

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

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(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA081019-4244

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information which the Greater London Authority (GLA) received on 8 October 2019. Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding. Your request has been dealt with under the Environmental Information Regulations (EIR) 2004.

You asked for:

Please can I request copies of all correspondence between the Mayor's office / or your planning team and Ealing Council, developers or others, in relation to the potential developments on the Manor Road W13 and the Hasting's Roads W13 sites in West Ealing from July 2019 – until present day

Our response to your request is as follows:

Please find attached the information we hold within scope of your request, this is a copy of the correspondence James Murray sent to local residents about the towers.

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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<https://www.london.gov.uk/about-us/governance-and-spending/sharing-our-information/freedom-information>

Dear

Thank you for getting in touch with me about the plans for two towers near West Ealing station: Southern Grove's proposals for a 26-storey tower at Manor Road; and A2Dominion's proposals for a 25-storey tower at Hastings Road.

As you may know, the planning applications for these two developments will be decided in the first instance by Ealing Council. Before the council planning committee takes a decision on each of these applications, they will be referred as a matter of course to the Greater London Authority (GLA) who will issue a report with initial comments on behalf of the Mayor (known as a 'stage one' referral).

Once the council has taken a decision, each application will again be automatically referred to the GLA (a 'stage two' referral). The Mayor, or the Deputy Mayor for Planning acting on the Mayor's behalf, will then consider the council's decision. In a small number of cases the GLA may intervene at this stage, though in most cases the council's decision to approve or reject the application stands.

Although I do not take decisions on planning applications myself, I met with GLA planning officers about these towers earlier in the summer, after a large number of residents had been in touch with me to draw them to my attention. We need to make sure new developments include genuinely affordable homes, and that the heights of any new buildings take account of the local context.

I therefore set out the concerns, that many residents including you have articulated, about the height and design of these buildings given the surrounding area and local context. I also raised other concerns about the sort of housing the proposals contain, including the fact that the proposals at Manor Road do not include any social rented housing.

GLA planning officers will now take into account these concerns and others that local residents have raised. They will be discussed with the Mayor when these applications are referred to the GLA for his 'stage one' comments. The 'stage one' report will be sent to Ealing Council ahead of them taking their decision.

I hope this is helpful, and thank you again for getting in touch to draw these applications to my attention.

Yours