
From: Francis O'Connor [REDACTED] >
Sent: 08 April 2013 16:38
To: Edward Daffarn
Cc: Teresa Miles; Grenfell Leaseholders; Paul Dunkerton; Judith Blakeman; Tim Coleridge
Subject: Re: Grenfell Tower info?

Eddie,

Latest information available on the council website indicates that the next scheduled meeting of the MPDC, which had been planned for 23rd April, has now also been cancelled. You may recall that I told you earlier that meetings scheduled for January, February and March had previously been cancelled. Please see the link below.

I think it is long past time that someone in authority explained these delays to us and, more importantly, to the Grenfell Tower community.

http://www.rbkc.gov.uk/committees/Committees/CurrentCommittees/tabid/145/cid/ViewCMIS_CommitteeDetails/mid/605/id/1483/Default.aspx

I was glad to see the Verity Close windows project was approved on 4th April. Grenfell Tower appears to be stuck in Limbo.

Francis

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From: [Edward Daffarn](#)
To: [coleridge k and c](#)
Cc: [Francis verity action group](#)
Sent: Monday, April 08, 2013 2:37 PM
Subject: FW: Grenfell Tower info?

Dear Councillor Coleridge,

I have written to Paul Dunkerton from the TMO on two previous occasions but have yet to receive a reply from him.

Please could you, therefore, inform me what is the current state of affairs with regards the improvements to Grenfell Tower and it's related planning application?

Will the application be submitted in time for the April 18th planning meeting?

Regards,

Edward Daffarn

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From: [REDACTED]
To: pdunkerton@kctmo.org.uk
CC: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Grenfell Tower info?
Date: Thu, 4 Apr 2013 09:06:37 +0100

Dear Paul,

Please can you respond to the email that I sent on 28th March requesting an update with regards Grenfell Tower planning application?

Regards,
Edward Daffarn
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Subject: RE: KALC complaints and issues
Date: Thu, 28 Mar 2013 15:01:57 +0000

Dear Paul,
Please can residents have an update with regards to progress with planning application for Grenfell Tower.
Thank you.
Regards,
Edward Daffarn
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Date: Tue, 26 Mar 2013 09:33:01 +0000
Subject: RE: KALC complaints and issues

Dear Francis,

Thank you for your email.

The TMO are working towards installation of new windows at Verity Close as soon as possible.

I'm pleased to inform you that we have tenders returned from our contractors and will complete an analysis of their returns against value for money and project delivery, with completion of this exercise by the end of the week.

I have been advised that planning application could be considered for determination by end of this week, early next.

Following a few contractual procedures we anticipate contractors to immobilise on site before the end of April.

In the coming weeks I will send out letters to all residents advising them of programme and arrange "meet the contractor" meeting for introduction and discussion on implementation of window installation .

To assist in benefiting residents who will be most affected by KALC construction site it's our intention to phase the installation of windows so blocks which back onto construction will receive new double glazed window first. Those blocks being, 1 – 7, 8 – 25, 28 – 43,, other blocks will follow in phase two.

I will keep you, and residents, updated with progress. However in the meantime please do not hesitate to contact me on details below should you require any further information.

Thank you.

Regards

Paul Dunkerton, Project Manager, Assets & Regeneration Department



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From: Francis O'Connor [mailto: [REDACTED]]

Sent: 25 March 2013 00:58

To: Siobhan Rumble

Cc: Paul Dunkerton; Teresa Miles; Todd Foreman; Eddie Daffarn; Sue Miller RBKC; Judith Blakeman; Alison Flight; Cllr Coleridge

Subject: Fw: KALC complaints and issues

Dear Ms Rumble,

You may recall that I copied you into our recent email to Sue Miller at RBKC which raised a number of concerns arising from the KALC works. One paragraph in particular might probably have been better directed to you, as it merits action by estate office staff rather than the project management team at RBKC. For your convenience I have reproduced this paragraph below:

"Another issue which we would wish to draw urgently to your attention is the plight of Verity Close residents, particularly residents of block 8-25 Verity Close which is immediately adjacent to the section of the leisure centre currently under demolition. Residents of this block have been subjected since 8th March, when the demolition began, to constant intolerable noise and seismic shocks caused by the demolition which is only about 10 yards from their living rooms. Residents of this block include at least one severely disabled person and a number of families with very young children. We would strongly suggest that all residents of this block be visited urgently in their homes by housing officers to assess the impact of the demolition works on them, and offer them assistance or whatever interventions are found to be appropriate".

