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Dear head of housing & Leasehold Services,

Various leaflets we have recently received confirm that the new school and the new leisure centre are very much likely to be built, with works beginning on site by June 2012. Our understanding is the project that council will be undertaking is on a massive scale and will have a huge impact on the livelihood of residents, both during and after the works. Building a new school and sports centre right next to Grenfell Tower will barricade the tower from every angle. This is neither practical for the residents of the Tower nor the people who will attend the school.

Furthermore, it is likely that the council has thought beyond plans for the school and leisure centre and has further plans for the area in the future. The situation surrounding Grenfell Tower in the medium to long term is unclear. We received a newsletter regarding changes in Lancaster West from the Notting Bams Labour Action Team, where they said 'it (Grenfell Tower) could be demolished in the long term as part of a full Estate Renewal'.

Thus we would appreciate if you could answer the following questions which have been raised by the Leaseholder's Association. It is very important at this stage that we are clear about issues which are critical to the lives of everyone who lives in this building.

1. Lancaster Green offers legally required open space for the building, so what will be done about the lack of open space with the building of a school and leisure centre?
2. If you build a school next to Grenfell Tower the value of properties at Grenfell Tower will suffer considerably. How much is the market value at the moment according to the council own chartered valuation surveyor?
3. There are newsletters on every floor of Grenfell Tower that the council has sold Grenfell Tower to a private developer to pave the way to make private flats and sell them to the open market for an elevated price.
4. If so, please can you give us the expected date of demolition?
5. How many homes will be built in any estate renewal scheme?
6. Will Leaseholders who bought under the Right-to-buy scheme be re-housed on the Estate and what would be the criteria?

7. Can the Council be more transparent about their long-term plans for the area to integrate with the rest of the borough?

We must have answers to the above questions for us to completely understand the situation we have found ourselves in. If you are unable to do so, it would demonstrate incompetence on your behalf and a reluctance to be transparent with members of your borough. The council appears to be gradually feeding us with information via the leaflets, which we feel, will eventually lead to the news that the council has plans to demolish Grenfell Tower. As leaseholders, we are going through immense uncertainty about our future and so your prompt reply would be highly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

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