

# **GRENFELL TOWER PUBLIC INQUIRY**

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## **EXHIBIT JB/1 TO FIRST WITNESS STATEMENT OF JACKIE BLANCHFLOWER**

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Jackie Blanchflower

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 13 April 2016 22:46  
**To:** Sharon Baah  
**Cc:** Judith Blakeman; Janice Jones; srumbler@kctmo.org.uk; lancwestra@gmail.com; Andrea  
**Subject:** Health & Safety risk in the Community Rooms on Lancaster West Estate  
**Importance:** High  
**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

Dear Sharon

I am writing to express my concern at the state of the community rooms' kitchen on Lancaster West Estate which in my opinion is a health and safety/fire safety hazard. Water is dripping through the ceiling from the flat above, the plaster board is showing signs of bowing due to the weight of water above and the electricity is still on in the room so I assume water is very near the electric lights, not to mention the water pooling on the floor, even though bins are trying to catch the water.

The kitchen had water dripping into (possibly not quite so much) when we held our last RA committee meeting on 3 December 2015 which was also attended by Janice Jones. I did not report the matter at the time as I assumed (evidently wrongly) that she would report the matter and get it dealt with as a matter of urgency. She stood in the room talking to another resident as the water was dripping in so she was well aware of the issue. We had an RA workshop in the committee rooms this evening and I was appalled to find that the leak has not been dealt with and that access to the kitchen was still permitted. It is particularly concerning that these are rooms which KCTMO hire out to groups including children. Arabic was written on the whiteboard in the kitchen, I am very concerned that it might be being used as a class room/staff room.

I am sure that you will agree with me that this matter needs to be looked into as a matter of urgency and either the kitchen put out of bounds and its electricity supply cut, or the whole premises be closed until the repairs have been completed.

I would be grateful if you could ascertain what the current situation is regarding repairs. One of the committee members at our workshop advised that it had been an ongoing problem and the Estate Office had said the resident above was refusing access. However, the committee member advised she had spoken to the resident above called Sandra who said people had come twice to look at it and they had found it wet under her sink.

I trust that immediate action will be taken and I look forward to hearing from you further how this matter is being resolved.

Regards

Jackie Blanchflower

Secretary  
Lancaster West Residents' Association  
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