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From: Edward Daffarn [REDACTED]
To: emma dent coad <cllr.dentcoad@rbkc.gov.uk>
Sent: Thursday, 6 February 2014, 9:41
Subject: RE: Grenfell Tower Residents Group and other matters.
Dear Emma,

I hope that you are well and I was delighted to hear that you will soon be taking over Leadership of RBKC Labour from Cllr Blakeman.

I am writing to you today in your capacity as the Oppositions Housing and Property spokesperson. Please see the below email that demonstrates our landlords', the TMO, refusal to treat residents of Grenfell Tower with respect by refusing to support our need to form a Residents Group to help guide and represent tenants and leaseholders through the upcoming major improvement works to our building. I draw this matter to your attention as residents of Grenfell Tower cannot rely on our own Labour Councillors to support our demand for collective representation.

Please can I request the opportunity to visit you at your Surgery or another time of your convenience to discuss how Labour intend to oppose social cleansing in RBKC and whether you would be interested in supporting a demonstration outside the opening night of HPO along with inviting other disaffected resident groups (Save Earls Court Group, Pembroke and Chesterton Sq residents, Kensington Society, the traveling community in Stable Walk, etc.)?

I will look forward to meeting with you in due course.

Kind regards,
Edward Daffarn
Grenfell Action Group

From: [REDACTED]
To: jedwards@kctmo.org.uk
CC: info@platinum-c.co.uk; [REDACTED] clwilliams@kctmo.org.uk;
grenfellleaseholdersassociation@hotmail.co.uk; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Subject: RE:

Grenfell Tower Residents Group?

Date: Fri, 24 Jan 2014 13:55:19 +0000

Dear Ms Edwards,

The TMO seem to have a very funny way of promoting resident involvement on Lancaster West Estate and your decision not to assist residents of Grenfell Tower to set up a localised Resident Group to help steer them through the upcoming improvement works is nothing short of scandalous. It seems that you have mistaken a previous attempt by the Grenfell Action Group to gain legitimate recognition from the TMO with our current appeal for a Resident Group to be set up to deal with the aforementioned Grenfell Tower improvement works. It would seem that the TMO are determined to exercise a "divide and rule" policy and deny residents of Grenfell Tower the ability to form a collective group to represent our collective concerns at such a crucial time in the buildings' history. Residents do not want to be solely contacted individually by letter by the TMO as it gives us no power or strength to change things we may not be happy with. We had this experience during the "power surge" crisis and residents have a right to come together to make sure this ill-treatment and disrespect of residents is never repeated. To deny us a legitimate voice is undemocratic and brings great shame on the TMO Resident Engagement Dept. and the TMO organisation as a whole.

Be aware that the KALC Project awarded local stakeholders on Lancaster West Estate the sum of 10 thousand pounds to ensure that residents views were taken on board. Residents of Grenfell Tower are looking for an investment from the TMO that would also allow us to access some external support (Planning Aid for London, for example) and ensure residents of Grenfell Tower have a collective voice and proper access to representation and mediation during the improvement works. If you choose to deny us our democratic rights, please can you clearly explain to our community why the residents of Grenfell Tower should not be able to form a Group (with recognition, support and financial assistance from the TMO) to help represent us throughout the improvement works?

Regards,

Edward Daffarn

Grenfell Action Group

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Date: Fri, 24 Jan

2014 10:11:50 +0000

Subject: RE: Grenfell Tower Residents Group?

Dear Mr Daffarn

I write further to Claire Williams e-mail to you below dated 23 January.

I would like to reiterate, as we have done previously, that the TMO are unable to recognise Grenfell Tower Residents Group as there is in existence an RA covering the Lancaster West Estate area. I will again, by separate e-mail, forward the responses you received from Yvonne Birch and myself on this matter in 2012/13.

Janet Edwards

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From: Claire Williams

Sent: 23 January 2014 16:41

To: 'Edward Daffarn'

Cc: TUNDE GLA; christine ra; grenfell leaseholders; shah gla; Tania GAG current;

[REDACTED] Janet Edwards

Subject: RE: Grenfell Tower Residents Group?

Dear Mr Daffarn

Further to our conversation of yesterday, I confirm my role is to manage the building project at Grenfell, I have no knowledge or experience in setting up residents groups. I have now established that Janet Edwards of our Resident Engagement Team is the correct person for you to discuss this with. I am copying her into this email so that she can contact you to pick up your issues as below. Thank you for attending the drop-in session last night to talk through the heating proposals. I heard your parting comment that you understood more about the proposal as a result of your discussion with our mechanical engineer, who designed the system. He was there specifically to pick up some of the more technical questions that residents posed, as we had many residents with quite specific and detailed questions in relation to both the proposed layout and operation of the system.

Regards

Claire Williams

Project Manager

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a: The Network Hub, 292a Kensal Road, London, W10 5BE

From: Edward Daffarn

Sent: 22 January 2014 10:04

To: Claire Williams

Cc: TUNDE GLA; christine ra; grenfell leaseholders; shah gla; Tania GAG current;

Subject: Re: Grenfell Tower Residents Group?

Dear Ms Williams,

I am writing to you to request that the TMO provide recognition, funds and support so that a Grenfell Tower Residents Group can be set up to help tenants in Grenfell Tower through the upcoming improvement works?

A Residents' Group would allow leaseholders and tenants to come together collectively to make our views and concerns heard and ensure that the TMO conduct this project "with" us rather than doing it "to" us.

I have spoken with both the Lancaster West Residents Association and the Grenfell Tower Leaseholders Association and both are in support of the Grenfell Action Group's request for this form of collective representation. Residents of Grenfell Tower shall look forward to receiving a positive response from the TMO to this request in the near future.

Regards,

Edward Daffarn

Grenfell Action Group

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Dear Mr. Daffarn

Thank you for your e-mail.

I note from the e-mail trail that you have the support of the Lancaster West Residents' Association in your request to form a Grenfell Tower Residents' Group. Setting up a separate group for recognition by the Council and/or the TMO is a very time consuming and bureaucratic process and I am wondering why you do not just form yourself into a working group under the auspices of the Residents' Association itself?

I understand that the next meeting of the RA is on Tuesday 25 February at 6.30 pm in the EMB Community Rooms. Perhaps your first step should be to go to that meeting and make this suggestion?

Please let me know how you get on.

Kind regards.

Cllr Emma Dent Coad