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Dear Mr Rouse

Re: UPPER NORWOOD JOINT LIBRARY

I am responding to your letter of 22nd December 2011 on behalf of Derrick Anderson who is still on leave.

We had envisaged that the meeting of our respective directors in January was an informal opportunity to discuss a way forward. It would now appear that the meeting scheduled for the 12th January is not just between Adrian Smith, Divisional Director, Culture and Communities and Jane Doyle, Director, Community and Support Services. With extreme difficulty I will rearrange my diary to attend. Given that we are meeting so soon, we will discuss the matters raised in your letter at the meeting including your suggestion of a valuation. We do not consider that you should instruct valuers until we have had this face-to-face meeting. We would also, of course, expect a discussion on the proposals set out in the letter from our Chief Executive dated 2nd December.

As stated above, it was our understanding that the discussions (at least at this stage) would be informal and, as such, would not require the presence of lawyers. However, as you have indicated that your representation at the meeting includes a legal adviser, I will also arrange for a legal adviser to attend with me. For the avoidance of doubt, I will need your assurance that the discussion on 12th January will be without prejudice to Lambeth's position on Croydon's purported termination of the agreement, including the reserving of its position generally on the question of referral to arbitration.

Yours sincerely



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