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Subject: Re: Community rooms and request to meet?
Date: Mon, 24 Aug 2015 18:23:38 +0100

Dear Councillor Blakeman,

Sorry about the confusion re dates and that we missed our opportunity to speak with you on Saturday morning. The group of residents waiting outside the sports centre were actually waiting to come to your surgery when you walked past us.

Anyway, we were wondering if you might possibly be free to meet with a small group of residents this coming Wednesday evening to discuss the loss of our community rooms and one or two other pertinent matters related to the Grenfell Tower Improvement Works?

If your free we could maybe meet in the foyer of the sports centre at around 6.30pm?

We would like to meet with you to draw your attention to the fact that Grenfell Tower residents believe that we have been treated very badly by the RBKC and TMO with regards the sudden loss of our community room where we have been meeting every Wednesday night for over six months (a fact that both RBKC and the TMO should both have been well aware of).

We are dismayed to now learn that our community room is being taken away from us and we wish to highlight and complain that this closure has been forced on us **without notice or consultation**.

We believed that the room was to be used by the Grenfell Under 3 crèche but we now discover that our community rooms are being given over to a nursery that has no connection at all with Lancaster West Estate.

This follows the loss of the Lancaster West community's Resource Centre (between the finger blocks and now the temporary home of the Grenfell Under 3 creche) and the old EMB Community Rooms that have been commandeered by the TMO, again, without consultation.

As you know residents are now forced to meet in the old caretakers office that had, at least, become our home.

Please can you investigate why the residents of our group should lose the only place that we have to meet on the Estate and find out from the RBKC and TMO how they can justify handing over our community rooms to an outside organisation much to the detriment of local Lancaster West residents?

We can only assume that the Muslim homework club and Sunday domino group have been treated in the same shabby manner as ourselves and we wish to demonstrate solidarity and highlight their plight as well as our own.

Please can you specifically ask the RBKC and TMO why they did not consult with our resident group despite knowing that we have been using the community room as a resource for the past six months?

Please can you specifically ask the RBKC and TMO why they have not given our resident group sufficient notice re the closing of our community room and also ask why the TMO have stated that they will not be

helping our group find a new premises to hold our meetings? Do the RBKC and the TMO not have a duty to provide residents with some sort of Community room?

We do not believe that the RBKC have the right to simply throw us out of our community rooms and we would much appreciate if you could fight to return us to our original venue until we secure a more permanent meeting place.

As you know, our group is only in a fledgling stage and we are not robust enough to survive being shunted around from one venue to another and many residents perceive this treatment of our group as an attempt by the TMO and RBKC to undermine us and destroy us before we have a chance to grow. Maybe this is something that the TMO/RBKC might like to reflect upon when they start spouting about wanting to encourage resident engagement on Lancaster West Estate!

Finally, a number of residents would also like to raise concerns about ongoing ill-treatment from the TMO with regards flood damage to their properties and, hopefully, this subject is something that could also be discussed if you happen to be free to meet with us on Wednesday?

We apologise for the short notice of this request and shall look forward to hearing back from you in due course.

Kind regards,

Edward.

On behalf of Grenfell Community Unite