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At our community online meetings on 8 February 2022 and 8 March 2022, we updated on the next stage of community engagement on the future of Grenfell Tower, and tower site maintenance and safety works. We gave an update on the annual rewrapping of the tower and local opportunities available from the Grenfell Tower site principal contractor, DUK. We also gave a reminder about the health and wellbeing services available to the community.

The meeting panels

- Chair – Suzanne Kochanowski: a civil servant in the community engagement team at the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC)
- Nadir Alabdulbaqi a civil servant in the site management team at DLUHC
- Rachel Appiah, a civil servant in the community engagement team at DLUHC
- Victoria Exell-Pitman, a civil servant in the community engagement team at DLUHC
- Matt Hogan, a civil servant in the site management team at DLUHC
- Steve Jones, from DUK, the principal contractor for the Grenfell Tower site

You can watch the meetings by clicking here: [February update](#), [March update](#)

The future of the tower

The Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, Michael Gove MP, has written to bereaved and survivor families, and local residents, on the future of Grenfell Tower. He will be giving more opportunities to hear their views in a way which focuses on what matters most to them and is not time limited. You can read the letter [here](#).

The letter lists different ways you can contact the secretary of state and his team with your thoughts, questions and concerns about the future of the tower, including:

- Informal drop-ins every **Thursday** between 10am and 1pm at Kensington Leisure Centre, Silchester Road W10 6EX
- Informal drop-ins **after Jummah (Friday prayers)** on **1, 15 and 29 April** and **13 and 27 May** at the Al-Manaar Muslim Cultural Heritage Centre, 244 Acklam Road W10 5YG
- Monthly community online meetings – see the link and QR code in the How to get in touch section below for dates and joining details
- The quick contact form at www.gov.uk/grenfell-community-updates (or scan the QR code) and go to 'Get in touch'

Rewrapping the tower

Grenfell Tower is enclosed in protective wrapping, the outer part of which needs to be replaced once a year to keep it effective. This year, the rewapping began in early March and is due to last about 10 weeks, depending on the weather. For more information please go to www.gov.uk/grenfell-community-updates (or scan the QR code below) and click on 'Latest updates'. If you have any questions about the rewapping or the Grenfell Tower site, please contact us using the details in the 'How to get in touch' section below.

Safety works

As part of the ongoing works to keep the tower stable, additional 'props' (metal supports) are being installed in the basement of the tower. This will involve adjusting scaffolding on the side facing Bramley House and Latimer Road Station, putting in a small lift at basement level to take out heavy equipment such as boilers, and temporarily removing small sections of the tower wrapping. The work is expected to end in September and will be done as sensitively and considerately as possible.

If you have any concerns or questions, please contact the site management team at GrenfellTowerSite@communities.gov.uk or call [0303 444 0011](tel:03034440011).

A system is in place to monitor the tower 24 hours a day, and there are also daily inspections and regular floor-by-floor checks by structural engineering specialists. People can continue to live, work and go to school nearby. You can read more about the ongoing safety works in our [July 2020 community update and letter](#).

Procurement of structural monitoring supplier

The current contract with the supplier who provides structural monitoring of the tower will end in the summer. Procurement is currently taking place to ensure continuity of this essential safety measure. This is a standard process and is part of the government's role in keeping the site safe. The contract does not include any works related to bringing down the tower.

Relocating the electricity substation

The electricity substation on the ground floor of Grenfell Tower is being moved to a new location near Kensington Leisure Centre and this should be complete this summer. The work is being managed by RBKC and UK Power Networks. Read more about the substation move in our [April 2021 community update](#).

The principal contractor and social value

The principal contractor of the Grenfell Tower site, DUK, is responsible for keeping the tower stable and secure by monitoring the tower and the site 24 hours a day, and carrying out safety works and ongoing maintenance work. DUK has not been appointed to take down the tower.

As part of its role as a contractor in the public sector, DUK brings social value to the community through long-term, sustainable improvements. DUK is working with local and national organisations including the Department for Work and Pensions and Ingeus, to provide training and apprenticeship opportunities, careers advice and jobs fairs, and also supports local businesses and community groups.

For the latest opportunities, please see the DUK's website: www.degroupp-community.uk.

DUK and community groups are discussing which opportunities are prioritised so that as much of the community as possible can benefit.

If you would like to be involved in shaping social value opportunities, talk to us directly, share any concerns or ask us questions, **please email** GrenfellTowerSite@levellingup.gov.uk **or phone us**

on [0303 444 0011](tel:03034440011).

Health and wellbeing

The local NHS service can offer members of the community affected by the Grenfell Tower tragedy physical and mental health support, including for children and young people. Visit the NHS Grenfell Health and Wellbeing Service at [grenfellwellbeing.cnwl.nhs.uk](https://www.grenfellwellbeing.cnwl.nhs.uk) for information, or, if you are feeling anxious or stressed, call them on [020 8637 6279](tel:02086376279) (from 8am to 8pm) or on their urgent advice line on [0800 0234 650](tel:08000234650) (24 hours a day).

Our next meeting

Our next community online meeting is on Tuesday 3 May, 6pm to 7pm

- **Join with weblink:** msteams.link/YZRQ (using Microsoft Teams)
- **Or join by phone:** dial [020 3795 5763](tel:02037955763) and enter conference ID 554 436 088#

Please email us if you would like us to send the link for the meeting to you directly, or if you have a specific question that you would like us to answer in that meeting.

How to get in touch

We are available for conversations with you or your family and to provide any further information that you might want.

- Email GrenfellTowerSite@levellingup.gov.uk
- Phone [0303 444 0011](tel:03034440011)
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The digital signs around the site contain the latest information about the tower.



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