
Important Clarification – Proprietors’ Trust Funds

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Dear Proprietors,

You will have received a circular issued last night by individuals describing themselves as the “Elected Garden Committee” concerning the bank account held in the name of **Grosvenor & Lansdowne Crescents Proprietors Committee**.

Those individuals have been notified in writing by two independent firms of solicitors that they have **no lawful authority** to act on behalf of proprietors.

In simple terms, the position is this.

Proprietors’ funds were held in a trustees’ bank account operated by the lawful Committee on behalf of all proprietors.

Without the knowledge or consent of the authorised trustees, the mandate on that trustees’ account has been altered and, we are informed, proprietors’ funds have been transferred to a different account operated by the individuals describing themselves as the “Elected Garden Committee”.

This is an extremely serious matter and one of fundamental importance to every proprietor. It concerns your money.

We have written formally to Royal Bank of Scotland seeking a full written explanation as to:

- how the mandate on the trustees’ account came to be altered **without the knowledge or consent** of the existing authorised trustees;
- whether the Bank has in fact made any “determination” regarding governance or legal authority, as has been publicly suggested; and
- on what authority any transfer of proprietors’ funds took place, and what has happened to the funds removed from the trustees’ account.

It may also assist proprietors to recall that, in March 2025, proprietors passed a resolution requiring that any **material change** affecting the management of the gardens be determined by **electronic poll of all proprietors**. That safeguard was introduced specifically to prevent small groups from using poorly attended meetings to impose their will on the majority. It protects the rights of proprietors and ensures that every proprietor has their say before any material change is made to the running of the gardens. No such electronic vote was held before the mandate on the trustees’ account was altered.

We will update proprietors once clarification has been received from the Bank.

Yours faithfully,

Wendy Kay
Secretary
Grosvenor & Lansdowne Crescents Proprietors Committee