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Cc: [John Wilkinson](#); [Tim Ball \(Cllr\)](#); [REDACTED]
Subject: Rough Sleepers & Grosvenor Place
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Attachments: [Exit Strategy Report \(Final\).docx](#)
[Grosvenor Place Draft Response.msg](#)

Richard/Tom,

I am writing to you as ward Councillors for Walcot, and which contains Grosvenor Place, albeit I appreciate that Richard has already been updated on the issues.

As you will know the Government directed local authorities to house all rough sleepers during the Covid crisis. In total 69 rough sleepers were assisted and 42 of these were housed directly by the Council. The housed sleepers were accommodated in a range of dispersed accommodation, including Grosvenor Place, [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and a few flats. This was a pragmatic response to an urgent need. However, our thoughts are now turning to the medium and longer response, effectively our exit strategy. The attached document, and which is not for wider circulation, details the SLT agreed approach to this matter.

In summary it advocates: prioritising our existing pathways (supported & permanent housing) for current and former rough sleeper; exiting the expensive [REDACTED] as soon as practical; bidding for MHCLG funding; and keeping our current provision in [REDACTED], Grosvenor Place and the flats for at least the next 6 months.

Furthermore we are also looking at developing a business case to convert Grosvenor into a supported housing scheme, which would house former rough sleepers. To be clear this would not be a homeless hostel, but rather a move-on scheme for former rough sleepers. However, no decisions on this have yet been made and we are only at an early stage in development. In any case this decision would need both SLT & cabinet approval. As ward Councillors for the Walcot Ward, and which contains Grosvenor Place, I wanted to make you aware of our plans, and in particular the fact that it will still need to be used to accommodate the current cohort for at least the next 6 months.

I should also make you aware that we have recently received a couple of complaints from [REDACTED] about the use of Grosvenor Place to house rough sleepers. The complainants have advised of a couple of incidents relating to individuals shouting, swearing, smoking outside etc. We are addressing the issues with Julian House who manage the scheme on our behalf. For your information I have also attached a copy of our response to the 2x complainants, one of which will come from Tim Ball at the request of the complainant.

If you would like to discuss this further, possibly through a zoom call with [REDACTED], Julian House & myself then I can arrange this.

Kind regards.

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