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Grenfell Tower Memorial Commission

I am writing to inform you that the Government has reached agreement with representatives from the bereaved, survivors and local community to establish the Grenfell Tower Memorial Commission. My Right Honourable Friend Nick Hurd, in his role as the Minister for Grenfell Victims, has been leading this work.

The Commission's remit is to establish a community-led proposal for what happens to the Grenfell Tower site in the future. The common assumption is that this will be a memorial. The Commission will also look at ownership of the memorial site and how it can be sustainably managed in the long term. Its work is expected to take a minimum of a year, after which it will publish a report setting out its findings.

The Commission will be made up of representatives of the bereaved, survivors and residents from the Lancaster West estate – together with relevant public authorities, seeking the views of the wider North Kensington area through its consultation process. The Memorial Commission's terms of reference are at Annex A. Over the coming months the Commission's members and Chair will be confirmed and a further update on progress is planned for the Autumn.

I also wanted to let you know that the National September 11 Memorial & Museum has gifted a Survivor Tree seedling to the Grenfell community affected by the fire. The seedling spreads a message of hope and solidarity and will serve as an inspirational landmark for the future.

Each year on 12 September, the Museum announces three communities that will be the recipients of a Survivor Tree seedling, grown from the seeds of the Callery pear tree that stood on the World Trade Centre Plaza and survived the 9/11 terrorist attacks. The chosen communities have overcome tragedy and represent the spirit of the Survivor Tree.

I will write to you again with an update on Grenfell recovery following conference recess.

I am placing a copy of this letter in the library of both Houses.

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