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Dear Robert Lester

Re: Application Ref: 2016/4457/P

"Replacement of horizontal aluminium sliding sash windows with polyester powder coated aluminium coated windows."

My name is Maria Ford and I am the Chair of the Millman Street Tenants and Residents Association which includes Millman Street and Millman Place blocks.

I have had a number of affected residents complain that they have not received the letter informing them about the Council's planning application for casement windows in the Millman Street block.

There is a mistake on the letter which shows the addresses as being: "2 Blocks at Millman Place." This is incorrect as both blocks directly affected, to our

- knowledge, include Millman Place and Millman Street and according to John Burton, the Contract Manager.

I ask that you notify all affected residents living in both Millman Place and Millman Street blocks and extend the planning consultation date from the date you re-issue the notice to the affected residents in Millman Street and Millman Place.

Please can you inform us of whether there will be an opportunity for the TRA Representatives and residents to attend a deputation at a planning committee and the date?

Residents voiced their concerns in a residents meeting that was cut short and unfinished that they did not want the same windows as 20-48 Millman Street replaced in 2013 and requested sliding windows.

At a recent residents meeting a majority of residents agreed that they would like like for like windows with secondary/double glazing. This is because of numerous defects with the casement windows inserted into the 20-48 Millman Street block 2013 where sliding windows were replaced with casement aluminium powder coated windows.

Defects reported by residents from 20-48 Millman St with the proposed casement windows include repeat repairs, missing or loose handles after frequent use, broken/bent safety catches in some cases unable to open windows, windows stuck and unable to open, glass too heavy for frames, windows which open outwards and let in water which causes water pooling

- when open, aluminium powder coating crumbling off within a year of installation, no ventilation in some windows.

When residents requested like for like sliding windows the Contract Manager said that he had not heard of double glazed sliding windows and later said that these would be too expensive. However, we have checked the pricing and they appear to be the same cost as the proposed windows.

Residents are waiting for proposal of works in detail as we were only provided with a draft survey of proposed works at the consultation meeting which John Burton said was inaccurate and showed an asbestos visual inspection having taken place which showed no signs of asbestos. We know that our block has asbestos throughout and that the Council is also aware of this because asbestos removal is carried out when properties become vacant.

I hope that you can reply shortly so that I can inform the Millman Street and Millman Place residents.

Thanking you.

Yours sincerely

Maria Ford
Chair of Millman Street TRA

