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Dear Alan/Jude,

In your email dated 26th September entitled; "Update: Festival Wing Open Space Forum", you state the following: "As you know, after lengthy and robust discussions, we agreed to consider a proposal from the undercroft community to raise £17m from crowd-sourcing to keep skateboarding where it is. However, sadly, campaign group Long Live Southbank, who attended the weekend, rejected this proposal in a press release on 17 September before it could progress further."

Your statement is factually incorrect and the Long Live Southbank statement referenced reads as follows:

"It would be inappropriate for LLSB, which represents over 60,000 members, to agree to any crowd funding project that requires a commitment to the concept of a replacement space or that places the onus of finding funding on Undercroft users."

As you will note, our statement does not constitute any form of 'rejection' as claimed by you and we consider your published email misrepresents the Long Live Southbank response to the Open Forum discussion.

Our statement simply reiterates the same points and concerns raised and discussed during the Open Forum and confirms that as an organisation, should a crowd funding scheme exist, we would not agree to full responsibility for finding the funds, nor discuss an alternative site in the meantime. Furthermore the 'proposal to raise £17m from crowd-sourcing' did not, as you claim, come from 'the undercroft community'.

As you must know, Long Live Southbank played no role in proposing crowd funding, nor were we formally invited to be a part of any crowd funding scheme. The Southbank Centre has never formally proposed a crowd funding scheme. You have claimed we rejected a proposal that did not even exist.

We were present at the Open Forum in an observational capacity. Our concern was that our presence would be used and misrepresented by the Southbank Centre. It is hugely disappointing to discover that our concerns were indeed justified.

We formally request you retract the statement as soon as possible (which should be within 24 hours) by contacting every recipient of your email and stating the following.

- Long Live Southbank did not reject any crowdfunding proposal.
- There was in fact no crowdfunding proposal for Long Live Southbank to reject.
- The idea of crowdfunding was not proposed by undercroft users.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H Edwards-Wood', written in a cursive style.

Henry Edwards-Wood

On behalf of the Long Live Southbank members and supporters