

Email David Stevenson Regeneration Project Director 160224

Dear David

Your behaviour towards me and residents of Central Ladywood is totally shocking, unacceptable and at times I feel tantamount to bullying (which I will explain below). So far, as Regeneration Project Director Ladywood, you have failed to meet 8 deadlines you have set as well as failed to turn up to a meeting at the Council House with residents today. I attach confirmation of the meeting today and correspondence in relation to your failure to meet the deadlines you set (highlighted in red).

With regard to the meeting today at 10.30 in the Council House despite your attempts to direct blame on residents for your failure to turn up to the meeting neither I nor did any other resident receive an email stating that the meeting was cancelled today. I'm more than happy for you to provide evidence of this email. On entry to the main door of the Council House we were invited into Room 2. Security were aware that this meeting was due to take place as it was in their logbook. A member of our group contacted you by telephone to find out where you were. You then instructed 'the Council's security and reception team to escort [us] all off the premises immediately' which certainly wasn't required as we left of our own accord once we knew you had let us down. Many residents had taken time off work to meet with you. Surely an apology would have been more appropriate? Security were very charming and showed us the booking entry on the way out. If anyone is responsible for compromising the security of the Council House it is you for making arrangements and failing to adhere to these.

You have had many opportunities to rectify the shocking situation that residents have been put through at the beginning of the regeneration project and you have failed miserably. I believe your true attitude towards the residents of Central Ladywood is very much reflected and embedded in the tone of your email below which has now been shared with residents. I shall also remind you that the reason for this particular meeting was to catch up on any outstanding matters in relation to your response to concerns raised at the end of November in a meeting with you, council leaders and the developer. You first assured me that a 'substantive response' would be made no later than the 4 January 2024 which so far has not materialised. We cannot submit an agenda to you until we receive your response and the draft minutes of the meeting 28 November. This is something I shared with Helen Shervington on 9 February as I was so concerned about lack of progress and constant failures on your part to meet deadlines. Your demands for us to meet your stringent deadlines is one-sided and therefore of much concern.

Residents of Central Ladywood continue to feel let down, undervalued, and demeaned by Birmingham City Council.

Best wishes

George Smith

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Dear Laura, George and Andy,

I made it clear in my e mail yesterday that the meeting with you, George and Andy is arranged for March 7th 2024 at 5.30pm, not today and that if you indeed did have a meeting in your diaries set up by my team for this morning, it was cancelled.

It appears that despite my offer to reach out to your group with complete transparency and integrity, provide additional and contextual information on the Ladywood Regeneration Project and answer any questions that you might have, you have chosen to access the Council House knowing that I was unavailable and have gained access to a Committee Room via our security team without a Council Officer being present. This behaviour is totally unacceptable and I have had no choice but to instruct the Council's security and reception team to escort you all off the premises immediately.

I have asked you on several occasions to forward the agenda for the proposed meeting on March 7th 2024 for my consideration but I note that this is still awaited.

Please can I now receive this proposed agenda by no later than Thursday 22nd February 2024, 4pm and I will consider with my Council colleagues whether it is appropriate for the meeting on March 7th 2024 to proceed or whether we will now revert to communicating with Ladywood Unite via correspondence.

Regards

David

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