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Dear Rachael,

We are writing to raise our continuing concerns with the Council's management of the Ebury Bridge Regeneration project.

We were concerned to read in your report to the Housing, Finance and Corporate Services Policy and Scrutiny Committee on Monday 6th March 2017 that "the project team has concluded a detailed review of the Ebury Bridge project. Proposals will be put to members in April on how to implement a viable and affordable scheme based on the 2013 vote." As the ward Councillors this was the first we had learned that a detailed review had been completed and that proposals were going to be put to members next month. We therefore ask for an urgent briefing on the plans and how they can be achieved without going for a second referendum.

In her report to the same committee Barbara Brownlee writes that "a clear learning outcome for Ebury Bridge is ... [that] there is a need not to over promise about what can be achieved and by when." We acknowledge this admission that there have been a series of issues in the management of the process and seek a firm commitment that the project will not experience any further delays.

In his letter to us dated 20th November 2016 Cllr Danny Astaire wrote that the Council was supporting residents in Edgson House to find and move to new homes and that the date for demolition was dependent on the achieving vacant possession of the blocks.

We have received feedback from former residents from Edgson House who tell us they had to leave Edgson House on the basis that a strict timeline was in place for demolition. These residents are therefore, very concerned to see that not only the project has stalled but that the current temporary tenants moved in and continue to live in the block.

The Ebury Bridge Regeneration Project has not been well managed and has caused considerable stress for residents. Those who have made their homes on the estate for a number of years have faced uncertainty and in some cases have moved out of the areas as they couldn't face the further delays from the Council.



We seek your assurances therefore, that the project team will now prioritise effective and on-going communications with residents and a workable timeline for the development will be published.

We are now approaching the fourth anniversary of the Regeneration Referendum and residents feel justifiably disappointed that the much promised regeneration scheme has not started and that the intervening period has been marked by such poor communications and on-going delays.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J Williams".

Councillor Jason Williams  
Member for Churchill Ward

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Councillor Shamim Talukder  
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