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INDEPENDENT GRENFELL RECOVERY TASKFORCE: THIRD REPORT

Thank you for your Third Report and for meeting with me recently to discuss your views on RBKC's progress to date. I was pleased to hear how you are continuing to successfully challenge the Council at all levels on their recovery performance and strategy.

It is heartening to hear about the positive relationships RBKC officers are developing with the people they serve. I also agree with your assessment that the Council has made some demonstrable progress in important areas such as governance and leadership. It is important that they continue to develop and embed these vital cultural changes.

Like you, I am pleased that the Council have been listening to the views of the community and involved them in the development of their recovery strategy. Whilst I am reassured to hear that the Council's leadership is strongly committed to this work, I share your concerns about their capacity and capability to deliver the recovery strategy and withstand the anticipated pressures of the Public Inquiry.

While the vast majority of people are now either in their permanent or temporary homes it remains essential that every effort is made to ensure that everyone can move out of emergency accommodation, and that those in temporary accommodation move into permanent homes, as soon as possible.

I welcome your additional work with RBKC on their business and socio-economic development. You are, rightly, asking the Council to consider the needs of their residents as they move forwards as a community and I welcome this ambition for them. I also welcome your recommendation that the Taskforce consider the wider Community Relationships which RBKC are developing.



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I appreciate the support and challenge you are providing to the Council and ask that you continue to help them develop into a strong and confident council.

You have agreed to report to me again in spring 2019. I look forwards to continuing to work with you.

RT HON JAMES BROKESHIRE MP