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## Share your views about Grenfell Tower and the future memorial

As the owner of the Grenfell Tower site, the government wants to engage with bereaved family members, survivors, local residents and the North Kensington community, on decisions and activity relating to the Tower.

A decision has not yet been made about what will happen to the Tower. We don't underestimate how difficult this decision will be, particularly for bereaved families. **We want** to hear your views before a decision is made, and to ensure you are supported to have your say.

The independent Grenfell Tower Memorial Commission also wants to speak to and hear from you, and to work together in developing a fitting way to remember those who lost their lives in the Grenfell tragedy. The Memorial Commission wrote to you in December to share the ideas it has heard so far for the future memorial and to explain how you can give your ideas on that. I am now also writing to tell you how you can have your say in upcoming decisions about Grenfell Tower.

Since September a community engagement specialist, Kaizen, has been carrying out these discussions about both the Tower and the memorial with the bereaved, former residents and the community. You can share your views with them however it suits you best. Kaizen can offer conversations in a range of languages if that would be helpful.

- Email grenfellmemorial@kaizen.org.uk
- Call 020 7082 5505 or text 07984 434855 to arrange a phone conversation.
- Write to: Kaizen, 22a Cliff Villas, London NW1 9AT.
- Or complete an online survey at: www.surveymonkey.com/r/TheGrenfellMemorial

These discussions are still in their early stages and it is important that they include the crucial voices we wish to hear from, in particular, bereaved families and survivors. Decisions on both the Tower and memorial are likely to take several years to implement, hence why we need to start these discussions now.

I want to reassure you that the government is in regular contact with the police and the Grenfell Tower Inquiry to ensure that decisions about the Tower site do not interfere with their work.

As well as giving your views to Kaizen, you can also reach out to the MHCLG team directly,

who can answer any questions you have. Our contact details are below, along with details of our monthly online meeting for residents and others on Tuesday 2 February, 6pm to 7pm.

With my very best wishes,

**Alistair Watters** 

## For further information and support

- To speak to the MHCLG team directly and ask us any questions, please email: <u>GrenfellTowerSite@communities.gov.uk</u> or phone 0303 444 0011
- Sign up for regular updates from the government, which will include information about the management of the site and the future of the Tower. (These updates are available at <u>www.gov.uk/grenfell-community-updates</u> and can also be emailed to you. Please sign up for these at <u>GrenfellTowerSite@communities.gov.uk</u>.)

> Attend our monthly online 'drop in' information event:

- This will be on Tuesday 2 February, 6pm to 7pm. Join with this weblink: <u>bit.ly/2FebEvent</u>
- Here you will be able to hear from, and ask questions to, members of the MHCLG Grenfell Tower site management team and the MHCLG community engagement team.
- We have asked community groups to share this event information by WhatsApp, as well as on the digital signs at the site. Please email us if you would like us to email the link to you directly, or to send us a specific question that you would like us to answer.

To contact the independent Grenfell Tower Memorial Commission, email <u>GTMCSecretariat@communities.gov.uk</u> or phone 0303 444 4831. You can also find information about them at <u>www.grenfelltowermemorial.co.uk</u> and on Twitter (please follow @GrenfellTowerMC)

If you're anxious or need to talk to someone, call the Grenfell Health and Wellbeing Service on **020 8637 6279** or email <u>grenfell.wellbeingservice@nhs.net</u>