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Sent: 08 July 2014 17:12
To: ben.dewis@london-fire.gov.uk
Cc: Claire Williams; Adrian Bowman
Subject: FW: Grenfell Tower - DRAFT response to LFB

Hi Ben

Thank you for your e-mail. I have spoken to my colleague, Claire Williams, Project Manager for the work at Grenfell Tower and we would advise as follows –

- There has been no change in the fire strategy at the block, which is 'stay put'. Tenants' flat doors were renewed with FD30s in the last 2 years and our Fire Risk Assessor has confirmed that the leaseholders' doors are nominally fire rated. Please see below for the action proposed to remind residents of this strategy.
- A Newsletter is being sent to all Grenfell Residents on a regular basis with updates on the works and I can confirm that the July Newsletter - which is currently being drafted - includes confirmation of the blocks Stay Put fire evacuation strategy, what this means for the residents and the intention to maintain this for the duration of the work
- The principal contractor maintains a noticeboard in the lobby of the block where a copy of the Newsletter plus further information on fire safety will be posted
- All contractors have also been briefed on the evacuation strategy at this block
- One of the planning conditions is that a Construction Management Traffic Plan had to be submitted prior to start on site. This is with the RBKC planners, and we are awaiting discharge of this condition.
- The local Station Manager at North Kensington, Dan Hallissey, attends the 2-monthly liaison meetings between the TMO and the LFB and my colleague, Claire has also been attending so that local operational crews are updated on the situation at Grenfell Tower
- The LFB undertook a familiarisation exercise at Grenfell Tower in June last year (when 6 tenders were in attendance) and since then, whilst construction on the school and leisure centre have been ongoing and in anticipation of these works I believe the crews have regularly visited the estate
- On the 12th March our Project Manager, the Architect, our fire risk assessor and LFB Officers (Dan Hallissey and officers from the Fire Safety Team) visited the estate to look more closely at proposed work and the possible impact this could have not just on Grenfell Tower Residents but also on the neighbouring "finger blocks"
- The Contractor's Project Manager has confirmed that he has been in contact with Daniel Hallissey to arrange a familiarisation visit to talk through the plans and fire strategy during the works - a date for this is still to be confirmed with LFB safety but he is hopeful that it will be this week.

I hope this is helpful. Please advise if you need anything further from us

Regards


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Sent: 08 July 2014 10:08

To: Janice Wray

Subject: Grenfell Tower

Dear Janice,

I received this email below from an Edward Daffarn who you may be aware of who lives at Grenfell Tower.

Dear Ben,

Please be advised that residents of Grenfell Tower are very concerned about fire safety after the recent closure of all land and "rights of way" to the West and North of Grenfell Tower.

We are also very concerned that we have no idea where to assemble should there be a fire in Grenfell Tower as there is no open space in the vicinity that is available to our community.

Please can you help ensure that the Fire Brigade will monitor the current changes on Lancaster West Estate that impact on our fire safety and could you also inform us where we should assemble in the event of a fire?

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Kind regards,

Edward Daffarn

Grenfell Action Group

The contractor has contacted the local station to inform them of changes to access points and riser access. The local station are making arrangements to carryout a familiarisation visit for local crews. Unfortunately, it would appear the same courtesy has not been given to the residents to update them on their Emergency Procedures. Could I ask what the measures being taken in regard to Fire Safety at the premises are during the refurbishment works.

Regards,

Ben Dewis

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