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Date: 12th October 2018

Dear Sir/Madam

### **Sprinkler Systems in Leasehold Properties**

I am also instructed to seek the Tribunal's clarification of the running of the Case Management Hearing on the 16th October 2018.

It is noted from the proposed timetable that the leaseholders will have "an opportunity to comment/ask questions" in response to the Council explaining its application and that one hour has been allocated for this.

May I respectfully ask the Tribunal to advise the purpose of this hour bearing in mind that this is a directions hearing?

It would also be useful to learn how the Tribunal intend to manage this part of the hearing. At present, I have received a notice of acting from just one solicitor, who will be acting for 11 leaseholders (covering 23 leasehold addresses). Further to Rule 14 (representation by lay person), I am also aware that at least one Councillor plus Chairs of Resident Associations have been stated by leaseholders in their Reply Forms. Although the numbers of those attending on Tuesday is uncertain until the day, is it the Tribunal's intention to allow all who wish to speak to do so? Will each person be given an allocated time?

There is a concern, perhaps augmented by the venue, that the Case Management Hearing will be treated as a public meeting and not a court of law.

I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

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Yours faithfully

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