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Sent by email

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Dear Mr Wild,

Re: Galpin's Road

I am writing to you on behalf of residents of Galpin's Road regarding a number of concerns that were raised at the public meeting held on 1 September 2022.

1. **Gas checks.** A number of residents are concerned with the adequacy of the gas safe inspections undertaken prior to reoccupation of their property by SGN. There have been reports that the inspection was completed too quickly for it to be thorough and there is footage of an inspection where the correct testing tools did not appear to be used. Furthermore, a resident in a property that had been inspected as safe by SGN has since found a gas leak present. Residents are understandably anxious to return to their property and to provide them with reassurance it is important that an independent gas check of their property is undertaken. Given the circumstances, I would be grateful if you would fund the cost of this.
2. **Attendance at public meetings.** It was agreed at the meeting that there would be a regular fortnightly meeting for the residents of Galpin's Road to keep them updated and for them to ask questions. There was an overwhelming feeling in the room that SGN should be present, and I would like to invite you to the next meeting. A date has not yet been fixed but I will provide you with these details once this has been confirmed.

I would be very grateful for your response addressing each of the concerns listed above. As you will appreciate it is crucial at this time that the community feels that their concerns are being listened to and addressed. There is work to do to rebuild the trust of the community after such a tragic event and it is important that they are reassured that their concerns are a top priority for the senior officers at your organisation.

I will be circulating a copy of this letter and your response to the residents of Galpin's Road.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ross Garrod". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'G' at the end.

Councillor Ross Garrod
Leader of the London Borough of Merton