

Grenfell Tower Inquiry

5 February 2020

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Dear Mr Stokes,

Carl Stokes - Request for Evidence under Rule 9 of the Inquiry Rules 2006 ("the Rules")

Further to the witness statement that you provided to the Inquiry dated 28 September 2018 and further to the Rule 9 request sent to you on 21 November 2019, this is a further request under Rule 9 of the Inquiry Rules 2006 for you to provide further information which addresses the issues identified below. We would be grateful if the answers to this request could be included within the witness statement which is already being prepared in answer to the Rule 9 request of 21 November 2019.

Some of the requests require the production of further documentary evidence, which should be exhibited to your witness statement. Please ensure that all documents are provided in native format. If any of the requested documents have already been provided to the Inquiry, please provide the URNs of the same.

If you are not in a position to answer any of the requests, because they lie outside your area of responsibility or knowledge, please provide the names of individuals who would be able to appropriately answer them.

Unless stated otherwise, all references to paragraph numbers are to your witness statement dated 28 September 2018.

Your additional witness statement is to be submitted to the Inquiry by no later than **4pm, 28 February 2020**.

Please address or include the following in your witness statement:

1. The Inquiry has been provided with two separate copies of your curriculum vitae [SAL00000009] and [CST00001895]. In respect of these documents:
 - a. Please provide certificates, and/or any other document should a certificate not be available, to evidence the qualifications set out within those documents.
 - b. In respect of the IOSH qualification obtained in 2002 and the NEBOSH certificate obtained in 2005, please set out the qualification you received, the course you

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- undertook and a brief summary of the course content, highlighting any aspects that were relevant to fire safety and/or your role as a fire risk assessor.
- c. Please provide further detail in respect of the National Occupational Standards (NOS) Courses 2-12 which you completed between 2005 and 2009 including, the title of each course, a brief summary of the content of each course, the length of each course and please confirm the organisation with whom you undertook these courses. Please also confirm the purpose for which you undertook these courses.
 - d. In respect of the Diploma in Fire Detection & Alarm Warning Systems which you completed in 2009, please confirm the name of the organisation who awarded you the Diploma and please set out the modules of the course programme.
 - e. In respect of your employment with Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service between January 1994 and September 2009, please explain whether you required any specific qualification to hold the role of “Enforcement, Audit, Building Control and Technical Fire Protection Officer” [see SAL000000009]. If so, please provide details and evidence in respect of your qualifications.
 - f. Further, please set out what training you undertook to hold this role.
 - g. Further, please explain whether your role with Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service was the same as, or akin to, a Fire Safety Officer.
2. In the rule 9 request dated 21 November 2019 at question two, you were asked to explain what training and/or continuing professional development you have undertaken since 2007. Please provide all documents that evidence your explanation including, but not limited to, a CPD log if you maintained such a document.
 3. In the fire risk assessments for Grenfell Tower between 2010 to 2016, Mr Stokes used the post-nominal “ACI Arb”. Please confirm the dates for which Mr Stokes was an Associate of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.
 4. Please provide any certificates or other documents which evidence that Mr Stokes was entitled to use the post-nominals listed in the fire risk assessments for Grenfell Tower between 2010 to 2016.

Format etc. of witness statements

The Inquiry has given detailed guidance on the style, format and content of witness statements. In this regard, you are referred to the Witness Statement Protocol, a copy of which can be found on the Inquiry’s website (Documents/Key Documents/Protocols).

If you wish to refer to any documents these should be identified in the witness statement and a copy should be provided to the Inquiry with the statement.

Disclosure of Phase 2 witness statements

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Similar requests, under rule 9 of the Rules, have been made to various corporate and governmental bodies, and other individuals. Once your witness statement has been provided in response to this request, the Chairman will consider when and to what extent your statement will be circulated to these individuals and if it will also be published on the Inquiry's website.

Yours faithfully

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