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Sent: 13 June 2014 22:08
To: J BLAKEMAN
Subject: Re: Grenfell Tower regeneration project MUST START NOW

Thank you.

Yes, sorry that I had to leave, but hope my present will last...?

Rock.

Sent from my iPhone

On 13 Jun 2014, at 21:40, J BLAKEMAN [REDACTED] wrote:

Excellent response - sorry you did not stay today for your present.

J

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Sent: Friday, 13 June 2014, 11:07

Subject: Re: Grenfell Tower regeneration project MUST START NOW

Dear Tunde

I write to you in response to your email dated 8th June 2014.

You are quite right that it was the Council's original intention to run the refurbishment and improvement of Grenfell Tower in tandem with the KALC project, on the assumption that they could be run with the same design team, consultants and contractor to deliver continuity in design and the development process. However, as has previously been explained to you, it became apparent during negotiations with the KALC contractor that this would not be possible. A decision was then made to appoint a separate contractor for Grenfell Tower through a separate competitive tendering process to ensure value for money and to maximise the benefits to the block from the Cabinet approved budget. In all previous meetings and discussions with you I have made sure not to give firm commitments as to when the works would start or finish, but have instead told you when we hoped to start on site, as I have known, and explained to you, that in such a large and complex scheme there are always a number of variables beyond our control.

Whilst there doesn't appear to have been much happening on the ground there has been a lot of activity taking place behind the scenes to get ready to start on site this month. Rydon's are currently carrying out preparatory activities including finalising materials and other planning conditions with RBKC's Planners.

A newsletter will be sent to all residents later this week giving an update on recent activities and explaining the next steps in the process.

As you will no doubt have noticed Rydon have established a site office in the block, a Resident Liaison Officer will be making contact with all residents to discuss the details of the work and the timescales.

Regards

Rock.

On 8 Jun 2014, at 23:22, Grenfell Tower Leaseholder's Association wrote:

Dear Cllr. Rock Feilding-Mellen,
Please see below comments made by the local councillor Judith Blakeman in relation to Grenfell Tower Leaseholder's Association. This was submitted to the Property Scrutiny Committee on 16th July 2013. You made a commitment to me as Vice Chairman of the Grenfell Tower Leaseholder's Association that the work would begin early 2014. This was witnessed by Cllr. Judith Blakeman (Ward councillor), Edward Daffarn (Grenfell Action Group), Laura Johnson (RBKC), Peter Maddison (TMO) and Christine Richer (LWRA). Now we are in June 2014 and there is no sign of any improvement work

whatsoever at Grenfell Tower apart from some sign board of Rydon here and there. It has also come to our knowledge that the TMO has already spent £1m from the allocated budget. This is wholly unacceptable and you must put an end to it. Could you please provide us the breakdown of the cost as a matter of urgency?

RBKC Housing and Property Scrutiny Committee 16 July 2013

COMMENTS FROM NOTTING BARNES WARD COUNCILLORS ON PAPER A5

The Grenfell Leaseholder's Association

It is a *bona fide* organisation and all leaseholders in Grenfell Tower are in membership. It has been recognised by the TMO as competent to speak on behalf of those leaseholders. The Grenfell Leaseholders' Association welcomes and supports the development of the Kensington Aldridge Academy, the redevelopment of the Kensington Leisure Centre and the allied improvements on the Estate as a whole. The objective of this Association is solely to obtain the best possible outcome for the residents of Grenfell Tower.

Meeting between the Deputy Leader of RBKC and Members of the Grenfell Leaseholders' Association and the Grenfell Action Group: 19 July 2013

Present: Tunde Awoderu (Grenfell Leaseholders' Association), Cllr. Judith Blakeman (ward councillor), Edward Daffarn (Grenfell Action Group), Cllr. Rock Feilding-Mellen (RBKC), Laura Johnson (RBKC), Peter Maddison (TMO), Christine Richer (LWRA)

Grenfell Tower Regeneration Programme

Mr. Awoderu said that the improvement programme makes sense and gives confidence to residents. They welcomed the £9.7 million set aside for these works. Cllr. Feilding-Mellen said he would be grateful if the Grenfell Leaseholders' Association would re-assure their neighbours that this project is going ahead and ask them to give the Council and the TMO the benefit of the doubt. All parties are trying to improve Grenfell Tower but the delay has been unavoidable.

The TMO always put their corporate greed and profit above the residents of Grenfell Tower. The TMO have been encouraged to delay the project and they have been allowed to get away with it. This is unacceptable. We have waited two years patiently and documented the sequence of events of how the KCTMO mislead the residents of Grenfell Tower. This ends now.

We would like you as a Cabinet member of housing and the Deputy Leader of the RBKC to explain to the residents of Grenfell Tower as to why you have mislead us and would like assure us with concrete evidence that the improvement work of Grenfell Tower likely would start immediately. This can be

in the form of a Statement of Work or equivalent that has been signed between the TMO and Rydon.

The KALC project is likely to finish on time on September 2014 and the GTRP was supposed to be in tandem with the KALC project. Please find attached a photograph of the derelict building besides the newly built KALC.

We believe parents of North Kensington would be very reluctant to send their kids to a state of the art Academy next to a derelict building. It makes a mockery of so called regeneration and clearly demonstrates the ruthless priorities of the leadership.

I wait to here from you as a matter of urgency.

Best wishes

Tunde Awoderu

The vice chairman

The Grenfell Tower leaseholder's Association

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Cllr Rock Feilding-Mellen

Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Housing, Property and Regeneration

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