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#### Introduction

Hello. I'm Ashwaaq Hassan, 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.

The government welcomes the report published last November by the independent Grenfell Tower Memorial Commission, 'Remembering Grenfell: recommendations and next steps to a memorial'. You can read the report at:

[www.grenfelltowermemorial.co.uk/report](http://www.grenfelltowermemorial.co.uk/report)

#### Annual tower rewrapping

The wrapping around Grenfell Tower needs to be replaced once a year so that it continues to be effective. This year, we are also replacing the banners at the top of the tower due to wear and tear. The new banners will look the same as the previous ones.

The work is due to start mid-March and is expected to take about 10 weeks. If you would like more information please go to:

[Keeping you updated about the Grenfell Tower wrapping - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

#### 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.

Should the wrapping or banners on the tower be affected by adverse weather, repairs will be made as quickly as possible.

### **Principal contractor procurement**

Our existing contract with DUK expires in July 2024.

We need to re-procure the contract due to government rules and guidance on spending public money. It is a standard process and is part of the government's role in keeping the tower and site safe and secure.

We know that this will be of interest to some of the community. Please contact us using the details at the end of this update if you would like to be involved.

For more information, please go to:

[The principal contractor for the Grenfell Tower site: update - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/the-principal-contractor-for-the-grenfell-tower-site-update)

### **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.

These include providing an electric van for local charities' use, supporting local community centres and projects, and funding adult education English classes and first aid courses.

They have also refurbished and decorated community kitchens and donated to local food banks.

For more information, please go to: [www.degroupp-community.uk](http://www.degroupp-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.

### **RBKC's Lancaster West Estate refurbishment**

RBKC's refurbishment work on the Lancaster West Estate walkways 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 go to [www.weareW11.org/en](http://www.weareW11.org/en) 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.

### **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 go to:

[Environmental monitoring following the Grenfell Tower fire - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/environmental-monitoring-following-the-grenfell-tower-fire)

### **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 [0208 637 6279](tel:02086376279) (every day from 8am to 8pm), or the CNWL Urgent Advice Line on [0800 0234 650](tel:08000234650) (24 hours a day). You can also contact them by email at: [grenfell.wellbeing@nhs.net](mailto:grenfell.wellbeing@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-ins at Kensington Leisure Centre on Wednesday 13 March, 1pm to 3pm or Friday 15 March, 12pm to 2pm at Al Manaar Muslim Cultural Heritage Centre.

You can also call us on: [0303 444 0011](tel:03034440011)

or email: [GrenfellTowerSite@levellingup.gov.uk](mailto: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: [Grenfell Community Updates on GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/grenfell-community-updates).

Thank you for watching this update.

You can watch a video of this update [here](#).