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"Quisling", bless - I don't think that is un a Council officer's job description! He just can't help himself.

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**Subject:** FW: Grenfell Tower/Scrutiny Committee.

Dear Emma,

I have just been contacted by your colleague, Judith, who has kindly agreed to provide a note of the goings on at this weeks Scrutiny Committee and she will also be present at this afternoon's meeting.

Please ignore my earlier request for information and I am very sorry to have troubled you with this matter.

Kind regards,

Eddie

**From:** [REDACTED] **To:** cllr.dentcoad@rbkc.gov.uk; [REDACTED] **Subject:** RE: Grenfell Tower/Scrutiny Committee.  
**Date:** Fri, 19 Jul 2013 09:09:05 +0100

Dear Emma,

I hope that you are well and able to find some time to enjoy the sunshine.

I wondered if you could just drop me a quick email with the main outcomes of this week's Scrutiny Committee findings (in a few bullet points) with regards to the recent power surges and delays to the Grenfell Tower Refurbishment Project?

We have discovered that the minutes from this meeting will not be available to the public until September, which is too long for us to wait.

We are meeting with the Deputy Leader and his quisling, Laura Johnson, this afternoon and we hope to have some answers as to why we seem to continue to be treated like third class citizens with regards the promised refurb and near catastrophic power surges.

Best,

Eddie

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**Date:** Thu, 11 Jul 2013 08:04:11 +0100

Dear Emma,

I hope that you are well and have had a chance to enjoy some of this lovely sunshine.

I hope to be able to attend the Scrutiny Committee tonight to hear what they have to say about the catastrophic power surges and interminable delays to the Grenfell Tower refurbishment project.

If I am unable to make it to Horton Street as planned I would like to drop you an email, over the next couple of days, to find out whether the Scrutiny Committee actually raised any of the issues that we have either covered in our blog or that we have highlighted in our letter to the Scrutiny Committee members (see below).

We believe that Ms Johnson's report to the Scrutiny Committee minimises the seriousness of the fire risk posed to residents of Grenfell Tower and does little to highlight the bumbling incompetence that has accompanied the Grenfell Tower refurbishment project.

We want the Scrutiny Committee to robustly challenge the Council/TMO treatment of residents and, by holding these bodies to account, bring some justice for our community.

The works for the Grenfell Tower refurbishment project were gifted to Leadbitter (without any competitive tendering) as they were meant to deliver the project hand in hand with KALC and it was stated that the involvement of any other contractor would be too complicated.

We question whether the intended award of the original contract to Leadbitter was even legal and we are dismayed that it now looks like the works to Grenfell Tower need further finance from Cabinet (as Councillor Coleridge had previously announced that over £9 million had been secured to enable the project to proceed) and will not now commence until the Academy has been completed.

Kind regards,

Edward Daffarn

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Dear Members of the Scrutiny Committee,

Please forgive me for taking the liberty of contacting you on behalf of the Grenfell Action Group prior to the Scrutiny Committee's examination of the catastrophic Grenfell Tower power surges and the delays to the Grenfell Tower refurbishment project.

We understand that these issues are due to be discussed at your meeting on 11th July 2013 and we wish to highlight one or two points that are not covered in Laura Johnson's report.

We would like to point out the following facts with regards to the power surge issue:

The Council/TMO have constantly tried to minimise the impact of the power surge by stating that only a small number of residents have been affected. This is untrue and most households living between the 10th and 20th floors of Grenfell Tower experienced the very frightening power surges and lost the majority of their electrical appliances. It is understood that over 40 households have been affected.

We believe that the power surge at Grenfell Tower posed a major fire risk to the residents of Grenfell Tower and that this is not highlighted in Ms Johnson's report.

Residents experienced smoke coming out of our light fittings and many electrical appliances literally blew up!

Despite the fact that these dangerous incidents were reported to the TMO/Council on 11th May 2013 no serious action was taken by the TMO to solve the problem until the power surge problems escalated out of control on 29th May 2013.

Residents, to date, have received no compensation for the loss of our goods or information as to the cause of the power surge.

**We want to know why were we left to live in a potential fire trap for nearly three weeks despite our landlords being made explicitly aware that there was a major problem with our electrics?**

The Grenfell Tower refurbishment project was originally meant to run in conjunction with the KALC works but it now appears that works will not even commence until the KALC project is completed in July 2014. Many residents feel that we have not been communicated with in an adequate fashion by the Council/TMO with regards the delays to the refurbishment. We are also concerned that the budget (ie the £9 million+ promised to us by Councillor Coleridge) has not actually been agreed and will need more approval from the Cabinet before the project can be realised.

Residents feel that we have been alienated and kept in the total dark about a project that is meant to be halfway completed by now but has not even a current planning application submitted!

Finally, with regards to both the refurbishment and power surge issue, Ms Johnson claims that only "a small number of residents" have been raising concerns. In doing so, she appears to seek to minimise the level of discontent felt by our community.

The truth is, in fact, very different. Following the recent demise of the Estate Management Board, the refurbishment and power surge issues have been repeatedly raised by the three leading stakeholders that



operate on Lancaster West Estate namely, the Lancaster West Resident Association, the Grenfell Action Group and the Grenfell Tower Leaseholders Association.

Many ordinary residents of Grenfell Tower and the wider Estate are also concerned at how our community has been treated over this issue. Repeated requests by the three local stakeholder groups for the TMO to hold a meeting for residents to discuss our concern's have been denied to us despite the fact that the TMO claims to be a resident lead organisation.

The Grenfell Action Group blog has also been covering these issues and we pride ourselves on the quality and accuracy of our reporting and we can evidence our growing support and readership throughout our community and the local area.

You can read relevant pages from our blog here:

Grenfell Tower refurbishment:

<http://grenfellactiongroup.wordpress.com/2013/04/21/whatever-happened-to/>

<http://grenfellactiongroup.wordpress.com/2013/05/14/whatever-happened-and-other-stories/>

<http://grenfellactiongroup.wordpress.com/2013/06/15/the-grenfell-tower-project-whats-going-on/>

Power surge issues:

<http://grenfellactiongroup.wordpress.com/2013/05/28/more-trouble-at-grenfell-tower/>

<http://grenfellactiongroup.wordpress.com/2013/05/29/grenfell-tower-from-bad-to-worse/>

<http://grenfellactiongroup.wordpress.com/2013/06/10/why-are-we-waiting/>

<http://grenfellactiongroup.wordpress.com/2013/06/14/divide-and-rule/>

<http://grenfellactiongroup.wordpress.com/2013/06/23/fightin-talk/>

Thank you very much for taking the time to consider the points that we have raised above.

Regards,

Edward Daffarn

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