

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

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(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA020720-6601

28 July 2020

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information which the Greater London Authority (GLA) received on 2 July 2020. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

You asked for:

Please provide all communications sent to or sent by Mayor Sadiq Khan mentioning the proposed Bodgers development in Ilford in 2018, 2019 and 2020

Our response to your request is as follows:

Please find attached the information we have identified within scope of your request. The names and personal details of members of the public are exempt from disclosure under s.40 (Personal information) of the Freedom of Information Act. This information could potentially identify specific individuals and as such constitutes as personal data which is defined by Article 4(1) of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) to mean any information relating to an identified or identifiable living individual. It is considered that disclosure of this information would contravene the first data protection principle under Article 5(1) of GDPR which states that Personal data must be processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner in relation to the data subject.

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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4557/18 Bodgers Site and 4570/18 Recorder House Site 42 and 13 Storey Development Plans

Dear Mr. Sadiq Khan Mayor of London,

I would like to advise your planning department to overturn Redbridge Council's decision to allow this development due

to the concerns that many local residents across this borough have regarding this application:

1. The plans do not contain nearly enough affordable social housing that is locally well needed.
2. Having structures of up to 42 and 13 storeys will also block the daylight for people in this neighbourhood.
3. We have already had enough high rise developments in the London Borough of Redbridge.
4. Many other local residents in Ilford will be adversely affected by this proposal.
5. This plan will create more congestion and put a large strain on the local infrastructure within Ilford town centre.
6. Members of the locally influential Reclaim Redbridge Group also oppose these plans.
7. There is an online petition against the proposed developments on the change.org website with at least 100 signatures.
8. We also are aware of the potential health hazard of having large residential blocks next to busy and polluted roads.
9. Certain local traders oppose this plan due to the effect it will also have on their businesses.
10. After events such as Grenfell Tower planners ought to be very cautious about constructing more residential tower blocks.

Please do not hesitate to reply to this letter.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Mr Mayor

[REDACTED] I am asking and indeed imploring that you may call in a decision that was agreed by the Planning Committee of the LB Redbridge on 18 July in relation to Station Road, Ilford. The decision was split and was only agreed with the casting vote of the Chair, so it was deemed and is highly controversial.

The planning committee which looked at this application was very remiss in not mentioning two key problematic aspects of this scheme - density and affordable housing. The density of this scheme would be 1,480 units per hectare compared to a London Plan guidance level of up to 405, which makes this three times denser.

There is no affordable housing on the Bodgers site and even with the affordable housing at the Recorder House site, the 35 per cent target of the Redbridge Local Plan (RLP) is not reached - it is only 27pc by unit. This means less housing for people who are at the lower ends of the economic scale, the majority of local people.

It is also 42 storeys and will be built over a railway line which I know TFL had concerns about, surely Councillors should have considered that as highly important. It beggars belief that this could be agreed even under these circumstances.

For all of these reasons, I am asking if you can call this decision in and reject it.

Thank you

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Dear Mayor Sadiq Khan,

Regarding Bodgers Tower 4557/18 & Recorder House 4570/18 Plans

1) Will Redbridge Council be writing to the applicant seeking an EMF risk assessment as soon as possible.

2) As soon as you have the risk assessment will you call a planning committee (I assume the works will not proceed until one is with Redbridge) to discuss the risk assessment before making a decision as to whether the development should go ahead? And also discuss any further conditions Redbridge feels appropriate to comply with the risk assessment.

3) Do you agree that any major construction works like this this should be postponed until the Coronavirus emergency is over?

4) Both Bodgers and the Ilford Recorder site has either a school or nursery (Issac Newton & Balfour Nursery) within the 500M perimeter set by Redbridge Council for NO2 surveys per the Tesco development. Will you instruct your planning department to produce NO2 surveys.

5) Will you agree a construction route which will cause least damage to child health with local schools if Redbridge decides to go ahead.

I attach GLA report setting out the need for an EMF assessment.

It would be very welcome if you reply within 5 working days.

Regards,

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