

Our Ref: 1823477/SP

Mr Aluko 31, Langdale Road Wavertree L15 3LA

17 June 2020

Dear Mr Aluko

## Re: Property and Asset Management Complaint

Thank you for your letter of 16 June 2020 outlining additional expectations from the Council.

I can confirm that the full and final summary of your complaint, which I will now investigate is:

- 1. You are unhappy about how Property and Asset Management dealt with and managed various aspects of land acquisition and development by Community Interest Company, Community Asset Revival (CAR). You state that:
  - You believe the Council wilfully and in full knowledge of the need to change the company status (to enable a partnership with a developer) denied Community Asset Revival (CAR) Community Interest Company (CIC) to progress with a viable scheme because the company status had to be changed to a private limited company.
  - The Council did not give a reason for the refusal of the change of company status to a private limited company.
  - It was unreasonable and unjustifiable for the Council to withhold consent to change the company status.
  - The letter outlining the reason for withholding consent to change the company to your solicitor was not made available.
  - The Council took too long. That delays by the Council amounted to 53 weeks.
  - CAR CIC was entitled to another nine months beyond the date on which the Option Agreement was terminated.







- The Council's actions sabotaged CAR CIC's attempt to develop property for social good particularly for the elderly.
- 2. You state that the impact on you is the loss of tens of 1000's of pounds in time, fees and potential profits.
- 3. Your expectations are:
  - ➤ That the Council repays in full all of the planning and legal fees paid to the Council. That you are compensated for all the legal and architectural fees, expenses and disbursements incurred and or payable by CAR CIC or yourself.
  - ➤ You seek compensation from the Council in relation to loss of potential profits from the approved development submitted and indeed, alternative designs that would have been submitted. This includes the uplift in the value of the land as first agreed with Cobalt Housing.
  - You seek compensation for the stress, inconvenience and time involved in dealing with this matter prior to and since lodging this complaint.
  - You seek acknowledgement and redress for your claim to have suffered what you perceive as institutional racism. You state this was previously mentioned in written communication with PAMs, in the meeting with Louise Ellman MP and in the formal complaint and was ignored and dismissed as unacceptable.
  - You want to be restored to the position you would have been in had the delays not occurred and the option unfairly terminated.

This is my final summary of your complaint. You do not need to write to me again in reference to this.

I will now proceed to carry out an investigation. I will respond with my detailed findings by 15 July 2020. If there is any delay I will let you know.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Parr **Divisional Manager Customer Access** 



