

Dear Naomi

I hope you are well. It was a pleasure to catch up with you on Friday.

Thank you for your swift response and for confirming that the letter I submitted on behalf of Ladywood Unite will be included as formal feedback in the consultation process. We appreciate that the views of residents are being considered in shaping the Ladywood Residents and Community Charter. However, it is always worth remembering that the regeneration of Ladywood is a collaborative project, not something to be imposed upon residents.

While we understand that there may be areas where residents and Birmingham City Council will not entirely agree, we must emphasise that, under the *Powered by People* framework, this document is legally binding. It is crucial that it is not manipulated to the detriment of the residents. We will remain vigilant in ensuring that the final version accurately reflects the community's needs and concerns, without compromising the integrity of the process.

Moreover, we continue to have significant concerns regarding BCC's ability and capacity to deliver the regeneration of Ladywood while genuinely prioritising the interests of residents. The financial risks associated with a project of this scale and ambition are substantial, and, given BCC's track record over the past year, doubts about its ability to effectively manage these risks remain unresolved and are of much concern.

It is troubling that alternative approaches to the regeneration of Ladywood have not been sufficiently explored. We have reviewed draft planning proposals that would preserve well over 90% of existing properties and buildings in Central Ladywood, provide the necessary transport infrastructure—including a new railway station—and still achieve the required density while substantially increasing the number of affordable and social homes. As you are aware, a significant concern is the embodied carbon within the properties in the designated area and the detrimental environmental impact of widespread demolition. There are several alternative regeneration approaches that could effectively meet the needs of residents, BCC, and the City while significantly minimising environmental harm. We would appreciate a formal response regarding the consideration of these alternative proposals.

We look forward to reviewing the "You Said, We Did" document and trust that it will reflect meaningful engagement, with clear evidence that the views of residents have been seriously considered.

Kind regards

George