

Rt Hon Angela Rayner MP

Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for Housing, Communities & Local Government 2 Marsham Street London SW1P 4DF

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to clarify this Government's expectations regarding the remediation of unsafe cladding.

It is unacceptable that more than seven years after the tragedy at Grenfell Tower, there is still unsafe cladding on at least one high-rise, residential building for which you are responsible. Government funding has been available since 2020 to support remediation. While I recognise that remediation is not always a simple process, this Government will not stand by whilst leaseholders remain unsafe in their homes.

Let me be clear, you are responsible for the safety of this building and every effort must now be made to remove the flammable cladding for the leaseholders and residents.

My expectation is you will **start remediation work on site as soon as possible in 2025**. I appreciate approval by the Building Safety Regulator is taking longer than expected, and we are working with the Regulator to resolve this.

My Department will take all necessary action to ensure the building is remediated at pace, and that you are held to account if this expectation is not met. This could include direct legal action to recover the cost of remediation.

Our partners, Homes England and the Greater London Authority stand ready to support your application and help you to progress. You should also ensure that regular and good quality information is issued to residents, to whom you owe a duty of care.

We will shortly be setting out our Remediation Acceleration Plan which will outline the additional measures the Government will use to ensure homes are made safe as quickly as possible.

This Government will act where others have failed, doing everything in our power to ensure people are safe in their homes.

Yours sincerely,

RT HON ANGELA RAYNER MP