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Notes on yesterday's meeting with Kit Malthouse and advisors

The meeting was attended by:

constituency MP's Ruth George, Bill Wiggin and David Hanson

Advisors : Brian Martin (part B), Fiona Tink (part L) and Francis Parrot

Kingspan : Adrian Pargeter, Ralph Mannion and Tony Ryan.

Bill set the scene with a good introduction and opened the floor for us. We outlined our position and activity post Grenfell, supporting change, welcoming the Hackitt review findings, system testing, innovation etc and our concerns over the trajectory of elements around the building regulation review.

KM response was very positive, key take outs from the discussion:

- Government believes in system approach, supported by his experience with fire doors as well as cladding.
- Subsequent changes will be more evidenced based and government, despite opposition commentary will be resisting pressure to complete the review quickly, focus is on getting it right.
- Confirmed further testing is continuing to inform the process.
- Recognised that systems contain combustible materials can be safe but very concerned that they rely too heavily on quality of install to perform at tested /safe levels.
(KM told us than he has Kingspan insulation in his kitchen but not so keen on a wall in a high rise)
- Recognised and valued our contribution to calls for evidence / consultations both directly and through the trade bodies, they prefer to deal direct with these bodies rather than with companies direct. We stressed that this can dumb down the art of the possible as new innovations get diluted in the trade body messages.
- Understood the dynamics of the insulation industry with two obvious camps and key players.
- They recognise the need to drive improved standards for both Part B and L and also the balance the need to ensure what is regulated can actually be built, keen not to slow down house building.
- We offered a tour of fire lab facilities when up and running which was well received.

Certainly some positives to be taken away from this.

Kind regards

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