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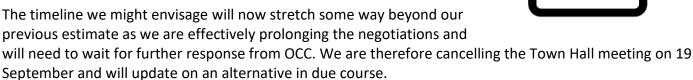
2024 Autumn Update

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.





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 (<u>johnplardner@hotmail.com</u>) 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