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Dear Elizabeth, Barry,

As you know, the Independent Grenfell Recovery Taskforce stepped down from their role on 31 March following the publication of their fifth report. I know that you will join me in thanking them for the support and challenge they have provided to RBKC over the last two and a half years.

I was pleased to learn that RBKC continues to make progress. Since the Taskforce's fourth report, the council has produced an ambitious new housing strategy, with 95% of households from Grenfell Tower and Walk permanently rehoused, and the appropriate support put in place for those who have not yet moved into a permanent home. The council has increased their focus on the economic development and skills agenda, strengthened the senior leadership team, and provided bespoke support for the bereaved and survivors. I am now confident that the foundations are now in place for RBKC to continue on its own improvement journey, throughout Phase 2 of the Inquiry and beyond, without intensive support from the Taskforce.

The Taskforce's report is clear, however, that some challenges remain and that RBKC has significant work still to do in relation to culture change and improving relationships with the wider community. I expect RBKC's improvement plans to have a particular focus on these issues going forward. I will not hesitate to take further action should there be insufficient progress.

I believe that the appointment of Rt Hon Nick Hurd as an Independent Adviser to the Prime Minister on Grenfell, which I confirmed on 26 March, will help to ensure that the Government has continuing oversight of RBKC's improvement journey. This will be in addition to the continuation of the Grenfell Ministerial Recovery Group. These oversight arrangements will ensure I am kept abreast of the progress of Grenfell recovery and allow Government to meet its continued commitment to supporting the recovery of those affected.

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Yours
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