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**Subject:** Re: Lancaster West Finger Blocks and Grenfell Walk

Dear Judith

Rumours can indeed be unsettling for tenants and leaseholders and I am sure you would agree with me that we must all do everything we can to scotch them as and when they emerge.

As you know, the Council has stated very publicly its ambitions to rebuild some of its low-density estates in order to create much needed additional homes (both affordable and private), and to provide the excellent new homes for its existing and future tenants.

We have a number of projects currently underway that we hope will further those ambitions. The Lancaster West is not one of them.

If at some point in the future, the estate does become a regeneration project, that would be loudly declared from the outset. The notion that we have been advancing such a project off radar is totally false and for your information Patricia Brown was in fact on a tour of the new academy and leisure centre, not the estate.

I am sure we can now rely on you to allay residents' fears.

Kind regards

Rock.

On 17 Apr 2016, at 14:22, Judith Blakeman [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear Rock

The Grenfell Tower project is now almost complete and the link from the Tower to the first floor walkway will shortly be removed as it is no longer required. The residents of the Lancaster West "finger blocks" (Barandon, Testerton and Hurstway Walks, along with Grenfell Walk) have already been surveyed about the future of their homes and surveyors have been to a random selection of the flats there to survey their current condition.

Since then, the Leader of the Council has done a walkabout of Grenfell and the finger blocks with Patricia Brown, Chair of the London Festival of Architecture, whose work spans disciplines, sectors and geographies whose common thread is connecting ideas, issues, places, people and ambition, focusing on achieving positive change and better experiences for people. Presumably she is being asked to come forward with an initial regeneration proposal.

Residents of Council-owned estates are also aware that these procedures are preliminary to a proposal coming forward to regenerate an estate or a part of an estate. Furthermore, ward councillors have been advised informally that the finger blocks and Grenfell Walk are next on the list for a regeneration proposal.

As a number of residents now anticipate the Council's plans and are asking questions, can you please let me know when the proposal to regenerate these properties will be formally announced? Failing an early announcement, I suspect that rumours will become rife and it will be a very unsettling time indeed for these households.

Kind regards

Judith

Leighton House Museum

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