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15<sup>th</sup> September 2003

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Dear XXX

I write to support the bid from The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea Tenant Management Organisation for additional funding to assist its delivery of decent homes across the Council's stock.

In support of the bid I would draw your attention to several factors:

Firstly, the Tenant Management Organisation achieved ALMO status as a "Round Two ALMO" which as you know meant the amount of funding which they were able to bid for was capped at £ 5,000 per unit. While Round One ALMO's were initially capped many have now received top up funding so if Round Two ALMO's were not granted top up funding this would seem to be less than a level playing field.

Secondly, failure to attract additional resources in a borough which has seen works costs rise far in excess of the national average could jeopardise the ALMO's ability to meet the 2010 target.

Thirdly, the stock managed by the ALMO has the highest percentage of flats of any ALMO in the country. This brings into play particular issues for residents around quality of life, environment and security which some of the additional funding would assist the ALMO to address. There may be issues here around the definition of a decent home but ones that we consider are worth some further consideration.

I hope you will be able to look on their bid favourably.

Yours sincerely,

Cllr Merrick Cockell, Chair of the Kensington and Chelsea Partnership.

**PLEASE NOTE- THE ABOVE SIGNATURE IS ON BEHALF OF THE FOLLOWING REPRESENTATIVES ON THE PARTNERSHIP:-**

The Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea (four elected Councillors)  
Mr Paul Haigh, Chief Executive, Kensington and Chelsea Primary Care Trust

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Mr Steve Crow, Learning and Skills Council, Central region  
Chief Supt. Dominic Clout, Borough Commander, Metropolitan Police  
Mr Malcolm Spalding, Chairman, Kensington & Chelsea Chamber of  
Commerce  
Miss Geeta Nanda, Kensington and Chelsea Housing Association Group  
Mrs Celia Rees-Jenkins, The Kensington Society, & The Chelsea Society  
Mrs Doris Besant, Kensington & Chelsea Residents Association  
The Reverend John Davis, Co-Chair of Forum of Faiths (approved in personal  
capacity)  
Mr Augustine Omara, Kensington & Chelsea Social Council  
The Voluntary Organisations Forum (four representatives)