Once we have got DfE engagement we will be able to have more sensible conversations about construction options for the new school and I am sure local residents and local Members will be interested in this information as it becomes clearer.

Any consultation meetings will of course include Council representatives because of our still current ambition for the renewal of the leisure centre.

It remains the Council's ambition that we should move to renew the leisure centre and build a school as part of the same initiative, but with appropriate timing phasing.

This is not however guaranteed, because the DfE see this as a school project alone.

There is no point in Members attending meetings when so much is unclear at present, but I have tasked officers with taking a date in the forward diary before the middle of May so that we can give good notice to local residents and others of the first meeting of the new forum.

Peter Bradbury, is the contact within FCS. There will be appropriate staff fielded from TELS to deal with the detail of our ambitions for the leisure centre.

Derek Myers

Town Clerk and Chief Executive

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