

**EMAIL FROM CLLR MARK WILLIAMS 13<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2016**

Dear All,

Further to my email below we have given further consideration to the preferred location of the new Canada Water Leisure Centre, we have now reviewed the responses to the council's consultation earlier this year and this showed a majority opposed to the preferred location that we set out (60% against, 40% for). At the last consultation meeting I set out how we would go back to British Land and ask them to find an alternative location for the new leisure centre. After considering the consultation responses we have now decided to go further and have decided that we cannot proceed with the location we consulted on as our preferred site for a new leisure centre. In October I will formally rescind the decision I took last year that set the preferred location of the new leisure centre. I have to wait until October because in line with the council's constitution we have to put any new decisions on the council's forward plan (which is publicly available) in advance of the decision being taken. I will be writing to British Land to inform them of this decision and confirming that we want a new leisure centre as part of the new town centre to be delivered in phase 1 of the development, as per our cabinet decision of November 2015. The requirements for the leisure centre in terms of public provision will remain the same, however as set out at the last consultation meeting we will consider being more flexible on requiring a stand alone building.

I would like to thank all of you for your engagement and input over the last year and for raising your concerns with me. I would also like to thank your local ward councillors for their input and engagement throughout this process. As I said at our last meeting I want to reset our relationship with local residents and I look forward to working with you in the future. If you would like to discuss this, or any other aspects of our plans at Canada Water or in the wider area, please do let me know.

Best wishes,

Mark

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