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Dear residents,

I hope that this letter finds you and your family safe and well.

As the guardian of the Grenfell Tower site, we want to share information with you about decision-making on what should happen to the Tower, and likely timings. I understand that this is sensitive, especially for bereaved families.

I am writing to you now to set out the next steps and as part of this, I want to understand any questions, concerns and priorities you might have about the way ahead. This is so that we can take them into account where it is possible for us to do so.

What this letter is about

Following important advice from structural engineers about the condition of the Tower, we need to consider this summer if, and when, the Tower should be carefully taken down to maintain safety. This is so that we can plan for this as part of the ongoing safety works taking place within the Tower. Before we make any decision, we will share the advice we have received from engineering experts with you. We also want you to be able to meet and question those experts to discuss the implications of their advice.

I want to reassure you that it will be at least a year before we begin to implement any decision, which means there will be no change to the Tower before the fifth anniversary in 2022. The work of the Grenfell Tower Inquiry will continue during this period.

The independent Grenfell Tower Memorial Commission is developing a community-led vision for a memorial, and their work is progressing. Bereaved families, survivors and the local community will continue to be at the heart of determining what the future memorial will be. We are committed to supporting the Memorial Commission and the community in their creation of a fitting memorial to honour those who lost their lives in the tragedy.

What will happen next

We would like to invite you, starting with bereaved families, to in-person and online meetings that are happening this month. Here, you will be able hear from members of the MHCLG

Grenfell site team and our structural engineers, and ask questions directly of them. We want to ensure **bereaved families, survivors and residents have access to the information that will inform a decision on the Tower** before it is made. We can also arrange to speak with you on a one-to-one basis, and at a time or place that you feel most comfortable. The information that we share may be upsetting to some, and we will make sure there is support in place for you, if you need it.

What will the meetings cover?

During these meetings we will:

- Ask about your priorities and preferences so that we can understand what is important to you before a decision is made, and accommodate these where we can. This might include, for example, access to the Tower, and any support that you may need.
- Share information from our engineers about the condition of the Tower, possible next steps and timescales. You will have the chance to review this information, ask questions and raise any concerns.
- Share information about our consultations with the Metropolitan Police and the Grenfell Tower Inquiry. We are in regular contact with the Inquiry to ensure that our decision about the Tower will not interfere with their work, and likewise with the police.

Later this month, and after we have been able to discuss it with you first, we will publish the information that will inform a decision on the Tower. We will continue to offer you opportunities to meet with the MHCLG team, and the experts advising us, throughout May and beyond.

What do you need to do?

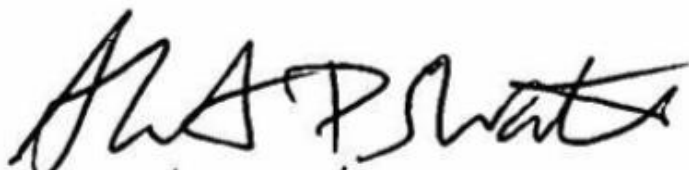
Please see the enclosed Grenfell Community Update that provides details of the meetings that will be available and how to get in touch with us.

If you need support

What we are sharing might be upsetting. If you need to talk to someone, you can call the Grenfell Health and Wellbeing Service, a free and confidential NHS service for children and adults on **020 8637 6279**, email **grenfell.wellbeing@nhs.net** or visit the website grenfellwellbeing.com

If you would prefer not to receive letters about the Tower or the site in the future, please email GrenfellTowerSite@communities.gov.uk and we will remove your contact details.

With my very best wishes,



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