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Dear Alan,

I was very concerned to hear that One Housing Group has submitted a bid to the GLA for grant funding for Kingsbridge Estate redevelopment. This bid is entirely premature given that residents have not been properly consulted on the options for their homes. I accept that you may in the future seek to draw down grant for any future development but do not believe that this application is either necessary to secure future grant or appropriate. I do not support a bid for grant for any redevelopment on the Island at this point.

I have been very clear that any redevelopment on the Island must be resident led and OHG's decision to submit this bid does not meet this test.

I am acutely disappointed that you did not choose to raise this at the Isle of Dogs Working Group earlier this month, which I established precisely for the purpose of discussing such matters.

This application creates a fundamental breach of trust with residents and this authority.

Can you advise me when you will share information of your bid with residents as I will be informing them of your decision shortly.

Yours sincerely,



John Biggs
Executive Mayor of Tower Hamlets

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