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From: Lee Chapman [REDACTED]
Sent: 28 March 2017 17:13
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Hi Shah,

Please see this email from Laura.

One of my key concerns is the fact they are trying to conceal that people were injured during the 2010 fire.

Can you scan that letter and forward it to me?

I'm currently proof reading the letter you sent.

Thanks,
Lee

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Johnson, Laura: HS-Housing: RBKC" <Laura.Johnson@rbkc.gov.uk>
Date: 28 March 2017 at 17:02:35 BST
To: Lee Chapman [REDACTED]

Cc: Robert Black <rblack@kctmo.org.uk>

Subject: Grenfell Tower

Mr Chapman,

Thank you for your e-mail and I can confirm I am aware of your concerns around the installation of the gas riser in the stairwell of Grenfell Tower. The gas installation is the responsibility of National Grid which I do not believe would fit any installation which contravenes any Health and Safety legislation.

I can assure you that KCTMO and RBKC take our health & safety responsibilities very seriously and are committed to complying with our statutory obligations and implementing effective control measures to mitigate risks to residents, their visitors, our staff and our contractors. To assist us with this KCTMO employ a competent and experienced Health and Safety Advisor, Janice Wray. Additionally, in relation to fire safety specifically, Janice is supported by a competent independent consultant who undertakes our Fire Risk Assessments and provides a range of fire safety inspections, advice and guidance as necessary. Further, as necessary, KCTMO will seek advice, guidance and clarification from other professionals such as Building Control Officers, the Health & Safety Executive etc. There is a formal governance structure within KCTMO for Health and Safety with a Committee which reports to the Executive Team. As such RBKC and KCTMO do not see that it is necessary to instruct an 'independent adjudicator' at this time.

In terms of your request for a Fire Safety Report I can confirm that the KCTMO is working with the National Grid to clarify the works being carried out and I can confirm they met with the National Grid yesterday (Monday 27 March) and it has been confirmed that they will be encasing the gas riser and associated pipes within in a fire-rated enclosure which will address any concerns you have. Further, at our request National Grid have agreed to write to all residents of Grenfell Tower to advise them of the extent of the outstanding work and their timeframe for it's completion . Additionally, I would advise that it is our intention to raise this work with the Fire Brigade and request their input at KCTMO's next regular liaison meeting which is scheduled for tomorrow.

I have reviewed your comment about 'a fire in 2010 in the building which resulted in the injury of 3 people, as per London Fire Brigade report, which was caused by poor maintenance for which the TMO/RBKC was responsible'. I am aware of the fire on 30th April 2010 which was suspected by the London Fire Brigade (LFB), the TMO and the Metropolitan Police as having been started deliberately when recycling bags were propped against a flat entrance door and set alight. The fire alarm was activated, the LFB attended and our records indicate that no-one was injured. I can confirm that a repair to the ventilation system which had been programmed for the following week did allow some smoke to escape on several floors. This was disclosed fully by KCTMO to the LFB as part of their investigation and I can assure you that KCTMO maintenance procedures were not called into question and no concerns were raised by the LFB either with the TMO or RBKC.

This is a serious allegation which I have reviewed with the KCTMO and I can confirm RBKC and KCTMO do not have any record or report of this and neither does the Fire Brigade. We have no record of three people being injured and again we have no report which links this to poor maintenance and finally we have no record or letter from the Fire Brigade mentioning this or providing any formal notification about this.

I trust this answers all of the concerns that you raised with me on the 23rd of March. The TMO will be writing separately on issues of a similar nature you have raised with them.

Regards
Laura Johnson

Director of Housing

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From: Lee Chapman [REDACTED]
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Judith Blakeman [REDACTED]
Subject: Serious Health and Safety Concern at Grenfell Tower

Dear Ms L Johnson,

Please may I ask for your assistance with outstanding issue in Grenfell Tower.

I am writing you with regards to the fire safety report, which the Grenfell Tower Leaseholder's association has already requested.
As you have already seen, your asset (Grenfell Tower) is subject to what we believe is a health and safety risk, due to a gas main being installed within a high risk area of the building namely; communal fire escape.
Given this has already been requested, I would like to understand what progress has been made is getting this report and cascading it through to us.

If the RBKC feels that it has contracted out this work with a duty of care, then it should be relatively straight forward to make this available without delay.

The potential risk to life and also to our common assets is without doubt, very high. Given that this GAS MAIN is installed though our communal fire escape, I cannot imagine the possible consequences of a fire in this building and as a duty of care the RBKC must ensure that we can get out in an emergency, if there is a need to evacuate. To be clear, if we cannot get out people will die or a best suffer serious injury.

In 2010 a fire in the building resulted in the injury of 3 people, as per LFB report, which was caused by poor maintenance for which the TMO/RBKC was responsible. I'm sure you can understand that for this reason a number of residents are extremely concerned of the same thing happening again. We have received verbal communication from a number of residents who feel that the buildings integrity has been compromised due to the appearance of the pipe. One neighbour said they do not believe that it is a gas main and they will continue to smoke in the communal staircase.

On a personal level, please may I ask you if you would be happy with an exposed Gas main, in your front garden where anyone could throw a match or unextinguished cigarette towards a compromised pipe? I'm sure you can agree that the result could simply be catastrophic.

There are many people in this building who are immobile, very young or suffer from mental health issues, I would ask for your undivided help in getting this matter resolved for all interested parties.

If your contractor has not met the requirements that are set by the council, then you have a right to ask them to put the work right as you are their customer and we are your customers.

The benefits of the Grenfell Tower Leasehold's association can be added to your list of assets, we are working in all of our interests to ensure the safety and security of residents, and property alike. With your assistance in getting the controllable controlled, we can ensure a better building for everyone.

Thank you for your time and please do not hesitate to contact me if you require further clarity regarding the severity of this matter.

Awaiting your urgent reply,

Kind Regards,
Lee Chapman
Secretary of Grenfell Tower Leaseholder's association



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