

IN THE GRENFELL TOWER INQUIRY

CHARLES (CHARLIE) DISSON

STATEMENT OF TRUTH

1. This is a statement of truth by Charles (Charlie) Patrick Disson, my date of birth is [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] I am a male. I am currently living at [REDACTED]
2. I have made a Phase I statement to the Inquiry. I make this statement as my second statement in relation to Phase II proceedings. I consent to the same being disclosed to the Inquiry for use in evidence.
3. **Background on Grenfell**
4. I was living at Grenfell Tower with my dad Anthony (Tony) Disson since 2010.
5. On the night of the fire I was not at home.
6. My dad and I lived at 194 Grenfell Tower, he was originally on the 19th floor until the regeneration. After the regeneration it moved to the 22nd floor as the old boxing gym was removed and they added three more floors.
7. I was living with my dad at the time of the fire.
8. **Original construction of the Tower**
9. The only thing I can remember about the original tower was that everything on the outside was made out of concrete.

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10. In relation to my dad's flat, what I can remember before the regeneration was that there were no plastic windows, they were all made out of metal. I remember that the doors were fire doors and they were big and heavy. I do not remember if they had a strip on them.
11. I cannot remember anything about the extractor fans or the smoke alarms before the regeneration.
12. I do not remember about a fire safety talk or anyone visiting us in relation to fire safety. I am sure I would have remembered if something like that had happened. I do not remember any fire drills before or after the regeneration.
13. In the Tower itself, I remember the communal doors not being too thick, because you could hear the wind whistling through them. Every time you tried to open the door, the wind would be pushing back the door. The wind would get through the gaps of the door, which were by the side of the door and underneath.
14. I remember the old lifts as they had changed. There were lots of buttons in the lifts after the regeneration, they did this to make them fancy.
15. I do not remember any signs on the wall before the regeneration about the escape routes.
16. **Fire Safety**
17. With regards to any further information as to fire safety before the regeneration and afterwards, I would like to refer to my previous Phase I witness statement.
18. **Aftermath**
19. After the fire, the council were not helpful with regards to getting accommodation or knowledge on what or how I could apply for accommodation.

20. It was my uncle who got in touch with the council and he assisted with my accommodation. I will admit that it was quick in getting accommodation. I received my new flat around October 2017. When I was given my accommodation they did not ask where I would like the accommodation to be (i.e. where the location of my flat could be), it was more like you should take it or there was no other option available. I believe they were not accommodating in this area.
21. During the period that I was not given accommodation, I was staying with my mum who was supporting me at the time. They did not offer me a hotel or any other accommodation. I was homeless and my mother supported me.

22. Financial


23. I did receive financial assistance after the fire.

24. Psychological service

25. I can confirm that I am receiving support for my diagnosis of PTSD. I receive counselling [REDACTED]
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STATEMENT OF TRUTH AND CONSENT

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true. I further confirm that I am willing for this statement to form part of the evidence before the Inquiry and be published on the Inquiry's website.

Signed: 

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