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Dear Victoria,

ELEPHANT PARK PLOT H7 RMA – 35% CAMPAIGN

We have seen that the 35% Campaign has published several tweets following the H7 planning committee last Monday which suggest that the Planning Applications Committee were misled by the Applicant in relation to the provision of grant funding to the project by the GLA. We are writing to reassure you that the committee was not misled and provide below an explanation that can be shared with Members and the objector as appropriate.

The tweets reference an extract from a GLA funding document found on the GLA's website, accessed via a link under a section entitled "Estate regeneration projects in receipt of GLA funding". The document suggests that Elephant Park is in receipt of GLA funding.

To be clear, Lendlease is not in receipt of GLA funding at Elephant Park as we stated at Planning Committee. We have sought clarification from our registered provider, L&Q, to understand the basis for the GLA document and received the following response which I have reproduced below:

L&Q register all affordable homes with the GLA via the Open Project System (OPS, previously IMS). This is regardless of whether grant is actually requested. Having checked the OPS we can confirm that to date, phases 1-3 of Elephant Park have all been registered with the GLA as nil grant, and the correct number of affordable homes included. No grant has been received on these homes. The table referred to in your email is not an L&Q document and we cannot identify where the data comes from however, it appears to be a GLA monitoring tool and refers to regeneration schemes requiring resident support post July 2018. We can advise that the first time that the project was uploaded onto the newer GLA system (OPS) was September 2018 for phase 3 (blocks H4 & H5), and then acknowledged by the GLA in December 2018. Previous phases were originally registered on IMS in earlier years and subsequently transferred to OPS.

As such, this is an administrative reporting error and the GLA's housing team has formally confirmed that the page referenced on their website is incorrect and Elephant Park should not have been included on this list given it is nil grant. The GLA website has now been amended so that there is no confusion in future.

Please let us know if you would like any further information on this matter.



Yours faithfully

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