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Sent: 02 June 2014 08:54
To: JudithBlakeman
Subject: Fw: Proposed response: Grenfell Tower Residents Group and other matters.?

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From: emma Dent Coad <[REDACTED]>
To: Judith BLAKEMAN <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, 10 February 2014, 7:48
Subject: Proposed response: Grenfell Tower Residents Group and other matters.?
Double wampit - 48 hours!

Dear Eddie

Like many Cllrs in North Ken I am so overwhelmed with casework that I am having to prioritise urgent cases, which I find very difficult. If I could clone myself I'd still be overworked, so I hope you understand why I can't take on campaigns from other wards for the moment, though I am always happy to be updated with how things are going.

As far as Opera Holland Park is concerned, interestingly quite a number of Tories are also angry about the Council continuing to underwrite the losses, which I find indefensible. It does seem to be an Achilles' heel and as such we raise it regularly, and it will be a major issue in our upcoming alternative Budget, which is the Labour Group's response to how the Council spends y/our money. I am absolutely up for direct action where appropriate, when all else has failed. In the past year, having exhausted all formal processes, we twice formed human chains across the road to stop Wornington Green lorries driving where they are forbidden to go, and just last week I stood in front of a lorry to prevent it carrying out an illegal manoeuvre.

In my opinion a protest on the opening night of OHP might simply antagonise those residents and the few Tories who are also against the continued funding ('divide and rule'), so I don't think I'll be joining you. But let me know how your plans go, I might change my mind nearer the time.

Do let me know if you decide to work with the RA, and how that goes. As I said before, setting up a separate group is very time-consuming, and lets them marginalise and discredit you, and where you have legitimate concerns that would be counterproductive.

kind regards

Emma

From: Edward Daffam <[REDACTED]>
To: emma dent coad <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, 8 February 2014, 17:54
Subject: RE: Grenfell Tower Residents Group and other matters.?

Dear Emma, Thank you for this response and I am sorry to have troubled you. With respect, while I understand that you may not be willing to meet with me as I requested, please could you inform me whether

RBKC Labour would consider working against the Council's plans to socially cleanse our Borough by helping local stakeholders in organising a demonstration outside the opening night of HPO? Regards, Edward Daffarn Grenfell Action Group

Date: Sat, 8 Feb 2014 17:21:05 +0000 From: [REDACTED] Subject: Re: Grenfell Tower Residents Group and other matters.? To: [REDACTED]

Dear Eddie

Thank you for your email.

I'm not in fact Housing and Property spokesperson at the moment, it's Cllr Bob Mingay; I'm spokes on the far more dreary-sounding Cabinet and Corporate Services committee. But I am still on the Housing and Property Committee and do know a bit about the background to this of course.

I see from the email trail that you have the support of the Lancaster West Residents' Association in your request to form a Grenfell Tower Residents' Group. Setting up a separate group that will be actually be recognised is very time consuming and bureaucratic; have you thought of creating a working group within the Residents' Association? Just a thought. I know from my work at Wornington Green that 'they' are prone to discredit any comments or feedback coming from a group they don't recognise.

I understand that the next meeting of the RA is on Tuesday 25 February at 6.30 pm in the EMB Community Rooms. Would you consider maybe attending that meeting to make this suggestion?

Anyway, keep in touch and let me know how you get on.

kind regards

Emma

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<http://emmadentcoad.blogspot.co.uk/2014/02/wornington-green-life-in-sieve.html>

From: Edward Daffarn [REDACTED]
To: emma dent coad <cllr.dentcoad@rbkc.gov.uk>
Sent: Thursday, 6 February 2014, 9:41
Subject: RE: Grenfell Tower Residents Group and other matters.?

Dear Emma, I hope that you are well and I was delighted to hear that you will soon be taking over Leadership of RBKC Labour from Cllr Blakeman. I am writing to you today in your capacity as the Oppositions Housing and Property spokesperson. Please see the below email that demonstrates our landlords', the TMO, refusal to treat residents of Grenfell Tower with respect by refusing to support our need to form a Residents Group to help guide and represent tenants and leaseholders through the upcoming major improvement works to our building. I draw this matter to your attention as residents of Grenfell Tower cannot rely on our own Labour Councillors to support our demand for collective representation. Please can I request the opportunity to visit you at your Surgery or another time of your convenience to discuss how Labour intend to oppose social cleansing in RBKC and whether you would be interested in supporting a demonstration outside the opening night of HPO along with inviting other disaffected resident groups (Save Earls Court Group, Pembroke and Chesterton Sq residents, Kensington Society, the traveling community in Stable Walk, etc)? I will look forward to meeting with you in due course. Kind regards, Edward Daffarn Grenfell Action Group

