



Councillor Merrick Cockell
Leader of the Council

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Mr David White
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Dear Mr White

LEA Consultation on a new Holland Park School redevelopment proposal

Thank you for your letter dated 10th January 2008.

I was surprised by the nature and level of concern you have expressed.

As you will be aware, there was substantial consultation over a two year period on the previous applications for the Holland Park School Redevelopment. This included wider public consultation and separate meetings with the Campden Hill Residents' Association and the Kensington Society.

Council officers have kept the Residents' Association informed of progress. A decision was made by Cabinet to withdraw from the public inquiry on 22nd November 2007 and this was communicated to you in a telephone call from Mrs Carrie on the morning of 23rd November. This was followed by a one to one meeting between Mrs Carrie and yourself on 7th December. In addition, information has been provided to you on several occasions in response to your requests. On 20th December, Mrs Carrie wrote to you inviting you to a presentation of the revised plans by Aedas Architects offering a free choice of dates and times over a two week period.

The current proposals have been developed with the full knowledge of the issues, which arose during the consultation on the original application. The intention has been to address, as far as possible, the concerns expressed by residents and other stakeholders, which were reflected in the issues identified as of concern to the Secretary of State.

While it is true that the Campden Hill Residents Association is to have one private meeting of its own with the architects for the scheme, there is nevertheless going to be a very thorough consultation.

There will be a newsletter delivered to 55,000 homes and four separate public presentations of the new plans. Once the application is registered, there will of course be the full statutory consultation.

We are confident that we have exceeded every reasonable expectation with regard to consultation.

I hope that you will avail yourself of the opportunity to attend a presentation of the revised plans with the architects and project team and that you will agree that the new proposals have addressed most of the concerns about the original proposals.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, stylized initial 'S' followed by a surname that appears to be 'Mace'.