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Dear local resident

I hope you have been keeping as well as possible in recent weeks.

In my last letter to you in December, I advised that I would not be taking a decision about the future of Grenfell Tower. I have heard clearly from those most affected that now is not the right time to take a decision about the future of Grenfell Tower.

Out of respect for those who have not yet felt able to give their views, it is right that we give more time as a decision about the tower must be approached sensitively and in a way that people feel as comfortable as possible with. I understand the news that the tower will remain standing for longer might not be welcomed and that this continues to be a challenging time, with many of you focusing on the ongoing Grenfell Tower Inquiry and the upcoming fifth anniversary of the tragedy. I also recognise that the ongoing presence of the tower may have an impact on you.

To those of you who have already spoken to us about the tower by speaking directly to us or to Kaizen, we are grateful, and we have recorded your views. We will continue to create opportunities for us to meet and speak with you, as well as with bereaved families and survivors. We will ensure that:

- This is not a time-limited conversation. We will provide the time and the space for you to participate as you wish to.
- There will be a range of opportunities for you to speak directly to me and officials from my department.
- You can bring concerns or questions and be listened to. This conversation will focus on what matters most to you.
- You can engage with us on this sensitive issue in ways that suit your needs and preferences. We will meet you at a time and location that works best for you and your family. We will also provide translation services where needed.
- We will regularly share with you what we are hearing, and how we are taking action on what we've heard.

With this mind, my team and I would like to offer several opportunities for engagement:

Online contact

You can contact me directly online. Scan the QR code below (and go to 'get in touch') to submit your thoughts, questions or concerns about the future of the tower. You can also use this to request a meeting with my officials, or to request support – such as an interpreter – to help you participate in this conversation.

Informal drop-ins

My team will be holding informal 'drop-ins' every Thursday from 10am–1pm at Kensington Leisure Centre, Silchester Road, W10 6EX. (Please go to the main entrance of the building and follow the signs.) We will provide you with the latest updates about the Grenfell Tower site, including about ongoing safety works, the rewinding of the tower and local opportunities provided to the community by the on-site contractor. You will have the opportunity to ask us questions and share any thoughts or concerns. No appointment is needed, just stop by when it suits you. These drop-ins will run into May, after which we will review when and how often they should take place.

My team is also available to attend any community forums or meetings that you are holding. Please do get in touch us via the details at the end of this letter.

Community meeting

I would like to meet with you personally to address the issues that matter most to you. I will write again to you soon with the details of a local resident meeting in early May where you can share concerns that are personal to you, and have your questions answered. You will also be able to meet officials and find out more about specific themes relating to the tower. If you have suggestions on how and where you would like this meeting to happen, please get in touch.

Monthly community online meeting

We continue to hold a regular Microsoft Teams meeting at the beginning of every month, which you can join to receive information and ask questions about the site. Please visit the GOV.UK weblink below and go to the 'get in touch' section for details.

Moving forward with the conversation

Out of respect we will pause our conversations around the fifth anniversary in June. We will review what we have heard from you and share that openly with you. You may also want to go into further detail, for example, on how to ensure a sensitive and respectful approach at the site and how your physical and mental health will be supported now and in the future.

Ongoing site works

As part of work to ensure the tower's stability, we are installing 'props' (metal supports) throughout the tower. This has recently involved adjusting the scaffolding on the side of the tower facing Bramley House and Latimer Road Station, adding a small lift at basement level to take out heavy equipment such as boilers, and removing small sections of the tower wrapping. The annual rewinding of the tower will also begin on 8 March and we have sent you a leaflet with more information about that. For more information on any of this, do get in touch with us or join one of the above-mentioned meetings.

A future memorial

I, and the government, are unequivocally committed to supporting the independent Grenfell Tower Memorial Commission and their journey to create a fitting and lasting memorial, determined by the community. I recently re-affirmed this commitment directly to them. The Memorial Commission is continuing to meet with the community around ideas for a future memorial and I encourage you to find out more about their upcoming community meetings. Please see the 'dates for your diary' news page on their website at:
www.grenfelltowermemorial.co.uk.

I hope to see you soon, and that I and my officials can support you in any way possible to make your voice heard in this vital conversation.

With every good wish,



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How to contact us

We will reach out to you, but you can also get in touch with us by arranging a meeting or sending us your questions and issues by using our quick contact form at
www.gov.uk/grenfell-community-updates.



You can also continue to reach us by:

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