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Dear Belinda

I write in response to your letter dated 7 June 2011 with respect to the Summer Hill Action Group (SHAG).

I am not familiar with the SHAG group that you enquire about, other than to note I have heard the name mentioned by Councillor Lofts at a recent Council meeting in reference to the Summer Hill Flour Mill Site. Suffice to say I am not in a position to comment on the political alignment of the group and to date the group has not received any financial assistance from Council.

I have enquired with my colleagues at Council, particularly in the planning department and it would seem that the SHAG group are not at this stage formally recognised as a notification group, with respect to planning and development matters.

I undertook a 'google' search of the group to see if I may be able to glean any further information regarding SHAG and I was directed to the following <u>http://summerhillactiongroup.wordpress.com/</u> location which appears to be the webpage for the group. However the only contact information I have been able to extract is the following email address <u>shactiongroup@hotmail.com</u>. Like you I was not able to find any further information with respect to either the terms of reference or any Executive Committee for SHAG.

Your letter made reference to SHAG undertaking a community referendum at the polling booths during the recent state election. To date Council has not been supplied with any information with respect to this said referendum. I would recommend contacting the Electoral Commission NSW to seek any information

DX 21221 Ashfield ABN 11211068961 Tel (02) 9716 1800 Fax (02) 9716 1911 info@ashfield.nsw.gov.au www.ashfield.nsw.gov.au relating to the state election as local Council was not involved with the election process.

Regrettably I am not able to be of much assistance to you with respect to this matter. However should you require any further information with respect to the Summer Hill Flour Mill Site please contact the Phil Sarin, Director Planning and Environment at <u>phils@ashfield.nsw.gov.au</u> or 9716 1960.

Regards

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