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From: Holgate, Nicholas: CP-TownClerkDirFin ["/o=exchange/ou=town hall/cn=recipients/cn=finniho"]
Sent: 2/21/2017 3:23:15 PM
To: Edward Daffarn [REDACTED]
BCC: Egan, Richard: CP-Prop [richard.egan@rbkc.gov.uk]; Stallwood, Graham: CP-Plan [graham.stallwood@rbkc.gov.uk]
Subject: RE: PP/17/00253 New North Kensington library

Dear Mr Daffarn,

I write in response to the complaint raised by you in your e-mail of 14 February 2017.

I understand your complaint to be that the Grenfell Action Group was excluded from the consultation process regarding the new library building. I have now had the opportunity to review the matter.

In your e-mail you attached a link to the North Kensington Library and Youth Centre Statement of Community Involvement, a document that provides a record of pre-application consultation and engagement submitted as part of the formal planning application submission. The statement contains a shortened list of local stakeholders at page 13. This list does not record every party that was contacted and is indicative, as is the map. For your information, the actual list of local stakeholders runs to 13,000 individuals, businesses and organisations who were contacted by postcard and later by an A4 flyer.

In the case of The Grenfell Action Group, this group was 'targeted' along with several other groups and as such received further contact in the form of a personal letter and emails. Many of the groups targeted have responded and as such we are content that the approach was effective.

In your case, you would have received the information both as a local resident and a targeted group

It is therefore quite incorrect to assert that The Grenfell Action Group was excluded from the process.

It may help to add that residents' associations, action groups or other community organisations are not notified of planning applications directly. They self-serve using the information on our website, and many of them have signed up to receive automated email alerts about planning applications. Where those groups comment on a planning application they would then be notified of a subsequent planning application amending the first. This may be why you have received notifications in relation to other planning applications

Nicholas Holgate
Town Clerk

From: Edward Daffarn [REDACTED]
Sent: 14 February 2017 12:41

To: Holgate, Nicholas: CP-TownClerkDirFin <Nicholas.Holgate@rbkc.gov.uk>

Subject: Fw: PP/17/00253 New North Kensington library

Dear Mr Holgate,

I would like to lodge an official complaint against the Council and Mr Egan of the RBKC Property Dept regarding the fact that the Grenfell Action Group, who are a recognised Resident Association by RBKC, have been excluded from the library consultations. Please see page 13 of the attached document:

[https://www.rbkc.gov.uk/idoxWAM/doc/Other-](https://www.rbkc.gov.uk/idoxWAM/doc/Other-1815762.pdf?extension=.pdf&id=1815762&location=VOLUME2&contentType=application/pdf&pageCount=1)

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The Grenfell Action Group also wish to challenge the following statement from Mr Stallwood "We do not notify residents associations, action groups or other community organisations of planning applications directly" as we are frequently contacted by the Council with regards to planning applications and other intentions of the RBKC Planning Dept.

The Grenfell Action Group wish to state that we believe that the current consultation is therefore "null and void" and needs to be started again, this time, with the legitimate inclusion of our resident association.

We believe that the RBKC are not acting legally with regards this matter, have discriminated against our Group and we wish this matter to be addressed by the RBKC Legal Dept.

The Grenfell Action Group will reserve the right to refer this matter to the Local Government Ombudsman if our concerns are not fully addressed by RBKC.

I have pasted a copy of our original complaint below and I would like you to address the specific points raised within:

Dear Cllr Blakeman,

I would like you to raise a formal complaint against RBKC regarding the new North Kensington library Planning Application.

It seems that the Grenfell Action Group have been excluded from the consultation process regarding the new library building.

As you are aware the Grenfell Action Group are a registered Resident Association within the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea and are listed among the many other associations on the RBKC website;

<https://www.rbkc.gov.uk/residents/listing.aspx>

Full list of Residents' Associations

www.rbkc.gov.uk

The Residents' Associations Listing is your directory of associations in the Borough. How do I list my residents' association on this database?

If you have a look at the link I have provided below you will see that every other RA in the Royal Borough were considered as stakeholders and invited to take part in the consultations regarding the new library building but the Grenfell Action Group appear to have been excluded?

[https://www.rbkc.gov.uk/idoxWAM/doc/Other-](https://www.rbkc.gov.uk/idoxWAM/doc/Other-1815762.pdf?extension=.pdf&id=1815762&location=VOLUME2&contentType=application/pdf&pageCount=1)

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We wish that this matter is brought to the attention of the Town Clerk and the Planning Department and that the consultation process is started again, this time including the Grenfell Action Group, so that we have an opportunity to put forward our views concerning the new North Kensington Library building.

We would also like to be informed of the reason why the Grenfell Action Group was not included on the original consultation process and why our name does not feature among the list of the Royal Borough's Resident Associations?

From the legal advice that we have received we do not believe that the RBKC can proceed with their Planning Application after excluding us from the consultation process and that the Council will have to start the consultation process from the beginning, this time, including the Grenfell Action Group.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Kind regards,

Edward Daffarn

Grenfell Action Group

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Regards,

Edward Daffarn

From: jmblakeman [REDACTED]

Sent: 23 January 2017 11:56

To: Edward Daffarn

Subject: FW: PP/17/00253 New North Kensington library

Dear Edward

This is the response to your complaint from the Planning Department.

Do you wish to lodge a formal complaint against the Property Department (Mr Egan) or Cllr. Feilding-Mellen as the Cabinet Member with the responsibility for the Library development?

Kind regards

Judith

From: Stallwood, Graham: CP-Plan: RBKC [<mailto:Graham.Stallwood@rbkc.gov.uk>]

Sent: 23 January 2017 09:38

To: jmblakeman

Cc: Flight, Alison: CP-Plan: RBKC; Peter, Lara: CP-Plan: RBKC

Subject: PP/17/00253 New North Kensington library

Dear Councillor Blakeman,

Planning applications are all made available in the same way and this application is no different. We do not notify residents associations, action groups or other community organisations of planning applications directly. They self-serve using the information on our website, and many of them have signed up to receive automated email alerts about planning applications. Mr Daffarn's group is not being excluded from the

consultation process – he is clearly aware of the application and can comment in the same way as anyone else irrespective of whether he has been notified of the application directly.

The consultation process during the development of the proposal is the responsibility of those preparing the planning application rather than the Local Planning Authority. Although in this case it was another part of the Council, it does not change the basic approach at planning application stage described above. Should you or Mr Daffarn wish to complain about the approach before the applications was made, I suggest you contact Mr Egan or Councillor Feilding-Mellen. It will not however change the way we consider the planning application - which will follow the same well established process as other applications.

GS

Graham Stallwood FRTP | Executive Director, Planning and Borough Development | The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea

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