Is this an issue you have already considered for action, and do you think your team might be able to help by conducting, in the first instance, the needs assessment we have suggested?

For your information, we are still awaiting news regarding the promised window replacement programme. According to the RBKC website the planning decision is scheduled for 18th April, but

Cllr Blakeman recently confided to me that she has heard that the actual works may not begin until June. In any case while the installation of double-glazed windows in the affected properties will probably help somewhat to lessen the impact of the demolition works we do not expect them to solve all problems. We would therefore strongly urge you to conduct an assessment of the impact on, and the needs of, individual tenants, especially in the blocks closest to the demolition site - currently block 8-25 Verity Close.

Yours sincerely,

Francis O'Connor
Grenfell Action Group

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From: [Francis O'Connor](#)

To: [Sue Miller RBKC](#)

Cc: [Siobhan Rumble](#) ; [Judith Blakeman](#) ; [Teresa Miles](#) ; [Tim Coleridge](#) ; [Alison Flight](#) ; [Eddie Daffarn](#)

Sent: Thursday, March 21, 2013 12:32 AM

Subject: KALC complaints and issues

Dear Ms Miller,

I am disappointed that I have still had no response from you to the KALC complaint I sent to Peter Wright on 28th February, and which was recently referred for your attention by Alison Flight on 15th March. I shouldn't have to remind you that these are serious matters and that we have already been kept waiting for some considerable time due to Mr Wright's departure, of which we were not notified.

Since making the initial complaint regarding unacceptably early arrivals of HGV vehicles on the KALC site we have received further complaints from a number of Verity Close residents about the noise and nuisance these arrivals cause, the latest of which was a complaint about a large number of vehicles queueing in the Silchester Road area between 7am and 8am on Friday 15th March.

You will be aware also that I copied you (yesterday) into our latest serious complaint addressed to Mr Chiles at Leadbitters regarding unsafe working practices on the Kensington Leisure Centre site. You will have seen the selection of pictures we included to illustrate the danger to pedestrians on the public footway in that area. Please note that we have a number of additional pictures taken in the area which we can make available if you need these. We have not yet had any response from Mr Chiles, but I would wish to impress upon you the need for urgent action regarding this complaint because of the very real risk to public safety which is involved.

Another issue which we would wish to draw urgently to your attention is the plight of Verity Close residents, particularly residents of block 7-25 Verity Close which is immediately adjacent to the section of the leisure centre currently under demolition. Residents of this block have been subjected since 8th March, when the demolition began, to constant intolerable noise and seismic shocks caused by the demolition which is only about 10 yards from their living rooms. Residents of this block include at least one severely disabled person and a number of families with very young children. We would strongly suggest that all residents of this block be visited urgently in their homes by housing officers to assess the impact of the demolition works on them, and offer them assistance or whatever interventions are found to be appropriate.

Finally, we would wish to draw your attention to the lack of any effective communication to inform residents of the detail of the programme of works, so that they could know what's coming next, at what time or date, and what noise or other nuisance to expect. I believe there was talk at one

point of Leadbitters possibly holding weekly advice/complaints surgeries for local residents to attend. To date these surgeries have not materialised and there is no effective way for residents to voice their concerns or complaints. In our view the bi-monthly KALC Community Forum is a poor substitute for direct engagement with local residents, and weekly surgeries should be arranged, perhaps at the estate office, and should be well advertised to all residents, probably by leaflet drops and by notices posted on the estate notice boards.

I would greatly appreciate an early, and hopefully positive and constructive, response to this email.

Yours sincerely,

Francis O'Connor
Grenfell Action Group

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