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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

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

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The vice chairman

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