



13<sup>th</sup> April 2022

### 2022 Pay Ballot

Dear Jeremy,

I have read your email of this afternoon and I note you have stated in our previous meetings that Wandsworth Council were insistent that a 7-year deal be done and later reduced that to a 5-year deal, and that it had to be in place no matter what. You now today state that you are prepared to impose a single year deal at 7%. For clarity I have already informed you that the 7% was also rejected. This also brings into question if Wandsworth had any input to this from the beginning and how accurate NSL were being when this was stated.

This morning inflation (RPI) hit 9%, this does not take into account the 20% petrol/diesel rise in March, nor does it take into account the electricity and gas hikes due imminently. It also does not take into account the 1.5% National Insurance rise or the recent prices of food and travel as the figures produced by the government are some 6 weeks behind.

This means the real cost of inflation will be in double figures for April as the minimum RPI will be 10.5%. We believe by the time April 6th figures are released RPI will be close to 20%.

I have informed you that I intend to gain authority to ballot our members for industrial action and that application will be submitted tomorrow.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Grafton