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BUT, Lisa McLean would not
give up: her 23.06.03 letter to
my then solicitor

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Dear Sirs

My solicitor Mr Russell Conway, Oliver Fisher Solicitors, has forwarded me your letter, dated 9 April 2003.

As Mr Staddon explained to you, both he and Mr Conway are acting exclusively for me in the LVT case instigated by Steel Services – (as is my surveyor).

Last year I spent a lot of time and effort trying to organise a concerted response by a group of residents. When it came to the point of signing an engagement letter from a lawyer, the support vanished.

A commonly expressed view was: "Why should we pay solicitor and surveyor fees for the other residents?" In addition, there was also fear of retaliation: the small group of residents knew that, as a result of challenging the service charge, I had suffered considerable harassment, intimidation – and even assault on one occasion. (This is still going on in relation to the first two). Another resident who, like me, also had the courage to 'stand-up', suffered a similar treatment.

Given the lack of support, I decided to act only for myself.

And alone I have been: I was the **only** resident who attended the 5 February hearing. Why were not any of the ten other residents listed on the County Court action issued in December present?

Even considering the most unlikely assumption that, some of them: (1) did not receive any of the numerous correspondence from the Leasehold Valuation Tribunal; (2) nor any of the correspondence from West London County Court, they will have at least received the invoice sent *nine months* ago by MRJ, dated 15 July 2002, which was the first request for payment of the contribution towards the major works – as this was part of the half-yearly service charge.

No doubt, they will also have received a letter from CKFT, Steel Services' solicitors, in October threatening immediate legal proceedings if payment was not received. In December they will also have received another half-yearly service charge statement.

Hence, it cannot be lack of knowledge on their part which prevented them from pursuing this matter.

In light of the above, I am sure you will understand that I am not prepared to incur legal fees to assist other residents. I trust that both, the LVT and County Court will be able to address your queries.

Yours faithfully

cc. Mr Russell Conway, Oliver Fisher