GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA101120-9735

8 December 2020

Dear

Thank you for your request for information which the GLA received on 8 November 2020. Your request has been dealt with under the Environmental Information Regulations (EIR) 2004.

You asked for:

I am interested in documents that do reference the tower's residential amenity spaces, including the 45th "Sky Lounge" residents lounge and the small 1st floor fitness room (sometimes mistakenly described as a gym). These documents might include proposals or discussions or agreements about these spaces, and who can access them. There might be a lease or development agreement between the GLA and the developers that includes reference to those spaces, such as the Agreement for Lease and Building Lease and other elements of MD1240. The requested information may also be contained in Build-For-Rent PRS documentation, because significant amounts of public money was provided by Homes England (via PRS Operations Ltd) to the developers to build the PRS apartments and those two amenity spaces.

Our response to your request is as follows:

We have reviewed the GLA agreements and approval documents and have not identified any references to the tower's residential amenity spaces including the 45th floor Sky Lounge, resident's lounge and the 1st floor fitness room of the Newington Butts Development.

A planning contravention notice was issued by Southwark Council to Newington Butts Management Limited on 28 August 2019, alleging a breach of planning control in relation to "use of communal residential amenity areas at 1st floor (gym) and 45th floors (lounge)".

A formal response was issued by Newington Butts Management Limited to Southwark Council on 10th September 2019. In that response, Newington Butts Management Limited have responded to the matters raised by Southwark Council and in particular state:

"We are not aware of any applicable planning condition or s.106 obligation which requires the Amenity Areas to be made available to all residents of the Tower and therefore we do not believe that we are in breach of planning requirements".

The two documents can be obtained here:

https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/enforcement_case_19en0290

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

Yours sincerely

Information Governance Officer

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