



Grenfell Tower site update March 2025 Transcript of recording

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

The Deputy Prime Minister recognises that decisions about Grenfell Tower are a deeply personal matter for the people affected.

In February, she met bereaved families, survivors and residents in the immediate community to share her decision that the Tower will be carefully taken down. She has reached this decision after listening carefully to the community and considering independent expert advice.

The government is committed to taking the next steps respectfully and carefully. There will be continued support for, and engagement with, the community throughout the process.

The Deputy Prime Minister will ensure the community continues to have opportunities to speak with her and Ministers on issues that matter to them.

You can read more about how the Deputy Prime Minister has reached her decision, and the next steps, by going to Update on the future of Grenfell Tower – GOV.UK

Annual Tower rewrapping

Grenfell Tower is enclosed in two layers of protective wrapping attached to the scaffolding around the tower – a blue inner layer of wrapping and a white outer layer. The outer layer of the wrapping needs to be replaced once a year.

The two layers of wrapping protect the building from the weather and prevent any loose material falling into public places. The wrapping also sensitively and respectfully covers the building from view.

The outer layer of wrapping material deteriorates over time, and we need to replace it annually so that it continues to be effective. The blue inner layer will not be changed as it is not as exposed to the weather.

We'll be replacing the white outer wrapping floor by floor. This started in March and we expect it to take about 10 weeks. The timescale will depend on the weather.

If you have any questions, please email the site management team at <u>GrenfellTowerSite@communities.gov.uk</u>

Site maintenance

Tower site contractor, DUK, continues to carry out regular maintenance and checking of:

-the 'props' - which are the metal supports in the tower

-the external 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.

Social value and local opportunities

An important part of DUK's work is to provide long-term and sustainable opportunities for the community through social value, including:

 apprenticeships for local people leading to construction-related qualifications

- an electric van for local charities' use
- litter-picking and cleaning in public spaces near the tower site
- and practical advice and support for local community groups

If you would like to find out more about these opportunities, please go to <u>www.degroup-community.uk</u> or get in touch with us using the contact details at the end of this update.

Air quality monitoring

The air quality in the Grenfell Tower area and at the Tower site is monitored and assessed to understand if there is a risk to health.

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)

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 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> (out of hours and 24 hours a day). You can also contact them by email at: <u>grenfell.wellbeingservice@nhs.net</u>

Please go to <u>www.grenfellwellbeing.cnwl.nhs.uk</u> for more information.

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. Find out when the next ones are by emailing us at <u>GrenfellTowerSite@communities.gov.uk</u>

For the latest updates and information, sign up to our e-mail notifications at: Grenfell Community Updates on GOV.UK.

You can watch the video of this update here.

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