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Sent: 14 January 2016 16:52
To: 'Cllr.Blakeman@rbkc.gov.uk'
Subject: RE: Grenfell Tower

Good Afternoon Cllr. Blakeman

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email received today.

Robert and the Executive Team will be reviewing the points you have raised and will reply to you within 5 working days.

Regards

Gill

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From: Cllr.Blakeman@rbkc.gov.uk [mailto:Cllr.Blakeman@rbkc.gov.uk]
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Dear Robert

Cllr Lasharie has now contacted the other mother, who responded as follows:

"Yes it's been a nightmare 2 yrs I feel sleep deprived, Thailer don't go down till 2 wakes again around 5 and I'm up with Tia by 7, 8 if I'm lucky. Drilling starts around 8.30 now for a few hours, it's not as bad as it was but still annoying all the same.

"Yes they knew, I was in there a few times and they asked how far I was at 5 months as I was big and got extremely huge towards the end 2 the point of being admitted. Haven't been offered any or anything."

I think what this and the response of the other mother may demonstrate is a lack of communication between those on the ground, predominantly the Rydon Community Liaison team and the TMO managers of the project.

I gather I am to have a quasi-disciplinary discussion with Fola next week, but I will not apologise for sending the details of the situation at Grenfell Tower to the other Board members. I had regular meetings with Peter at the start of the project to discuss residents' concerns and I accepted what he said. However, after the meeting with Pilgrim Tucker, the Unite officer, who was objective about the situation at Grenfell and convinced me that it was not just "the usual suspects" with concerns, it became clearer to me that there was a gulf between what Peter was being told as manager of the project and what residents were experiencing. I thought I had resolved this with a subsequent meeting with Sacha, but that did not happen.

When the ward councillors started visiting the Tower and speaking directly to residents we were shocked and upset at the way some of them had been treated and some of the things we saw. And again, after a one and a half hour meeting with Sacha and Peter, I still felt that I was banging my head against a brick wall and that there was little understanding of what has happening on the ground.

I do feel very upset in particular at the way these two mothers and their babies were treated. The TMO and Rydon were clearly alert to the particular needs of a male night worker – so why were they not equally understanding of the special needs that a mother with a new-born baby has?

I feel as though I too am now being chastised for trying to represent the people who elected me and I am still looking for some understanding of what they have been through in the last three and a half years.

Judith

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