

OPDC Board Members
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Dear Board Member,

In advance of the OPDC Board Meeting on 30th May 2019, I felt it important to write directly to all Board Directors in order to address a potential misconception which could arise as a result of the Chief Executive Officer's report to the Board.

Specifically, this report includes the following at para 3.1:

"Regular meetings are being held with key delivery partners, including the three host boroughs, HS2, DfT, MHCLG, Network Rail, Infrastructure & Projects Authority, GLA and TfL and with key landowners in the area, including the owner of Cargiant."

I would like to make it completely clear that there is currently no engagement taking place at all with the OPDC. There was one informal 'getting to know you' meeting between the interim CEO of the OPDC and myself as the owner of Cargiant. The informal nature of this meeting was agreed in advance and indeed there was no agenda set and no papers tabled.

The wording of the CEO report may lead you to conclude that 'regular meetings' are taking place with Cargiant or are scheduled or that there is some form of ongoing dialogue, when neither is the case.

I would like to make it very clear to individual OPDC Board Members that Cargiant remains open to further meetings with the OPDC but only on the very reasonable basis of being provided with relevant information in advance of such meetings so that this can be properly assessed.

You will be aware that we have requested for a considerable time a number of essential documents from the OPDC, none of which have been provided.

The OPDC has refused to share its Phase 1a development plan with us without an NDA being in place (a request only made one week ago), despite this being formally requested by the Local Plan inspector and this document therefore being in the public domain in only a few days.



The OPDC has similarly refused to share its assessment of our proposed Park Road alignment, despite David Lunts promising that this document would be issued to us.

The OPDC has still not provided any information about its assessment of the Cargiant operations which leads it to be able to state that its Phase 1a development plan would not have a detrimental impact on our business operations.

The OPDC has also not provided any questions to Cargiant that it would like answered about our business operations. At the Local Plan Examination in Public Cargiant undertook to the Inspector to respond to any requests for information about our business operations but no such requests have been made.

And of course, the OPDC has continued to refuse to provide even a redacted form of the HIF bid, even though the provision funding allocation has already now been made.

It is self-evidently demonstrable that the OPDC is failing to act in a collaborative manor and we have consistently warned that the assumptions made by the OPDC are wrong and that the development of the Cargiant site is neither viable nor deliverable.

We urge the Board of the OPDC to insist that relevant information be shared with Cargiant and that a proper assessment of our business operations be undertaken.

Yours Faithfully



Geoff Warren
Owners, Car Giant

