

From: Eddie daffarn [REDACTED]
Sent: 02 April 2012 10:07
To: cllr.coleridge@rbkc.gov.uk
Subject: RE: KALC Residents Forum

Dear Tim,

Thank you for your email. I accept what you are saying and apologise to you that things have become so acrimonious between the architect and myself. I shall modify my behaviour towards Andrzej in future.

However, please understand that there is a cause and effect in practice here. The contempt that I show to Andre is simply returning the contempt he has shown our community by deciding to collude 100% with the Council rather than meaningfully involve the local community in his design plans.

For StudioE to sit in front of the Residents Forum claiming that we have been allowed to actively influence this project is deeply insulting. It took me seven weeks and constant emails to get Andrzej to honour his commitment to visit our Estate and when I wrote him an email requesting further local involvement he forwarded my query to Laura Johnson who informed me that the architect was too busy to deal with residents concerns.

Through this and other oppressive actions (please refer to my previous email to you for evidence supporting this assertion) our community has now come to understand that the Council, architect, landscapers, etc, have no intention of facilitating meaningful local participation and, instead, use the Residents Forum as a place where they come to simply update residents on their progress!

This claim is further evidenced by the fact that local residents have been totally ignored by the landscapers despite being promised that we would be able to meet with them.

Running to current form, at the next Residents Forum, the Council and landscapers will be claiming that our community have had an opportunity to have influenced the landscape design! These oppressive actions only fuel the existing anger that brews in our community!

Moving forward, Teresa Miles and I would very much like the opportunity to meet with you to discuss one or two specific points that have recently arisen. Would you be willing to meet us in the Garden Cafe at the Lighthouse at a time of your convenience? Happy to have a quick chat on the phone if you prefer [REDACTED]

Our community does understand that you have listened to us and that you are trying to help instigate some investment for our Estate and, for this, we genuinely thank you.

Kind regards,

Edward Daffarn

Grenfell Action Group.

From: Cllr-Coleridge
Sent: 29 March 2012 14:24
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: KALC Residents Forum

Dear Eddie

As always it was good to see you at the KALC Residents Forum last night.

As a resident of Grenfell Tower your experience and insight into the estate is valuable and you are in a position to make a serious contribution to the consultation, and help to shape the new landscape.

However I must ask you to be a little more restrained when you are speaking with our Architect Andrzej and any other professionals we have at our meetings. They come to explain what they are proposing and to consult with you and others as to what you think and how it would work in practice. To get the best out of consultation we all need to listen to each other and to try and understand what needs to be done for the wider community, and how we can make the best of it for local residents. I am therefore asking that in future you try very hard not to shout at the professionals who come to meet with us, even if you feel strongly about issues as you clearly do. They have to remain restrained and their professional position prevents them from shouting back. Since I chair the meetings and am representing the Royal borough Council I have a duty to make sure that all members of the Forum are treated with respect and with good manners.

I trust you will not take this advice the wrong way, but we will have a more constructive dialogue if we treat each other respectfully.

With best wishes

Tim

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