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**From:** David Holmes <David.Holmes@family-action.org.uk>  
**Sent:** 03 November 2017 19:03  
**To:** 'Grenfell Tower Leaseholder's Association' <GrenfellLeaseholdersAssociation@hotmail.co.uk>  
**Subject:** RE: On what moral, ethical, religious, democratic, fairness and reasonable grounds and criteria used to distribute Grenfell Tower disaster funding to the Grenfell Walk residents.

Dear Shah Ahmed,

Thank you for your email. Thank you too for the time taken by yourself and your wife to speak to me last Friday at Clement James.

The photographs you attached to your email are truly horrifying and I can only begin to understand the enormity of the trauma and loss you and those close to you have experienced as a result of the terrible fire. I listened to you both very carefully when you spoke to me and I have been reflecting on our conversation and on the content of your email over the last few days.

Family Action raised £324,000 ourselves from over 3,600 generous donors after setting up a JustGiving fundraising page as soon as we heard about the fire. Within a fortnight our Grenfell grants service had gone live and we worked with five local community organisations including Clement James to ensure that the money that had been donated to us reached the Grenfell community. All the monies from this fund have already been disbursed to people who were particularly affected by the tragedy including those resident in Grenfell Tower as well as those resident in Grenfell Walk.

When we spoke on Friday I remember that I asked you if you thought that people in Grenfell Walk and on the lower floors of the Tower should receive a share of the money that had been raised and you said that they should but that you thought that people like you who had suffered near death experiences should receive more. I took from this that you are agree that all those in Grenfell Tower and Grenfell Walk should be helped but that some people should be supported more than others.

As you know Family Action was recently asked to disburse £750,000 raised through the Grenfell crowdfunding appeal organised by Haley Yearwood, a local teacher, in grants to people affected by the fire who had been living in Grenfell Tower or Grenfell Walk. That appeal was supported by over 36,000 donations. Within 48 hours we had again opened a grants programme to disburse this £750,000 and again chose to work with local community organisations to make sure that the money reached those for whom it was intended.

To date we have disbursed £429,000 of the £750,000 total fund and this grants service will remain open until all the monies have been allocated. The following link lists all organisations that are disbursing grants in response to the Grenfell fire  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/grenfell-tower-fire-charitable-funds-raised-and-distributed>.

Family Action is acutely conscious that every single person affected by the Grenfell tragedy will have had different experiences and will therefore have different needs. That is why we have always been clear about the criteria for our grants scheme, which were simply that grants should 'support an individual or family's general wellbeing as they seek to rebuild their lives'. These criteria were purposely kept very broad to enable families to choose how they used their grant. It would be too subjective for us to try and differentiate between the experiences of different people affected by the tragedy and so we decided that the fairest and most transparent approach was to allocate the funds donated on a per head basis.

I hope you will agree that it is vital that we are completely transparent in our grant-giving and we also have to evidence to the many tens of thousands of donors who have given to the Family Action and Hayley Yearwood Grenfell Appeals that their donations have been allocated fairly and in a very open and clear way.

I understand that you may not agree with our approach to grant-making but I hope you will agree that the way in which we have acted has been completely transparent.

I do wish you and your family well and I send you my best wishes,

David Holmes

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**Sent:** 30 October 2017 10:55

**To:** David Holmes

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**Subject:** On what moral, ethical, religious, democratic, fairness and reasonable grounds and criteria used to distribute Grenfell Tower disaster funding to the Grenfell Walk residents.

Dear David Holmes,

Thank you for giving me your valuable time on 27th October at St Clement Church at 12:15pm to express my deepest concerns in relation to the Grenfell Towering Inferno and how the funds have been distributed so far. As promised, for the record and future references, I will be putting in writing the discussion I had with you and have copied it to the CEO of the Charity Commission and other charitable organisation whose who are involved raising funds and distributing the funding. I shall be very grateful if you could kindly share my deepest concerns with the rest of the charitable organisations who have been involved with fund raising in the name of Grenfell Towering Inferno.

It appears to be an indelible human trait that the 'truth' about nearly all issues go through four distinct phases known as "the four stages of truth". During the first stage, the issue goes unrecognised and is therefore ignored. The second stage is one of ridicule, as in "that's ridiculous". The third stage is characterised by a period of vehement denial. Finally, the fourth stage witnesses the truth being recognised as "self evident".

GOD is Good and Devil is Evil", all we did was add one more letter, i.e. O to God it became good and D to evil and it became Devil, how easy was that? It never occurred to us that the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea and their Managing Agent KCTMO private limited company approved £10m investment had evil intention to install non-fire resistant material (i.e. flammable cladding) around the building to add ferocious fuel to the fire on 14th June 2017, to create such an unprecedented tragic incident for a Residential fire. ***The BBC describes it as, "Drive over London Westway and Grenfell Tower demands your attention. It is a black nail that has been hammered into the nation's conscience." Th Rt. Honourable Prime Minister has called the incident a national tragedy and a state failure.***

Grenfell Tower was our resident and beloved sweet home for 25 years and for some residents this was the case for even longer. But now it is nothing more to us than "looking into an open coffin". We have been told in our religious books about judgement day and it was like that at that time. I went out when my wife was already alerting the neighbours about the fire and we ran from the 18th floor without looking back and without any of our belongings, not even our mobile phone. The smoke had already engulfed our kitchen and living room and there was no way I would risk our lives. When we reached the ground floor, only then did we realise the ferocity of the fire and how it was taking over the whole building. This permanent scare is so severe it has changed everything in our lives and how we look at the world in general. My wife and I came out alive on the night of 14th June from the "Grenfell Towering Inferno", but the permanent effects of trauma will permanent affect us, [REDACTED] losing everything we worked so hard to own and losing our close friends and neighbours; the doctor has formally certified of this.

