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Subject: RE: Explanation why improvement work to Grenfell Tower on the LWE hasn't started yet.

Dear Mr Awodera

Thank you for your e-mail regarding progress on the refurbishment of Grenfell Tower.

This is an extremely complicated project which requires careful planning and sequencing of work which has taken longer than anticipated. However we have been working closely with residents, Council officers and Planners to ensure that this project meets the requirements of all parties. We are currently considering the implications of the feedback we have received to date and are working with the proposed contractor, Leadbitters, to ensure that the proposed works can be delivered within the project budget.

The planning application designs are currently under review and will be considered once the details of the proposed scheme are finalized. We will have a clearer idea of the likely timescales later in March 2012 and will send a newsletter to all residents of Grenfell House in April 2013.

If you have any further questions at this stage, please let me know.

Regards
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Subject: Explanation why improvement work to Grenfell Tower on the Lancaster West Estate has not started yet.

Dear Mr Paul Dunkerton,

We, the residents of Grenfell Tower, are very concerned with the progress of the regeneration project and scheduled planning application for Grenfell Tower for the following reasons:

1. The Kensington Academy and Leisure Centre newsletter **Summer 2012** (almost nine months ago) confirmed on page 11, "Last month the council's cabinet formally approved £6m worth of investment for improvements to Grenfell Tower on the Lancaster West Estate", but we are yet to be informed of progress.

2. On 22nd July 2012 the newsletter circulated by the project manager- Paul Dunkerton, Siobhan Rumble – Lancaster West- Area Manager & Mark Anderson- Director of Assets & Regeneration to confirm to the residents that, " ideally we wish to deliver the regeneration of Grenfell Tower in **tandem with the new Academy and Leisure centre.**

To ensure we are on schedule a planning application for Grenfell Tower will need to be submitted by the end of August.

The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea planning Department would need approximately 10 weeks to consider the designs, proposed for the regeneration project.

Lead bitter, the appointed contractor anticipates starting the works to Grenfell Tower early in 2013. Additional updates will be provided throughout the project."

3. **On 22nd October 2012** a letter to the tenants of Grenfell Tower was sent by Mr Paul Dunkerton the Project manager to inform the residents that, "this planning application has now been amended and resubmitted to reflect some changes to the scheme at lower levels"
4. **On 20th December 2012** another newsletter of Grenfell Tower regeneration project was dropped written by the Project Manager- Mr Paul Dunkerton & Area manager Siobhan Rumble to notify us that, "it is our intention to display the planning application design in the project room next to the Grenfell Tower reception. This display will be available for residents to view throughout the planning application period. "As residents will be aware planning application for Grenfell Tower regeneration project (GTRP) has been submitted to RBKC Planning department.

"The Project team is working closely with RBKC Planning department to ensure that resident wishes are incorporated in any design changes and the outcome of this process will be shared in the **New Year**".

We are almost at the end of **February 2013** and we the residents of Grenfell Tower are yet to receive an update or outcome of planning application for GTRP (Grenfell Tower Regeneration Project) or when the improvement work is likely to start. But in relation to KALC, the work has been well under way since **December 2012** and the industrial noises, pollution, inconvenience has ensued.

P16 - It is understood that the majority of the significantly impacted material to the far north of the site will be removed from site as part of the basement construction works for the proposed academy building.

P17 - Soils from the heavily impacted area to the north of the site may be classed as Hazardous due to the high level of contamination present.

It was understood by most of the residents and quoting from the newsletter, "ideally we wish to deliver the regeneration of Grenfell Tower in tandem with the new Academy and leisure centre ". If the KCTMO, as a tenant led organisation do really care for the wellbeing of the residents of Grenfell Tower and the surrounding areas, they would realise that construction site has directly impacted our lives not only in terms of convenience but noise. The KCTMO should have begun replacing the windows of Grenfell Tower before or during (i.e. now) the work. In tandem even defeats the point because we will be suffering from noise disturbance. It is a quite worrying development for the residents of Grenfell Tower, although it has come to be expected that the KCTMO say one thing on paper, but deliver the completely opposite. We the residents believe that KCTMO must take responsibilities to delaying to regeneration project unnecessarily and we ought to know the reason for it.

We shall be very grateful if you could update the residents of Grenfell Tower immediately

Yours sincerely

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