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Dear Mr Baggs

Use of security consultants by Thames Water

I am writing following a meeting this Monday with Phil Stride and others from Thames Water, with representatives from the SaveKEMP campaign, Tower Hamlets councillors and officers.

At that meeting a member of the SaveKEMP campaign, Emma Puosi, reported that at a recent consultation day in Glamis Hall she had been approached by a man who appeared to be one of the Thames Water staff. He had quietly told her, in a threatening manner, her name, her home address and the address of her work place. When challenged he had been identified as a security guard, although he was wearing neither a uniform nor any identification. Ms Puosi was particularly worried about this as the work address he gave her is only a temporary job she is doing to help a friend and therefore is not published anywhere. She can think of no way that this information could have been legitimately obtained by Thames Water.

I questioned Mr Stride on this at the meeting this week and asked him directly whether consultants had been employed by Thames Water to do background research and profiling on members of the SaveKEMP campaign. I was extremely concerned that Mr Stride refused to give me a direct answer on this and evaded a number of other direct questions.

I am therefore writing to you to ask you:

1. What is the name of the company who provided security at the Glamis Hall consultation events and what are the names of the staff members they had present at these events?
2. How did they obtain the personal details of members of the SaveKEMP campaign?