GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA150621-5839

13 July 2021

Dear

Thank you for your request for information which the Greater London Authority (GLA) received on 15 June 2021. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You asked for:

Will you be reclaiming the (DD2269) grant funding of £988,000 to RUSS (20/8/2018) given that they have failed to meet the grant fund Milestone start date of 30 June 2019, will fail to meet the completion date of 30 June 2021 and the Strategic Housing Market Assessment start on site date of 31 March 2021 (i.e. no work has started on the site to date)?

Our response to your request is as follows:

Thank you for your email to enquire whether the GLA will be reclaiming (DD2269) grant funding of £988,000 awarded to Rural Urban Synthesis Society (RUSS) due to the delivery delays by RUSS in building the affordable homes.

The GLA would not be reclaiming the grant as the project is progressing and is due to start on site at end of this month, following attainment of planning consent from London Borough of Lewisham.

The GLA's funding agreements are written to enable extension of delivery milestones at the sole discretion of the GLA and in recognition that unexpected complexities often arise given the nature of the building projects. In this instance, GLA is satisfied that there have been justifiable delays to the delivery timescales of the project, mainly to resolve some design issues and subsequent planning approval for a revised scheme of 36 homes instead of the originally proposed scheme of 33 homes.

I hope you find this information helpful. 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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