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A principal contractor is required for any project involving more than one contractor. Our existing contract for the Grenfell Tower site expires in July and we have now appointed a new contractor to take over and continue essential safety and maintenance works. This is a standard process and is part of the government's role in keeping the site safe.

The procurement process began last December, when we informed you that we were inviting bids from a range of companies. Bidders in the procurement process were evaluated based on a range of technical, commercial and behavioural criteria, which included community engagement and willingness to contribute to the local community. A group of volunteers from the local community also took part and gave their perspective on what was needed from the new contractor.

Find out more about the procurement process in our December 2020 [update](#).

Who is the new principal contractor?

The new contractor is Deconstruct UK Ltd (DUK), part of a wider group of companies called De-Group. DUK has been working at the Grenfell Tower site since 2017 as a specialist subcontractor to the previous principal contractor, Wates Property Services. They have experience of, and understanding about, the structure of the Tower and sensitive management of the site. They have not been appointed to deconstruct the Tower.

What will the new principal contractor do?

DUK will be responsible for keeping the Tower site safe and secure by:

- Monitoring the Tower and the site 24 hours a day
- Carrying out planned safety works, including the removal of heavy and damaged items and asbestos from the Tower
- Installing new 'props' (aluminium and steel weight-bearing supports) to supplement those that have been installed since the fire
- Ongoing maintenance work as necessary, to ensure site safety and security

Read about the planned safety works in our July 2020 [update](#).

Has the new contractor been appointed to bring down Grenfell Tower?

No, a decision has not yet been made on the future of the Tower. The new contractor will be responsible for the essential safety and general maintenance works at the Grenfell Tower site. Their contract does not include any works related to bringing down the Tower.

Following important safety advice from structural engineering firms, Atkins, and Jacobs, we have recently written to the community about a decision on the future of Grenfell Tower. The government is keen to speak to as many bereaved families, survivors and local residents as possible, and hear any questions, concerns or comments before a decision is made. Meetings are currently taking place for families and individuals to hear from and talk to the MHCLG team and engineering experts advising the government.

If a decision were taken to deconstruct the Tower, we would procure a specialist contractor to carry out any future works on the Tower using our usual, thorough procurement process.

Read the [update](#) sent to the community on 7 May about the approach to a decision on the Tower and how to sign up for meetings.

How will the contractor work with the local community?

As well as continuing to work responsibly, respectfully and with sensitivity, the new contract includes greater provision of social value for the local community. DUK has committed 1.5% of the project budget to the delivery of social value.

The minimum commitments that have been made are:

- 30 employment opportunities available to people living within 500 metres of Grenfell Tower
- Six apprenticeship opportunities
- On-site canteen allowing local business to sell food to 120+ workers on site, generating revenue for local business and charities
- Drop-in facility for the public to engage with the project and provision of a 'safe space' for the local community

We are continuing to discuss and agree these with the local community.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact the site management team by email at GrenfellTowerSite@communities.gov.uk or phone **0303 444 0011**.

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