

The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea Tenant Management Organisation

Notes from Grenfell Tower evening meeting

29th MAY 2012 at 19.00pm

Those Present:

Mark Anderson	Director of Assets and Regeneration
Paul Dunkerton	RBKC-TMO Ltd (Project Manager)
Siobhan Rumble	Lancaster West Area Manager
Bruce Sounes	Architect Studio E

(see attached attendance sheet for residents)

Apologies: N/A

Distribution: Those present including Apologies.

ITEMS	DETAILS	ACTION
1.0	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING	
1.01	No minutes presented	
2.00	Contract Matters	

Bob (EMB Chair) opened meeting informing residents that this meeting related to Grenfell Tower and not the Academy.

Mark Anderson provided residents with a quick brief on how the project was developed and funded. He also advised residents that it was not possible to fund complete Estate refurbishment but RBKC are looking at other funding avenues for future schemes.

Mark introduced Bruce Sounes for his presentation. Bruce described the project proposal around the design elements, those being

- Cladding the tower
- New window designs
- New heating system to individual flats
- External walk way / access road improvement
- Changes to podium deck
- Development of new residential units
- Re-configuration of mezzanine level and access steps
- Possible removal or improvement of entrance canopy

3.0 Residents Q & A

- One resident concerned that electric heating system would increase cost to residents who are already paying high levels of service charges.

MA advised that we are looking for residents feed back with their preference on systems to be used and the questionnaires they'd been given when entering the hall would assist in this process.

- Residents viewed concerns about moving the boxing club from current location.

BS informed residents that the proposal was to look at converting the disused garages to the undercroft of Grenfell Tower as a possible new location for the boxing club.

Some viewed concern that this would reduce parking spaces,

MA explained this is an existing problem now and not one which would be affected even if these garages were converted.

- One resident requested more CCTV cameras to monitor the block, as some residents are discarding rubbish from their windows which fouls the canopy over the main entrance.

BS informed resident that the proposal for new window designs may eliminate this; however it would be hard to control resident's neglect of the area. He also informed residents that there could be an opportunity to remove the canopy completely

Removing the canopy entirely was not favoured by residents who liked the protection the canopy provided.

- **BS** explained the proposal of moving the kid's nursery.

Residents had very strong views about this and had concerns of the new location. They wanted more information and requested for **MA** to meet with them to discuss in greater detail.

One resident complained that moving the nursery to new location would attract more noise and wanted to know if the TMO had given consideration for sound proofing.

MA again explained that these are just proposals at the moment and nothing has been confirmed. He agreed to meet with residents for further consultation with this proposal.

- Concerns were voiced about design proposal for keeping safe access to the main entrance during the construction phase. Also what access equipment is to be used.

BS confirmed that full safety risk assessment will provide appropriate safeguard and protection. Consideration is being given for all types of access equipment i.e. scaffolding, mast climbers; however this will depend on planning permission.

Other residents wanted to know the intention of keeping road access around the block during the work

MA we are working closely with LBF to consult on these issues and full consideration will be given during the safety risk assessment.

- All residents wanted to know the TMO's intention for further consultation with them?

MA advised residents that the questionnaire they'd been given asked how residents wanted to be involved and how they would like to move forward with future consultation meetings, i.e. focus group, open meetings, evening surgeries.

8.30pm Q&A session ended and residents invited to view display boards.