



Councillor Alan Hall

REPLY TO MILLWALL FC – OPEN LETTER

Thank you for writing to me asking for my opinion and approach to the failed Compulsory Purchase Order around The Den and the New Bermondsey Regeneration scheme. I will answer your questions in turn:

1. The Compulsory Purchase Order around The Den on land owned by Lewisham Council and leased to Millwall FC and MCT failed earlier this year. That fact speaks volumes to me. I do not believe that a new CPO would be compelling or in the public interest. I would not support this.
2. I do not support the sale of the freeholds.
3. The simple answer is 'yes'.
4. I have heard that there is a serious possibility that Millwall FC and therefore, the MCT and all the community work will have to move if the land around them is sold. I have publicly stated that Millwall Football Club is a real asset to the London Borough of Lewisham and London. I am proud that Millwall FC, a national institution, has over 100 years of history locally and hope that it stays for another 100.
5. I agree wholeheartedly with the Shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer, John McDonnell, MP. Indeed, I am very pleased that he has endorsed my candidature to be the Labour Mayor of Lewisham.

Furthermore, I pledge to work hard to repair and restore the relationship between the Council and our local football club, Millwall. I believe that Millwall FC has a record second to none in relation to community work and I have seen the value of this across Lewisham. Let's work together to keep Millwall FC in its rightful home, The Den.

With kind regards,

Alan Hall