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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.

Grenfell Tower next steps

The government recognises that Grenfell Tower has a deep personal significance to those most affected by the tragedy and that all work at the site is sensitive. With this in mind, we are continuing to share information about the Tower, and listen to bereaved families, survivors and residents in the immediate community.

Over the coming months, we will continue to prepare for work to carefully take down Grenfell Tower starting this autumn. The government is committed to taking the next steps respectfully and carefully.

We want to make sure you have opportunities to speak with us in ways that are most comfortable for you.

We are holding coffee mornings and drop-ins for residents in the immediate community where you can come and talk to us about plans to mark the anniversary and how you may wish to say goodbye to the Tower. Details of the next one are at the end of this update.

We will also hold regular meetings with senior officials and the principal contractor responsible for carrying out work on the Tower (once confirmed). We plan to share details of how we will ensure this important work is carried out respectfully We recognise that all work at the Grenfell Tower site is extremely sensitive. These are some of the next stages as we prepare for the work to carefully take down the Tower:

In the next few weeks, we expect to confirm the specialist contractor who will develop a detailed plan with us.

In July, we expect to be able to share details of how we will ensure this important work will be carried out respectfully

In August, we expect to be ready to begin preparing the site so that work to carefully take down the Tower can begin in the autumn.

The earliest date to start sensitively taking the Tower down will be in September. We expect that once work starts it will take around two years.

To read more about the next steps for the Tower please go to: <u>Grenfell Tower next steps - GOV.UK</u>

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

Eighth anniversary commemorations

Commemorations for the eighth anniversary of the Grenfell Tower tragedy will be community-led as in previous years.

Grenfell Tower will be illuminated in green from:

- 7pm on Friday 13 June, to 6am on Saturday 14 June
- 7pm to midnight on Saturday 14 June

72 beams of light will be projected onto the Tower from:

• 8pm to midnight on Saturday 14 June

Local residents may notice increased activity at the site during this time. The green lighting will also be tested during this period.

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 on GOV.UK, go to: Environmental monitoring following the Grenfell Tower fire - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

Health and wellbeing support

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 them on 020 8637 6279 (8am to 8pm). Before 8am and after 8pm you can call the CNWL Urgent Advice Line on 0800 0234 650, open 24 hours a day.

You can also email them at: <u>grenfellwellbeingservice@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, come to our next drop-in on Thursday 26 June, 12pm to 2pm, at the North Kensington Resource Centre, Whitchurch Road W11 1WG.

You can also email us at: <u>GrenfellTowerSite@communities.gov.uk</u>

For the latest updates and information, sign up to our email notifications at <u>Grenfell Community Updates on GOV.UK</u>

You can watch the video of this update here.

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