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To: John, Peter

Cc: Cllr Rosie Shimell; Cllr Charlie Smith; Catherine Rose; Manny Amadi

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Subject: Open letter - new ED secondary school

Dear Peter,

At the start of March you kindly met with me and with two representatives of East Dulwich New Secondary School Campaign. I am very pleased that you are supportive of a secondary school on this site, but the community does need your help and leadership in making it happen.

My understanding is that the site needs to be purchased by the EFA and that it, therefore, must be economically viable.

Is this your understanding of the situation as well?

When we met, you felt that the Dulwich Hospital SPD did not need to be revised to support a new secondary school there.

Is this still your view and, if so, how else would you make the site financially viable for the EFA and make it clear to potential developers that the council is committed to a secondary school on all of this site not used for new medical facilities?

The context of my concern is that the former East Dulwich Police station site, roughly 1,800m<sup>2</sup>, was sold for £6M to the EFA. This was despite the site having an expectation of D1 with the final value being residential developer led. The two-thirds of the Dulwich Hospital site we all wish for our new East Dulwich secondary school is 18,000m<sup>2</sup> of the 27,000m<sup>2</sup> of the whole site.

If you think that a change in the planning brief and SPD is now necessary, how could this be pursued?

Would it be helpful if we committed any local CGS money to examining possibilities or officer time?

I know we had a robust debate about this topic at council assembly recently, but I believe the only way we can make a secondary school happen on this site is by working together and using all the different levers we have. I hope that you are as committed to working together as I am and I look forward to hearing your views on the questions above. Given how quickly these things move, I hope you can reply as soon as you are able.

Regards james

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