From: To: Subject: RE: Chartridge

Date: 19 February 2015 16:33:00

Afternoon

Just to provide an update to all.

The security team have now been mobilised on site and consists of 6 security officers and 2 dogs. They have been briefed to provide security to the Chartridge block, and to not permit any persons from entering the building further, however they are obviously permitted to let anyone leave!.

They have been introduced to and his team of officers currently on site, and are aware there will be a presence of 2 officers to assist with any breach of the peace, and if further back up is required this will be provided as and if when.

For information purposes, they have been provided with a unit for rest periods etc., which is located at the end of 1-68 Chartridge on the ground floor. The unit were ex garages that have been converted into a rest unit (works on going). Police officers on site are also welcome to use these facilities if required.

I have provided the Security supervisor with my mobile number as being the SPOC should they have any issues or feel their current resources are insufficient. Any reports received from them especially over the weekend, I will escalate accordingly to the relevant officers.

Regards

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From: Sent: Thursday, February 19, 2015 1:49 PM

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Afternoon

I have just returned from carrying out our monthly inspection of the above block. The following are bullet points of the outcome:

- We explained to the occupiers why we needed to carry out an inspection, to ensure there were no H&S risks especially relating to the asbestos panels within the communal areas.
- They were initially happy for us to carry out an inspection, but on the condition we left the door way open. This was declined, so they then advised us, they wouldn't permit us access as under squatter rights if we accessed the area they would no longer have squatter rights.
- I requested if they could clarify they were squatters, and they replied yes. This was witness by the Police and Council Officers present.
- I decided access would not be required, as while we were talking I looked through one of their sheets that is hanging over the ramp. I could clearly see one of the porch grilles have been opened. Although I am unable to clarify if the grille on the front door was breached.
- I also witness them accessing flats via the rear, using a ladder to climb onto the balconies and enter the property. These windows all were initially secured with metal grilles, which have now been removed.

We subsequently left the site, without taking any further action.

is in the process of speaking to the resident in and obtaining a statement relating to conversation with him earlier about the squatters attempting to access the block.

Just to clarify, the security team will be mobilised on site as of 3pm this afternoon, and seeing

advice now confirms we are able to prevent (without force) any other person's entering the building, this will form part of the security teams brief. I am however a little concerned that advised me while we were on site, that Police presence will be withdrawn from Chartridge, so the security team will not have a Police presence. However did advise officers would respond to calls from the security team if assistance is required.

This was not my initial understanding from our other meeting? Clarification would be appreciated before 3pm please.

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From:
To:
Subject: De-briefing Aylesbury Squatter Action
Date: 18 February 2015 10:39:00

Dear All

Following on from last nights enforcement action to remove the squatters from 77-105 Chartridge. The follow action was undertaken by both Council staff. Contractors and Police.

- 6.30 enforcement of IPO on 77-105 Cartridge was instigated by Council. Squatters were requested to leave the building, but refused.
- Operation reverted to Police to enforce IPO.
- Possession of block obtained by Police, and handed over to the Council to carry out clearance and security works to the block.
- Squatters scaled the security grilles on 69-76 Chartridge and gained access to the block.
- Squatter's obtained access to the roof area to continue protesting.
- We have not been able to ascertain if they have breach the security grilles to the front entrance doors, as banners and sheets have been erected in front of the main walkway obscuring view.
- 11pm -Housing team handed over to Emergency out of hours Team (complete remaining of security works to 77-105 Chartridge
- Clean team and welders completed clearance and securing the block at approximately 12am (18.02.2015).
- More protesters continued to arrive to the area, but were intervened by Police, and encouraged to move away from the area.
- Further confrontations occurred in Westmoreland Road between Police and protesters.
- Some of Protesters eventually agreed to leave.

Occupation of 69-76 Chartridge remains with protesters agreeing to leave but upon the condition they are able to speak to Council Officers!

- This block is fully decanted of all residents.
- (Legal) currently reviewing legal options open to the Council to obtain back possession of the block.
- The protests were not entirely peacefully carried out, as Council staff and contractors were subjected to a wall of protesters who were abusive and intimidating to officers.
- Police were required to intervene to deter any further intimidation.

I have not received any further updated from the Police, but I understand from the emails that they were contacting you 9am this morning, so hopefully you would have obtained a further update from them.

Regards

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