

On Tue, 5 Mar 2024 at 10:57, Shabana Mahmood  
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5 March 2024

Dear Laura Kudrna

I hope you are well.

We wrote to Deborah Cadman and Cllr John Cotton following the incident at the Council House on the 16th February.

Please see below the response we have received from Cllr Cotton.

I remain concerned about the about the actions of Council officers involved. However, as you can see in the email, the relevant officer has now moved on.

At the bottom of his email, Cllr Cotton acknowledges that the Council has a long way to go to rebuild trust and I wholeheartedly agree.

Please do not hesitate to contact the office if you require any further help or assistance in the future.

Yours sincerely

Shabana Mahmood MP

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Subject: (Case Ref: SM62241)

Dear Shabana

Thank you for representing the concerns of Ladywood Unite, who we know are feeling understandably anxious and concerned about the future of their homes in such a large-scale regeneration program.

We appreciate that there has been some miscommunication around the date time of the meeting Ladywood Unite and David Stevenson were due to have.

David Stevenson had been working with the Council in an interim capacity as Programme Director; the Council made the decision to allocate the project to an internal member of Council staff and we believe this will alleviate the tensions between Ladywood Unite and David Stevenson.

We understand that David wrote to representatives of Ladywood Unite with a change of date and time for the planning meeting. We acknowledge, however that communication could have been more effective. Further, we recognise that the mode of communication has inadvertently inflamed an already fragile situation and for that we offer our wholehearted apologies. Our citizens deserve clarity and this is something we will address.

The Council are working diligently to improve the relationship and build trust with the Ladywood community.

Workshops, drop ins and door knocking are already being undertaken in the community to improve visibility and provide an outlet for residents to ask questions or share concerns.

In addition, the Council have a robust engagement plan in place which includes the development of an overarching Community Charter; this will pull together the feedback we have received from residents from all different tenure groups, providing a clear offer throughout the life of the project.

We are encouraging all residents, stakeholders and businesses across the affected area to respond to the recently released survey.

This summarises the feedback we have received so far and proactively asks for residents views in relation to next steps; please see link below for ease.

[https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/50273/our\\_future\\_city\\_plan\\_ofcp/2756/ladywood\\_estate\\_regeneration\\_scheme/3](https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/50273/our_future_city_plan_ofcp/2756/ladywood_estate_regeneration_scheme/3)

We know that we have a long-way to go to rebuild trust in the community but want you to be assured that this will continue to be a priority throughout the life of the project.

Your sincerely  
John

**Councillor John Cotton**  
**Leader of Birmingham City Council**

9 March 2024

Dear MP Shabana Mahmood,

Thank you very much for helping us with David Stevenson, it is greatly appreciated. We met with Colette and Helen last week instead of David and they were respectful.

Ladywood Unite representative George Smith has written to you to request to meet with you several times. Would you please be willing to meet with him to discuss our main concerns about the regeneration?

Kind regards  
Laura

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