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Introduction

Hello. I'm Anjni Patel, a civil servant from the Grenfell Tower site management team. This update gives you information on works happening at the site, and how to get in touch. Our contact details are on each slide and at the end of this update.

The future of Grenfell Tower

We know how important and sensitive a decision on the future of Grenfell Tower will be and a decision has not yet been made. The government is committed to supporting bereaved families, survivors and local residents and their work to determine a future memorial and we have been having conversations with them to understand their views. This includes a community meeting with the secretary of state held earlier this summer. A summary of the meeting can be found at <u>Grenfell Community Updates on GOV.UK</u>

Site maintenance

Grenfell Tower site contractors, DUK, carry out regular maintenance and checking of the props (or supports) in the tower, the site hoardings and gates, the lighting and alarm systems, and the 24-hour security system.

They inspect the scaffolding around the tower each week and carry out any necessary maintenance.

Lighting around the site is controlled using motion sensors and timers. The timings of the banner lighting are adjusted every two weeks, according to sunset time.

Air quality monitoring

The air quality in the Grenfell Tower area is monitored and assessed to understand if there is a risk to health. This includes the tower site to assess any effects on air quality of site works.

Current evidence suggests the risk to public health from air pollution in the area remains low.

We are aware of the health concerns in the community and work closely with NHS England so that anyone worried about their health can access the support they need.

To see the latest air quality reports on GOV.UK search for 'environmental monitoring

following the Grenfell Tower fire'.

Lancaster West Estate refurbishment

Refurbishment work will begin on the Lancaster West Estate walkways in the week of 9 October and will continue until April 2025.

We work with the local council to minimise any disruption from both the maintenance of the Grenfell Tower site and the refurbishment and management of the Lancaster West Estate. Please contact <u>www.weareW11.org/en</u> for more information.

Some of the works require council contractors to access the Grenfell tower site and garage areas. We have let the council know that their drivers should act with consideration when attending the site and passing through the entrance gates to avoid disturbing residents.

Our site hours are 7am to 5pm and any vehicle movements outside those times should be by exception only.

Social value and local opportunities

An important part of the work of the tower site contractors, DUK, is to provide long-term and sustainable initiatives for the community through social value. This includes employment, training, and other projects.

Some of the initiatives provided so far include construction jobs, funding to assist local organisations with office and IT equipment, and free careers advice at local DWP centres.

For more information, please go to www.degroup-community.uk

If you would like to talk to us about these opportunities, please get in touch using the contact details at the end of this update.

Health and wellbeing

The local NHS service offers physical and mental health support to members of the community affected by the Grenfell Tower tragedy, including for children and young people.

If you are feeling anxious or stressed and would like to talk to someone, please call the Grenfell Wellbeing Service on <u>0208 637 6279</u> (every day from 8am to 8pm), or the CNWL Urgent Advice Line on <u>0800 0234 650</u> (24 hours a day).

You can also contact them by email at: grenfell.wellbeingservice@nhs.net

How to talk to us

To talk to us about the Grenfell Tower site and to ask us questions, please come to our informal drop-in at Kensington Leisure Centre on Thursday 12 October, 1pm to 3pm or Friday 13 October, 1pm to 3pm at Al Manaar Muslim Cultural Heritage Centre.

You can also call us on 0303 444 0011 or email GrenfellTowerSite@levellingup.gov.uk

If you have any questions on the Grenfell Tower site or any preference on how the department can best keep you updated, please let us know.

For the latest updates and information, sign up to our e-mail notifications at <u>Grenfell</u> <u>Community Updates on GOV.UK</u>, where you can also see our previous updates on the tower site.

Thank you for watching this update.

You can watch a video of this update here.

This update is from the Grenfell Tower site management team, Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities