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Re: Sherford Refined

Dear Mr Tyler,

My family and I have used the letter of objection issued by Brixton Parish Council to raise our objections to the Co-Op's "Sherford Refined" proposals.

Frankly given the amount of work put in by our elected and unelected representatives and The Princes Trust, to develop an acceptable plan for a sustainable community, the proposition of Sherford Refined at this stage is an outrage.

I would like to bring two specific points to your attention:

1. I believe that adoption of Sherford Refined would be in breach of the Human Rights of local residents, who have been properly consulted about the Princes Trust plan, but have not been consulted about Sherford Refined. My understanding is that residents have a right to be consulted about local developments, and I would intend to mount a legal challenge to the adoption of Sherford Refined, which would drive a coach and horses through all concepts of local democracy.
2. I believe that questions should be raised about potential conflicts of interest in this case. The inspector will be appointed by the office of the Deputy Prime Minister. The Labour Party are in huge debt, and owe the Co-Op bank large sums of money. The Co-Op would gain significantly by the adoption of Sherford Refined. The residents of Brixton have a right to be assured that the appointed Inspector is acting completely independently of all political pressure, and that he or she judges

the relative plans on their merits (as defined by relevant planning law) alone. I believe that failure to demonstrate complete independence would leave a decision to adopt Sherford Refined open to legal challenge.

I ask please that you forward these representations to The Inspector dealing with the Enquiry into The Sherford Area Action Plan.

Yours sincerely

Patrick Loxdale

Copy To:

Paul Lowden, Chairman, Brixton PC

Mr Gary Streeter MP

PS: Paul,

I understand that the Co-Op claim to have sent letters to all local residents, presumably claiming that they have consulted. I would like to confirm that neither I nor my immediate neighbours at Wollaton, have received any written communication, or invitation to presentations. This is in complete contrast to the excellent communication and consultation afforded us all by Brixton PC, S Hams DC, SHARD and The Princes Trust.

May I ask that, on my behalf, you highlight this failure to truly consult with local residents as required in Planning by Design.

Many thanks for your hard work on behalf of us all.

PS: Mr Gary Streeter

We know that this Government's track record on probity and standards leaves a great deal to be desired. There is very clearly the possibility of a huge conflict of interest here, because of the fact that The Inspector is a political appointee, and the ruling party is in great debt to The Co-Op Bank (I think they owe them >£5million by end of year) and the Co-Operative Society would gain hugely by the adoption of Sherford Refined.

I would please ask that you take this matter up on behalf of your constituents, so that the office of The Deputy Prime Minister is in no doubt that the appointed Inspector must not only be, but be seen to be, completely independent of all political influence.