

Subject: RE: Fire safety Lancaster West Estate  
Date: Tue, 1 Apr 2014 12:33:00 +0100  
From: [BEN.DEWIS@london-fire.gov.uk](mailto:BEN.DEWIS@london-fire.gov.uk)  
To: [REDACTED]

Hi Edward,

Thanks for bringing this to my attention. It will be dealt with by the Station Manager in the appropriate way.

Many thanks,

Ben Dewis  
Fire Safety Inspecting Officer

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**From:** Edward Daffarn [[mailto:\[REDACTED\]](mailto:[REDACTED])]  
**Sent:** 30 March 2014 17:55  
**To:** DEWIS, BEN  
**Subject:** RE: Fire safety Lancaster West Estate

Dear Mr Dewis,

Please be aware that over the weekend of 29/30th March we believe that the KALC construction works (that have now spread onto Grenfell Road) would have prevented any fire appliances from reaching Grenfell Tower.

We believe that the fire safety of residents is being seriously compromised (on a regular and persistent basis) and we request that the Fire Dept. come to our assistance.

Regards,

Edward Daffarn  
Grenfell Action Group

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From: [REDACTED]  
To: [ben.dewis@london-fire.gov.uk](mailto:ben.dewis@london-fire.gov.uk)

Subject: RE: Fire safety Lancaster West Estate

Date: Tue, 18 Mar 2014 21:49:42 +0000

Dear Ben,

Thank you for taking the time to contact me and for taking notice of the concerns we have tried to raise, previously, about fire safety in Grenfell Tower and the northern end of the "finger blocks" on Lancaster West Estate.

I am sorry that our blogs do not provide a complete chronological forensic report into our concerns and, instead, capture our views on different fire safety aspects over an extended period of time. I can assure you, however, that the information we have provided is a true and accurate record of our actions and those of the TMO.

Without being too cynical, we are used to not getting any justice on this Estate and we don't expect things to change for our community anytime soon. The power surge issue and the TMO/Council "cover up" is a good case in point.

The one thing we can't understand is that if there ever was a major fire in Grenfell Tower (as nearly occurred on two occasions in recent years), and fire-brigade access ever became an issue (as it probably would in the event of a major fire), we would use the evidence recorded on our blog and in extensive email correspondence to ensure that those in charge at the TMO would face extremely serious consequences that they would find hard to deny. Do the TMO Officers not realize the danger they are placing themselves and their future liberty in if a serious outbreak of fire should ever occur in Grenfell Tower?

I would very much appreciate if you could update me on your progress with regards fire safety on Lancaster West and you can always call me on [REDACTED] if you want to discuss matters without a paper trail.

Thanks, once again, for taking our legitimate concerns seriously.

Kind regards,

Edward Daffarn

Grenfell Action Group

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Subject: RE: Fire safety Lancaster West Estate

Date: Tue, 18 Mar 2014 10:04:28 +0000

From: [BEN.DEWIS@london-fire.gov.uk](mailto:BEN.DEWIS@london-fire.gov.uk)

To: [REDACTED]

Hello Edward,

Many thanks for your email. I will read through each article with interest, I can also assure you that from a Fire Safety point of view that we take it extremely serious. We will carry out our Inspections in line with our risk based database.

Many thanks,

Ben Dewis

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**From:** Edward Daffarn [[mailto:\[REDACTED\]](mailto:[REDACTED])]  
**Sent:** 17 March 2014 20:20  
**To:** DEWIS, BEN  
**Subject:** Re: Fire safety Lancaster West Estate

Dear Mr Dewis,

Thank you very much indeed for taking the time to listen to concerns regarding fire safety on Lancaster West this morning and, in particular, with relation to Grenfell Tower. I have taken the liberty of attaching one or two links to our blog that have dealt, historically, with fire safety issues on Lancaster West:

<http://grenfellactiongroup.wordpress.com/2013/01/28/fire-safety-scandal-at-lancaster-west/>

<http://grenfellactiongroup.wordpress.com/2013/02/21/another-fire-safety-scandal/>

<http://grenfellactiongroup.wordpress.com/2013/01/30/more-on-fire-safety/>

<http://grenfellactiongroup.wordpress.com/2013/03/05/tmo-still-asleep-at-the-wheel/>

As I explained briefly to you this morning, one of our particular concerns regards the seriousness of the May 2013 power surges that actually caused residents television sets to catch on fire (the same cause of the Lakanal House fire that killed six people in 2009) and caused great distress, fear and upset among our community.

We believe that the TMO and the Council have never acknowledged the possible consequences of this catastrophic power surge and it's associated fire risk.

When questioned, the TMO have explained that the smoke from fires, that filled residents flats, as being caused by water hitting a hot surface and causing steam. This explanation by the TMO is most insulting and is, at best, very misleading.

We have blogged extensively on this extremely sensitive subject but residents have still not received any justice after being subjected to the terrifying experience and danger of the power surge from the TMO or the RBKC Council.

<http://grenfellactiongroup.wordpress.com/2013/05/28/more-trouble-at-grenfell-tower/>

<http://grenfellactiongroup.wordpress.com/2013/05/29/grenfell-tower-from-bad-to-worse/>

<http://grenfellactiongroup.wordpress.com/2013/06/10/why-are-we-waiting/>

<http://grenfellactiongroup.wordpress.com/2013/06/14/divide-and-rule/>

<http://grenfellactiongroup.wordpress.com/2013/06/23/fightin-talk/>

<http://grenfellactiongroup.wordpress.com/2013/08/13/no-justice-for-grenfell-tower-power-surge-victims/>

<http://grenfellactiongroup.wordpress.com/2013/08/27/marshall-gets-stuck-in/>

<http://grenfellactiongroup.wordpress.com/2013/09/27/its-a-dirty-job/>

<http://grenfellactiongroup.wordpress.com/2013/10/17/ho-hum-2/>

We believe that the TMO must value our lives so little that something so serious can just be covered up and never acknowledged as happening.

As a consequence of actions like this, most residents in Grenfell Tower and on the wider Estate have no faith in the ability of the TMO to maintain proper fire safety levels or look after our well-being. We, therefore, welcome your presence on Lancaster west Estate and hope that your power and intervention will finally make the TMO take notice of their statutory responsibilities.

I hope that the above contents do not sound too much like a rant but it is very upsetting that something like this can happen to a group of residents and yet no-one from the Council/TMO ever gets to required to give a full explanation or held to account.

If you need any additional information I can be reached on [REDACTED]

Kind regards,

Edward Daffarn

Grenfell Action Group.

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