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2024 Autumn Update

Lease negotiations

Dear Association Chairs & Committees

Following the helpful exchange of views with members, ODFAA sought formal legal advice on the draft texts. Unfortunately, after two firms were approached, one declined due to potential conflict of interest and the second, though willing, proved to be very costly.

We concluded that it would not represent value for money. We are now hoping to have the benefit of an informal, but still expert legal view, before responding to OCC.

The timeline we might envisage will now stretch some way beyond our previous estimate as we are effectively prolonging the negotiations and will need to wait for further response from OCC. We are therefore cancelling the Town Hall meeting on 19 September and will update on an alternative in due course.



Association status

As a reminder – if you have not already done so, please can each Association confirm as soon as possible by email to John Lardner (johnlardner@hotmail.com) whether you are:

- a) **Incorporated – as either Cooperative or Company**
- b) **Unincorporated – and intending to remain so**
- c) **Unincorporated – but intending to become Incorporated, and by when.**

If you are, and intend to **stay Unincorporated**, you must be able to provide at least two Association members who are willing to accept individual liability as signatories to the new Lease.

If you are intending to change to Incorporated, the timing of completion might have a bearing on whether OCC will wait until that is done or require individual 'trustee' signatories to start with.

With best wishes

The ODFAA Committee