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The Government has taken ownership of the Grenfell Tower site until its long-term future is determined by the community.

The Communities Secretary is now responsible for operational decisions, including on the security and safety of the site. This means the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea (RBKC) will continue to take no role in decisions about the management of the site.

The land is now 'Crown land', which is another name for land owned by the Government. This transfer of ownership from the Council to the Government is one step on the path to reaching a community-led proposal for a fitting and lasting memorial.

Community-led Memorial

The bereaved, survivors and wider community will lead decision-making regarding a memorial for the Grenfell Tower site through the community-led Memorial Commission. Further information on the Memorial Commission can be found at www.grenfelltowermemorial.co.uk.

In March 2018, after discussions with the community, the Government published a set of written principles, agreed by RBKC and the community, that will underpin the decision-making for a fitting and lasting memorial for the site. All commitments made by the Prime Minister regarding the Grenfell Tower site will be honoured by the current and future Governments.

The principles were laid as a Written Ministerial Statement on 29th November 2018 and are published on gov.uk. The Government and RBKC have publicly stated that if the bereaved, survivors and local community do not want the site to be redeveloped, it will not be redeveloped. A legal restriction has been put in place so that the land cannot be used for any future purpose other than that determined by the community in accordance with the process agreed in the Principles.

Future ownership of the site

The Government has committed to transfer the land to the community if that is their wish, in accordance with the published principles, once an appropriate body has been established and the site has been made ready for future use.

Information and engagement

The Government will ensure that the bereaved, survivors and the community are kept regularly updated on management of the site and engaged on any operational decisions.

You can contact the Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) team responsible for managing the site by email and phone: GrenfellTowerSite@communities.gov.uk and 0303 444 0011. We will be very happy to provide more information and answer any questions. The existing Site Management team have joined this team and you can continue to contact them using this email address and phone number.

If you have any ideas about how we can improve our communication and engagement, please let us know.