

Sadiq Khan
Mayor of London
City Hall
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Dear Mayor Sadiq Khan,

I understand that a charity, Water Incorporated, has offered to buy Clerkenwell Fire Station and to preserve the historic building and develop the site entirely in accordance with the requirements of the Planning Brief published by London Borough of Islington in November 2014. This is said to include Islington's requirement for a block of new-build affordable/social homes at the rear of the site, which would also support your current housing objectives for London. They have produced architect plans in support of this which are available to view on their website.

Water Incorporated has stated that it has funds immediately available to buy the site at market price and to complete the purchase promptly, thus ending the use of our taxpayers' money to keep the building secured and insured, which has been ongoing since the station was closed in early 2014.

However, Water Incorporated claims that owners LFEPA have refused them access to the building, have refused to discuss their proposals, have refused to re-open the sale process, have refused to say when the process will be re-opened, have refused to put the issue of Clerkenwell Fire Station's future on the agenda for the next LFEPA meeting, and have refused to accept a public question from Water Incorporated at their next meeting on the grounds that their request is "frivolous".

This begs the question "WHY"?

I write to request your intervention to instruct LFEPA to re-open the sale process without further delay and allow Water Incorporated to bring their proposals to the negotiating table in the interests of securing the future of Clerkenwell Fire Station and bringing it back to life in the heart of our community. Thank you for your attention and in anticipation of your action.

Yours sincerely,

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____
