

## LANCASTER WEST CHILDREN'S COMMUNITY NETWORK

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Michael Clark,  
Director of Corporate Property,  
Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea,  
The Town Hall, Hornton Street, W8 7NX.

13<sup>th</sup> March, 2014.  
PLAN/Sarah Muluta

Your Ref:

Dear Michael Clark,

**Re: HEAD OF TERMS - RESOURCE CENTRE, TESTERTON WALK  
LANCASTER WEST ESTATE, W11.**

Attached is our signed copy of the Head of Terms for new lease for the Resource Centre which is subject to contract and Member approval. This is for the period of the nursery's decant until the new nursery premises at Grenfell Tower are completed.

We have signed this with extreme reluctance as we have no wish to hold up the upgrading works to Grenfell Tower which will also create new housing for rent for local families in need of homes.

LWCCN was always under the impression - and public statements were made to this effect - that no change would be made to the terms and conditions under which we occupy space in the Tower as a result of the building works.

We have occupied the first floor of Grenfell Tower as a nursery since 1987 providing childcare for low income working and student families living on the Lancaster West Estate and the surrounding areas.

At no point during this time - in common with many other local charities and voluntary organisations - have we been asked to pay 'rent' for the premises. With the formation of the

T.M.O. this position was again confirmed with, we believed, 'rent' being paid across from the Borough to the Housing Revenue Account.

As a small local organisation one of our charitable aims is to provide affordable, free or subsidised services to vulnerable families, any increase in costs will impact on our ability to

keep serving those families who are in the main T.M.O tenants. We shall be working with colleagues and others in the near future to raise funds to continue our services but the burdens placed on us by the conditions of the lease may, inevitably, have to be passed onto already struggling low income families.

It is our sincere wish and hope that the following months will see some resolution to this extremely unsatisfactory position and that we will be able to return to new premises in Grenfell Tower confident that we can continue providing a much needed and well used service for Borough residents.

Yours sincerely,

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Chairperson

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cc. Cllr. Judith Blakeman  
Cllr. Rock Feilding-Mellen  
Cllr. Elizabeth Campbell  
Kitty Mortimer, Housing Regeneration Project Manager

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