

21 August 2023

Ms Mary Geddes
The Lodge
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By e-mail and post

Dear Mary

1. ASCOTT PLOT REF. A2/3

Following our non-cultivation notice, LBE issued you with a notice to quit dated 20 July 2023. In your response dated 31 July 2023 you requested a suspension of one growing season on the grounds of your ill health. On that basis, in our e-mail of 8 August 2023 we agreed to rescind the notice to quit and did so advise LBE on 16 August 2023.

Nevertheless in your letter of 13 August 2023 you have stated:

"I wish to relinquish occupancy of Ascott 2, Plot 9E (5.5 poles). This is the plot alongside the metal fence adjoining the tube line, which has fruit bushes and apple trees and which was the subject of a complaint from a neighbour.

This plot has become very difficult to manage because of the ingress of brambles and ivy through the metal fence separating this plot from the tube line."

The above is in fact a clear description of your **Plot No. A2/3** so we acknowledge the surrender of your tenancy of that particular plot. Your tenancy of Plot No. A2/9E continues.

You therefore have one month from the date of this letter in which to remove anything which is lawfully yours from Plot No. A2/3, to tidy it and leave it in an acceptable state, after which time anything remaining may be disposed of.

2. RUDE AND OFFENSIVE CORRESPONDENCE

We have been horrified to receive the attached from your spouse Leslie Jones at 00:42 hrs on 11 August 2023.

The subject heading **"Ascott-Buchenwald"** is an outrageous characterisation, repulsive not only to any Jewish plot-holders who may well have lost relatives in the Holocaust, but to any right-thinking person.

As regards the reference to Kim, a well-regarded Ascott site manager who jointly committed suicide with his wife at Christmas 2013, it is difficult to overstate the effect that tragic event had on our community of hundreds of plot-holders. Yet we have their memory of Kim and his wife mocked with: ***“Come back Kim, all of your faults will ultimately be forgiven.”***

Nothing justifies such a communication. The e-mail appears only calculated to offend and as such we cannot envisage a clearer potential breach of Rule 17 (Nuisance) of your tenancy agreement.

LBE operates a zero-tolerance approach to deliberately rude and offensive behaviour. So we inform you that if anything similar happens again, your remaining tenancy is at risk.

Yours sincerely

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c.c. Chris Welsh, LBE Parks Services Manager

From: Leslie Jones <editorquarterlyreview@gmail.com>
Sent: 11 August 2023 00:42
To: Ascottfriends
Subject: Ascott-Buchenwald

Mike

I spoke to our mutual friend Tom at the allotment today and we agreed that the co-ordinaters have ruined what was once a place of joy and solace.

Come back Kim, all of your faults will ultimately be forgiven.

The arrogance of some of the co-ordinaters is only exceeded by their ignorance of gardening and its attendant problems.

Sleep well, Leslie and Mary

Sent from my iPad