



**Open Letter sent by email to Cllr Jack Hopkins, Cabinet Member
Lambeth Council – 13th April 2016**

Cllr Jack Hopkins
Cabinet Member for Jobs and Growth
Lambeth Council
Phoenix House
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Dear Jack

RE: OAKDA Masterplan

Congratulations on the expansion of your cabinet portfolio, I look forward to continuing to work with you locally.

You will know that KOV has been trying to work with Berkeley Homes over the Gasholder Site and we need your intervention to maximize the benefits of the site for all. Berkeley Homes has responded directly to certain specific points, but KOV continues to believe that this will be a missed opportunity if the community proposals are not given more adequate consideration. I attach my letter for your information, which has been copied to all ward councillors including you.

KOV is unhappy at the planned timetable for sign off on a masterplan with Lambeth by the end of the month. In their letter of 2nd April Berkeley Homes promised to circulate a summary of the consultation responses, and what revisions have been made as a result – this has not been done to date.

Previously the Berkeley Homes consultation had promised to look at people's quality of life and the strength of the community in taking forward the masterplan, adopting their toolkit. So far, there is no material evidence of this process being followed, despite repeated requests to work in tandem with KOV suggesting a meeting in March, and that request ignored until the 2nd April.

There are other recent instances in the borough where developers have not listened to residents with costly results for the Council. I trust you can help now to secure the best for the area working with the community.

Yours

Helen Monger
Chair