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**Further Questions from the Aylesbury - A response is required by 16th November 2017**

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Tue, Nov 7, 2017 at 1:52 PM

Dear Mr Chambers,

I acknowledge receipt of your e-mail dated 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017 and respond as follows:

**Commercial Confidentiality**

Please demonstrate why the information that you are withholding is commercially confidential, particularly given that some of the information requested you have already willingly put into the public domain.

It is incumbent on you to demonstrate to the objectors and the inspector the economic benefits of your proposed scheme. Please explain how you intend to demonstrate that your proposed scheme provides economic benefit and is not loss making if you will not release the financial information underpinning your decisions.

**Decision to stop work**

You still have not answered the question I raised in my e-mail dated 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017, namely "information on the date on which that work was instructed to be ceased, who issued such instructions, and for what reasons." The Levitt Bernstein Executive Summary, reporting on Stage E of the South-West Corner refurbishment project, states that on 1 April 2005 the Client instructed them to cease work on that project. Please advise the full reasons for those instructions and who gave them (and who authorised the giving of them, if different).

**The 26 September 2005 Southwark Executive decision to demolish instead of refurbish, including comparisons of new build and refurbishment.**

Your response references the cabinet report but does not provide the detailed information requested. Please provide the detailed calculations which back up this decision, in particular:

- The detailed calculations used to justify the statements made in paragraph 4.4 of the cabinet report.
- Detail of how HRA revenue implications have been calculated, as noted in paragraph 8.2 of the cabinet report.
- The detailed calculations which have been used to calculate the figures within Appendices A and C of the cabinet report.

Please do not refer back to the Levitt Bernstein 2005 Stage E report or the 2005 Frost report again as the figures noted above are not included in these reports.

**Notting Hill Trust viability statement dated 4<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

In your letter dated 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2017 you stated "The Council does not hold the underlying information that sits behind this statement." You state in your e-mail dated 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017 "This information requested will not be released as it is subject to commercial confidentiality." Please explain why your statement has changed and confirm either of the following:

- The council doesn't hold the information; or
- The council does hold the information but is withholding it on the basis of commercial confidentiality.

I also asked for "all cost information or due diligence exercises that the council does have that have been used to validate the figures either within the DPA agreement between Southwark and the Notting Hill Housing Trust or the Notting Hill Housing Trust viability statement dated 4<sup>th</sup> March 2015." Please provide the cost information requested. If you are not willing to do so, please provide me with copies of the due diligence exercises.

### **Detailed Cost Information**

The information you have provided me is generic, in particular with regard to the decanting and risk items. Please provide the costings related to Items A-C as originally requested.

### **Access to Properties**

I will respond with regard to this once you have provided the necessary financial information.

### **Further Information required**

Please provide the following in relation to the First Stage tenders for refurbishment of the South West corner of the estate:

- The detailed back up (Priced Bill of Quantities) to the pre-tender estimate of £31,043,934.00 noted in item 5.1 of the First Stage Tender report (Item 10.1 of Volume 2: Supplement to Stage E report).
- The priced Bill of Quantities submitted by Higgins (or other tenders submitted if this is not available), which has been used by BPTW when pricing their April 2005 estimate for refurbishment of the estate.

Can you please also provide details of all Decent Homes or Decent Homes Plus works carried out by London Borough of Southwark in the financial year 2004/2005, as detailed below:

- Name of each estate and number of properties refurbished and whether they were refurbished to Decent Home or Decent Homes Plus.
- Cost of refurbishment as a total for each estate and cost per property for each estate.

Please provide the information requested above by close of business on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2017.