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Dear Mr Parker

I understand that you have taken over the local authority role of co-ordination of efforts to deal with this ghastly national tragedy.

We are two of the ward councillors. We have been taking problems on and hoc basis as and when we receive them, which is also every ten minutes. We are overwhelmed with enquiries and with the desperation of a range of local residents who desperately need help and are not getting it. Every enquiry we had put to Kensington Tow Hall was met with a bland response that everything was all right but we are constantly meeting people, receiving e-mail and getting telephone calls from people who are still in great distress.

I am forward to you requests for assistance that is needed immediately I have been sending them to the borough police commander and the director of housing in the absence of any detail of whom else to contact at the Town Hall but these two individuals are already rushed off their feet.

As the overall local authority contact person, can you please address these enquiries and also give us a full briefing as ward councillors as we have yet to receive one.

Our third colleague is the mother of two very young children. She was evacuated from her home in the middle of the night; she saw people die. She has lost her best friend and her best friend's child and she is completely traumatised. She was able yesterday to explain her family's situation to the Deputy Mayor of London for Housing. Her family is one of those being ordered back to live in completely unsuitable conditions. She has asked why, if the station has been closed and the trains keep being suspended, is it safe to return to Barandon and Testerton Walk? I have asked for a risk assessment of sending residents back there, as they were told it is safe - but I suspect there is not one in place.

Councillor Judith Blakeman and Councillor Robert Atkinson