

# GREATER **LONDON** AUTHORITY

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(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA021019-3838

11 November 2019

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information which the Greater London Authority (GLA) received on 31 October 2019. Your request has been dealt with under the Environmental Information Regulations (EIR) 2004.

You asked for:

*...the full text and date of any communications between the leader of Redbridge Council concerning planning application LPA case number: 4557/18 for a 42 storey tower at the former Bodgers department store site*

Our response to your request is as follows:

Please find attached the information we have identified within the scope of your request.

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]  
**Information Governance Officer**

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Sadiq Khan  
Mayor of London  
City Hall  
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SE1 2AA

**Councillor Jas Athwal**  
**Labour Member for Mayfield**  
**Leader of the Council**  
128-142, High Rd,  
Ilford IG1 1DD, UK  
Email: [REDACTED]@redbridge.gov.uk  
Telephone: [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2019**

Dear Sadiq,

The GLA will be receiving a Stage 2 referral from the Council in due course.

The Council's Planning Committee has recently approved the grant of Planning Permission in relation to the former Bodgers Site (1-17 Station Road & 16-26 Cranbrook Road, Ilford IG1 4DW). The site is allocated for housing under the Local Plan, however, due to the strength of feeling of a number of residents throughout the Borough I wanted to take the step of writing to you directly to highlight a variety of concerns expressed to me, so that residents have some assurance that their concerns have been conveyed to the GLA.

Residents have expressed concerns over the height of the development, it being seven stories higher than any other site in Redbridge and one of the tallest buildings in outer London.

Network Rail, whilst not expressing concerns on the development, have highlighted the need for careful consideration of the proximity of the development to the nearby rail station and infrastructure as the development progresses.

The Planning Committee gave consideration to both the impact of the development in terms of noise levels in certain flats and the impact of the development on natural light, however this remains a cause for concern for many residents.

While I appreciate the effort taken to deliver the affordable housing, it doesn't sit well that this element is being delivered at such a distance from the town centre and away from the main development.

Although I am confident that the planning committee and planning officers have given due consideration to the above issues, these are still matters which residents believe should be considered by the GLA and I thought it reasonable to draw these to your attention bearing in mind the strength of feeling from residents.

Best wishes,



Cllr Jas Athwal  
Leader of Redbridge Council

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 21 June 2018 10:20  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: GLA/Redbridge meeting - Thursday 21st June at 14:00

Hi [REDACTED]

Please ask for either James or Jules on arrival and one of us will come down and meet them from reception.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Senior Personal Assistant to  
James Murray|Deputy Mayor|Housing and Residential Development

The Mayor of London|City Hall|The Queen's Walk|London|SE1 2AA [REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]@redbridge.gov.uk]  
**Sent:** 21 June 2018 09:43  
**To:** [REDACTED]@london.gov.uk>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]@london.gov.uk>; [REDACTED]@london.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** RE: GLA/Redbridge meeting - Thursday 21st June at 14:00

Hi [REDACTED]

I just wanted to confirm all was ok for our representatives to visit today. Can you confirm who they need to ask for upon arrival at the GLA building please? Jackie Odunoye and Cllr Farah Hussain will obviously only be at the second meeting so will be arriving later.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
PA to the Leader of the Council  
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**From:** [REDACTED]@london.gov.uk]  
**Sent:** 19 June 2018 14:05  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: GLA/Redbridge meeting - Thursday 21st June at 14:00

Hi [REDACTED]

Many thanks for your email.

Just to clarify, the first meeting (14:00) was requested by Redbridge and is with Deputy Mayor Jules Pipe and Deputy Mayor James Murray (& officers) and I'm now cc'ing in planning & housing officers so they are aware of your agenda below.

[REDACTED]

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Senior Personal Assistant to  
James Murray|Deputy Mayor|Housing and Residential Development

The Mayor of London|City Hall|The Queen's Walk|London|SE1 2AA [REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]@redbridge.gov.uk]  
**Sent:** 19 June 2018 13:39  
**To:** [REDACTED]@london.gov.uk>; [REDACTED]@london.gov.uk>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]@london.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** RE: GLA/Redbridge meeting - Thursday 21st June at 14:00

I apologise for the delay in responding to you. I believe the first meeting was requested by Redbridge and the items for discussion on that is

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

I believe the second meeting was requested by yourselves and I am not sure if you have an agenda for that meeting.

For information the job titles for the people attending are

Cllr Jas Athwal – Leader of the Council  
Andy Donald – Chief Executive  
Matthew Essex – Operational Director of Regeneration and Property  
Joanne Woodward – Strategic Head of Planning & Building Control  
Jackie Odunoye – Operational Director of Housing  
Cllr Farah Hussain – Cabinet Member for Housing and Homelessness

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: GLA/Redbridge meeting - Thursday 21st June at 14:00

My apologies [REDACTED], I will get this information to you asap.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] [\[REDACTED\]@london.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@london.gov.uk)  
**Sent:** 18 June 2018 10:35

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: GLA/Redbridge meeting - Thursday 21st June at 14:00

Hi [REDACTED]

I was following-up [REDACTED] email from Friday – it would be good to know please re any other agenda items?

Thanks

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Senior Personal Assistant to  
Jules Pipe CBE | Deputy Mayor | Planning, Regeneration and Skills

The Mayor of London | City Hall | The Queen's Walk | London | SE1 2AA | [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 15 June 2018 12:00

To: [REDACTED] [@redbridge.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@redbridge.gov.uk)

Cc: [REDACTED] [@london.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@london.gov.uk); [REDACTED] [@london.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@london.gov.uk)

Subject: GLA/Redbridge meeting - Thursday 21st June at 14:00

Hi [REDACTED]

Are you able to send over an agenda for the meeting next week with Jules Pipe and James Murray. W [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] however I understand there may be other issues you wish to discuss?

Many thanks

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Senior Personal Assistant to  
James Murray | Deputy Mayor | Housing and Residential Development

The Mayor of London | City Hall | The Queen's Walk | London | SE1 | [REDACTED]

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