**Statement Issued on 08-02-21**

The Board of Directors at VHMC and the Company Secretary Chaneys wish to reassure members that we are robustly tackling the illegal activities of a small number of leaseholders namely Colin Davison, Anne McCabe, Rafael Guedes and Des O’Neill.

From the outset this ‘group’ has appeared intent on seizing control of VHMC. As the legally-appointed VHMC Directors we have been proportionate in our response. First, we offered them an EGM, called by VHMC in response to their own non-compliant petition. This was ignored. Instead the individuals named pressed on with an illegal and fraudulent General Meeting. We wrote to Davison privately, via the company solicitor, advising him that the meeting was illegal. This advice was ignored. We alerted all members to the illegality of the meeting. This was ignored, too.

Despite the warning to Davison et al, they held a sham general meeting in which irregularities abounded and Davison declared himself and the others above-named individuals, as Directors and himself as Company Secretary. This act immediately broke the law - impersonating designated officers.

Davison sent a letter to our bank in an attempt to freeze the bank account. Had he succeeded, all work, maintenance and cleaning at WW would have come to a halt, and in particular the work to replace the cladding on the blocks affected and install extra security for residents until this work has been completed. Davison wrote to Chaneys terminating their contract with two month's notice, in full knowledge of the impact that this would have on the cladding work and services. He also issued an order to our solicitors to stop work and filed unapproved articles of association of the company at Companies House.

Davison and his allies have posted the wildest and most disgraceful allegations about the legitimate VHMC Directors, all without a shred of evidence and they have openly encouraged members to breach the terms of their lease by not paying service charges.

Enough is enough. We have attempted all reasonable avenues open to us to prevent these fraudulent individuals from destroying the interests of VHMC’s legitimate members. The four persons named will now be vigorously pursued via a civil injunction. It is the only route left open to us to stop their abhorrent behaviour. Naturally, we shall aim to recoup full legal costs from them. This is in addition to the criminal and regulatory complaints that we have already submitted. The consequences shall be on their heads, because they have rejected all opportunities to cease and desist in their actions.

Please ignore any and all correspondence from Davison, McCabe, Guedes and O’Neill: they are private individuals only. Their standing as Directors of VHMC exists in their minds only and not in law. The palpable nonsense in their recent letters serves only to confuse and distress members and we utterly condemn it.

Beware of their tactics. They are capable of anything. Therefore, please pay attention only to correspondence from official VHMC sources. If you are ever in doubt, please contact Chaneys, who will verify which correspondence is official and that which is bogus. This includes emails, calls, letters or anything purporting to be from VHMC but which strikes you as suspicious. In short, treat Davison et al as the perpetrators of a scam.

Members are strongly encouraged to refer to the official Winterthur Way website to confirm the authenticity of any VHMC member communications.

To authenticate our communications, please see: [www.winterthurway.co.uk/official](http://www.winterthurway.co.uk/official)

For information relating to the EGM, please see: [www.winterthurway.co.uk/egm](http://www.winterthurway.co.uk/egm)

For information relating to the 28th Jan member meeting, fraudulently referred to by Mr Davison as an EGM, please see:  <http://winterthurway.co.uk/latest-news/egm-information/28jan/>

To mitigate the need for any further communications to members, please ensure you check the Winterthur Way website 24hrs prior to the EGM.

On behalf of VHMC Directors: We affirm that the dispute we currently have with a number of leaseholders who we allege are impersonating designated officers at VHMC does NOT include Mr Robert O’Brien. To our knowledge Mr O’Brien has had no involvement in the potentially illegal acts undertaken by this group. To our knowledge Mr O’Brien has not sanctioned or agreed with communications from the group that VHMC considers misleading, defamatory and damaging to the interests of members. Nor has he any association with suspected acts of fraud being investigated.
Any statements by VHMC regarding the dispute with the group bear no relevance to Mr O’Brien whatsoever.

As the legitimate VHMC Directors, we are sorry that Davison, McCabe, Guedes and O’Neill have engaged in this vindictive and destructive conduct and we are sorry for the confusion and distress they have caused. However, together we can thwart their enterprises and hold them accountable for their antics. The official EGM on 22 February is one avenue whereby members can utterly reject Davison et al. Thereafter be assured that the Company will ensure that they are brought to account for their actions and that reparations will be made for the time and money they have wasted.

Yours faithfully,

**The Board of Directors**

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