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Subject: Fwd: Royal Victoria Park Case For Inclusion
Date: 21 February 2017 at 14:18
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From: Giles Drewett
Sent: 20 October 2016 20:27
To: 'LESLIE, Charlotte' <charlotte.leslie.mp@parliament.uk>
Subject: RE: Royal Victoria Park Case For Inclusion

Good Evening Charlotte

Thank you very much for meeting with the Governors and the RET and discussing the Free School issue on our behalf. It is a disappointing, but unsurprising response from the school.

I suspect that we have exhausted our options to date and will have to await for a suitable opportunity in the future.

Thanks once again

Giles

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From: LESLIE, Charlotte [<mailto:charlotte.leslie.mp@parliament.uk>]
Sent: 20 October 2016 18:01
To: Giles Drewett <giles.drewett@plant-ex.com>
Subject: RE: Royal Victoria Park Case For Inclusion

Dear Mr Drewett

I met with the Bristol Free School Governors and the Russell Education Trust last Friday to put forward your case for Royal Victoria Park to be included in the school's catchment area.

I'm afraid that, as the school was specifically set up to primarily serve the Stoke Bishop, Westbury on Trym & Henleaze neighbourhood Partnership area (BS9), it was never planned to include Royal Victoria Park in the catchment area, and they cannot foresee any change in this position. They believe that any change in the boundary cut off point would simply increase calls from other roads close to the school, but outside of the area, to be included.

However, I was told that Royal Victoria Park children are getting places on appeal as they are so close to the school.

I completely understand your frustration with this situation, but unfortunately I am powerless to influence any change in this position.

I am sorry I cannot be of more practical help.

Best wishes

Charlotte

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From: Giles Drewett [<mailto:giles.drewett@plant-ex.com>]
Sent: 04 July 2016 20:47
To: LESLIE, Charlotte <charlotte.leslie.mp@parliament.uk>
Cc: BPDML Gmail <bpdmcl@gmail.com>; Lizzie Wittchard <lizzie@dtm.co>
Subject: FW: Royal Victoria Park Case For Inclusion

Dear Charlotte

Firstly, we would like to thank you for taking the time and interest to request a meeting with RET regarding the APA of Bristol Free School, we recognise that you have a very busy schedule and it is heartening to once again see our MP picking up on local issues.

I am sending you the various pieces of correspondence that we have had with RET, in particular the word doc transcript of the e-mails that we have had so that you are fully updated prior to the referenced meeting, and you can see from the e-mail trail below the frustrations that this raises.

Our principal issue is that upon raising our initial request in November last year and the meeting with the then Headmaster Mr Clutterbuck, we have done everything we can to gather information, communicate and discuss. This has been met with contemptuous and disingenuous responses. If there is a solid and valid reason for the exclusion of RVP to the APA, then we would willingly accept them as a consultation process is just that. However no response to date has demonstrated this, and the response now appears to be to close the door to any further communication with us.

I note that the school are undertaking some wildlife projects in RVP and Repton park, which is great to see. It would be nice to be able to further assist as neighbours to the school, rather than to be closed out from any discussion and treated as negligible to the furtherance of the school and its reputation. If it is possible for you to push for us to join the discussion with the Governors so that we could try to understand if there is indeed a valid reason for exclusion, we would be very grateful.

Thanks and best regards

Giles

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Begin forwarded message:

From: BPDML Admin Centre <bpdmcl@gmail.com>
Subject: Royal Victoria Park Case For Inclusion
Date: 4 July 2016 at 19:55:47 BST
To: karen.lynch@russelleducationtrust.org.uk, Elizabeth Bogle <elizabeth.bogle@russelleducationtrust.org.uk>

Dear Mrs Lynch

we were surprised and disappointed with your response to our letter. Perhaps the most disappointing aspect is your unwillingness to provide a single reason why we are being excluded. We simply do not understand why you haven't responded to any of the points we have raised. No reasons have been given for excluding us, and where reasons were offered earlier, they were shown to be factually incorrect. Even in the light of these inaccuracies you have not been willing to explain why you will not provide us with a response to the case and the points we have raised. We hope you will appreciate why this looks yet again like we are being "brushed off".

Are you willing to explain the process and evaluation criteria for considering requests like ours? As a publicly funded body we would expect that BFS and yourselves should be able to evidence good governance and transparent decision making around our request. From your unwillingness to provide any credible reason for our continued exclusion or response to the points we have raised, we are reluctantly reaching the conclusion that the necessary level of governance and transparency cannot actually be there.

We do not feel our request is being treated in a fair and transparent manner and are reluctantly reaching the view that the only way to establish why our case is not getting fair consideration, will be through alternative approaches for example through freedom of information requests, publishing the correspondence around our case, seeking legal advice, etc. You will recall that we have asked for a meeting with yourselves countless times, and have so far been denied that meeting. If you are now agreeing to a meeting about our case for inclusion with Charlotte Leslie MP, would you be happy to include us in that meeting, after all it is about our case?

We look forward to hearing from you

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On 22 Jun 2016, at 15:51, Elizabeth Bogle <elizabeth.bogle@russelleducationtrust.org.uk> wrote:

Dear Gill,

BPDMCL's letter was fully considered at the Russell Education Trust's Board meeting on 6th June 2016 and the response to you is attached.

I must apologise that it was not sent to you in good time. I was on leave last week and have only just been alerted to this fact.

However, Charlotte Leslie MP has intervened on your behalf and requested a meeting with Karen Foster, Chair of the Local Governing Body, and me to discuss the issue. We are in the process of arranging this meeting and will respond to you further when this has taken place.

Apologies again for the delay in sending the letter to you.

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Karen Lynch
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Russell Education Trust
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From: BPDMCL GMail [<mailto:bpdmcl@gmail.com>]

Sent: 21 June 2016 21:08

To: Elizabeth Bogle; Karen Lynch

Subject: Fwd: Consultation

Dear Mrs Lynch

you wrote to us on 31st May to inform us that you were reviewing our previous letter and would be discussing it at your Board meeting on 6th June. Over two weeks have now passed since the date of your Board meeting and we have not yet received your response. Can you tell us when we will receive it?

I am sure you will understand why we are questioning whether the issues we have raised and the work we have undertaken in good faith are getting fair consideration. We have been extremely patient but must now insist on a comprehensive response to the points we have raised.

As mentioned in all our previous correspondence, we would like to meet with you and the Board of Governors to discuss our case for inclusion. We look forward to hearing from you.

Gill Brooks
BPDMCL Director

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On 31 May 2016 at 10:48:35, Elizabeth Bogle (elizabeth.bogle@russelleducationtrust.org.uk) wrote:

Dear Gill,

Re: Bristol Free School Consultation

Please find attached a letter from me about this.

Best wishes

Karen Lynch
Chief Executive

<Response letter to BPDML 10 June 2016.pdf>

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