On 14th June, we came out from a near death experience from our 18th floor flat in Grenfell Tower where apart from one family, the rest of people perished including 5 and 12-year-old boys. We felt like it was an invasion from God knows where in a real-life day of judgement. No one can explain the feeling of not just your home and possessions burning, but innocent friends and neighbours burning in this man-made disaster.

The fire was still burning in the building some 48 hours later and we were forced to seek shelter in our relative's home in West London. When we went to our relative's home, we felt we were hiding from this inferno "monster" and were slowly coming to terms with the reality with the 24 hours media coverage of our beloved home. Thank God we survived this unprecedented and unimaginable fire which destroyed our flat and killed so many innocent men, women and children in an incident which could and should have been avoided by RBKC/KCTMO.

My wife, [REDACTED] was the victim of the fire at 30th April 2010 fire at Grenfell Tower and has already been through painful experiences. You cannot put any amount of money to quantify the impact of these events on a person's life. We have come out alive from near death experiences and we are the luckiest people in the world, but every day, every cell in our bodies will have to suffer the pain and suffering through every breathing moment.

My wife and I as Leaseholders had everything, and fought for our living standards, but within an hour the manmade real life "Grenfell Towering Inferno" wiped away all that we knew, including our precious valuables and thousands of memories. [REDACTED] we had everything we wanted in life and worked tremendously hard for it, but now all in vain.

We have lost our home, paid mortgage, service charges and major work bills and within an hour we lost everything. At the moment, we are picking up the pieces of our broken lives and it is beyond imagination what we are having to go through. Sleepless nights and getting counselling which is doing little to reduce our trauma is now our theme of our lives. We are struggling to continue with our lives with the little that is remaining. To rebuild our lives is not easy by any stretch of the imagination.

I discussed our heartfelt gratitude goes to every single person and corporation in this great country who donated for the Grenfell Towering blazing hell but not necessarily for the surrounding areas or for the residents of Grenfell Walk. ***This manmade Towering Inferno took away so many innocent lives on an unprecedented level. 2,000 years on, more of the Colosseum built by Ancient Romans exists than the 21st century recently refurbished Grenfell Tower. That tells you all you need to know about the atrocious fire and safety standards followed by RBKC.*** This happened in one of the so called greatest cities in the world. This is an international embarrassment, which even one month on plagues news channels across the globe.

The UK is the one of the fifth largest economy and international financial capital of the world, biggest and longest colonial empire in the world and RBKC is one of the richest boroughs in London and in the country, its benefit of the country to deal with us such a way this "Grenfell Towering inferno" has happened in one of the most advance cities in the world so it doesn't became serious international embarrassment.

On a separate note to Mr David Holdsworth, I repeat from my earlier email dated 20th September 2017 I requested, "Could you please kindly provide me the list of the charitable organisations, their names and charity number, contact details of CEO and audited accounts and how much each raised and have already distributed. I also require information on who is regulating, auditing and authorising how much to distribute to survivors in Grenfell Tower and Grenfell Walk?" Please kindly provide me details of the CEO and their email contact of each charitable organisation involved with raising funds for the Grenfell Tower residents.

In addition, I have the following questions:

1. As you may know by now from various sources that on 14th June 2017 many residents burned alive and those who were living above the 13th Floor were few and far between and if they survived nothing remained of their property. This is unlike to 30 or so flats were unscathed by the fire on lower floors and have gone back to collect their belongings. Their experience is unlike us, why does the distribution in funding not reflect this?
2. Did the residents of Grenfell Walk go through the same near death and permanent traumatic experiences as Grenfell Tower residents in general?
3. On what moral, ethical, religious, democratic, fairness and reasonable grounds and criteria used are the funds which were raised by the major charitable organisations for the Grenfell Tower disaster being distributing also to the residents of Grenfell Walk?
4. Have the charitable organisations asked and taken permission from the residents of Grenfell Tower before distributing the donation by the mass population and corporation of this great country to Grenfell Walk residents.
5. Who is making the decision to extend the funding beyond the Grenfell Tower residents?

History is always written by the victor, BUT the "Grenfell Towering Inferno" MUST be written by the victims and survivors of the unprecedented tragic incident, which the politicians and policy makers owe to the victims and survivors of Grenfell Tower.

***We fail to realise one becomes a doctor, politician and elected elite in the society ultimately to serve the fellow human being and we die one day BUT we should not die in such horrific circumstances in this society.***

The decision makers have absolute power could suppress the message including the messengers but it would be very difficult to suppress the Truth and because truth always prevails against falsehood however long it takes. Also when truth were told even if it's a minority on ONE the truth is still the truth.

The law of the land must be consistent with the international obligation and world is watching on the survivors of the Grenfell Towering inferno are being treated. I intend to share my experiences with wider world soon.

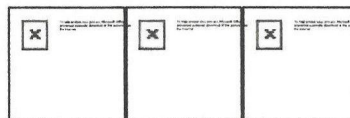
We wait to hear from you urgently.

West Wishes,

Shah Ahmed

The Chairman

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**Family Action is raising money to support those affected by the Grenfell Tower fire. Please support us [www.justgiving.com/campaigns/charity/familyaction/grenfell](http://www.justgiving.com/campaigns/charity/familyaction/grenfell) Text GREN01 £10 to 70070 to donate to Family Action Grenfell Tower Fire Appeal.**

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