From: [REDACTED] To: jedwards@kctmo.org.uk CC: [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Subject: RE: Grenfell Tower Residents Group? Date: Fri, 24 Jan 2014 13:55:19 +0000

Dear Ms Edwards, The TMO seem to have a very funny way of promoting resident involvement on Lancaster West Estate and your decision not to assist residents of Grenfell Tower to set up a localised Resident Group to help steer them through the upcoming improvement works is nothing short of scandalous. It seems that you have mistaken a previous attempt by the Grenfell Action Group to gain legitimate recognition from the TMO with our current appeal for a Resident Group to be set up to deal with the aforementioned Grenfell Tower improvement works. It would seem that the TMO are determined to exercise a "divide and rule" policy and deny residents of Grenfell Tower the ability to form a collective group to represent our collective concerns at such a crucial time in the buildings' history. Residents do not want to be solely contacted individually by letter by the TMO as it gives us no power or strength to change things we may not be happy with. We had this experience during the "power surge" crisis and residents have a right to come together to make sure this ill-treatment and disrespect of residents is never repeated. To deny us a legitimate voice is undemocratic and brings great shame on the TMO Resident Engagement Dept. and the TMO organisation as a whole. Be aware that the KALC Project awarded local stakeholders on Lancaster West Estate the sum of 10 thousand pounds to ensure that residents views were taken on board. Residents of Grenfell Tower are looking for an investment from the TMO that would also allow us to access some external support (Planning Aid for London, for example) and ensure residents of Grenfell Tower have a collective voice and proper access to representation and mediation during the improvement works. If you choose to deny us our democratic rights, please can you clearly explain to our community why the residents of Grenfell Tower should not be able to form a Group (with recognition, support and financial assistance from the TMO) to help represent us throughout the improvement works? Regards, Edward Daffarn Grenfell Action Group <http://grenfellactiongroup.wordpress.com/>

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Date: Fri, 24 Jan 2014 10:11:50 +0000 Subject: RE: Grenfell Tower Residents Group?

Dear Mr Daffarn

I write further to Claire Williams e-mail to you below dated 23 January.

I would like to reiterate, as we have done previously, that the TMO are unable to recognise Grenfell Tower Residents Group as there is in existence an RA covering the Lancaster West Estate area. I will again, by separate e-mail, forward the responses you received from Yvonne Birch and myself on this matter in 2012/13.

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From: Claire Williams
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[REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; Janet Edwards
Subject: RE: Grenfell Tower Residents Group?

Dear Mr Daffarn

Further to our conversation of yesterday, I confirm my role is to manage the building project at Grenfell, I have no knowledge or experience in setting up residents groups. I have now established that Janet Edwards of our Resident Engagement Team is the correct person for you to discuss this with. I am copying her into this email so that she can contact you to pick up your issues as below.

Thank you for attending the drop-in session last night to talk through the heating proposals. I heard your parting comment that you understood more about the proposal as a result of your discussion with our mechanical engineer, who designed the system. He was there specifically to pick up some of the more technical questions that residents posed, as we had many residents with quite specific and detailed questions in relation to both the proposed layout and operation of the system.

Regards

Claire Williams
Project Manager

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From: Edward Daffarn [\[mailto:\[REDACTED\]\]](mailto:[REDACTED])
Sent: 22 January 2014 10:04
To: Claire Williams
Cc: TUNDE GLA; christine ra; grenfell leaseholders; shah gla; Tania GAG current; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Grenfell Tower Residents Group?

Dear Ms Williams,

I am writing to you to request that the TMO provide recognition, funds and support so that a Grenfell Tower Residents Group can be set up to help tenants in Grenfell Tower through the upcoming improvement works?

A Residents' Group would allow leaseholders and tenants to come together collectively to make our views and concerns heard and ensure that the TMO conduct this project "with" us rather than doing it "to" us. I have spoken with both the Lancaster West Residents Association and the Grenfell Tower Leaseholders Association and both are in support of the Grenfell Action Group's request for this form of collective representation. Residents of Grenfell Tower shall look forward to receiving a positive response from the TMO to this request in the near future. Regards, Edward Daffarn Grenfell Action

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