

Witness statement of: Malcolm Parker

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GRENfell TOWER INQUIRY

WITNESS STATEMENT OF MALCOLM PARKER

I, MALCOLM PARKER, will say as follows:

1. I, Malcolm Parker, am employed as a Fire Safety Inspecting Officer by the London Fire Commissioner in the Fire Safety Regulation Department of the London Fire Brigade ("LFB"). I have been with the LFB since 2001. Before that my career was in the construction industry. I joined LFB with knowledge of the Fire Precautions Act 1971 and Approved Document B and was fully conversant with the way building were designed and built.
2. My only dealings with RBK&C have been through Building Regulations consultation work and there has been no personal contact other than by letter.
3. My dealings with KCTMO have been by email and telephone to clarify matters with access to buildings and to establish who is the responsible person for various activities around care and maintenance. I have had no communication with any residents of Grenfell Tower.
4. In February 2016 I replied to a building control consultation on behalf of LFB in relation to Grenfell Tower. I would have been issued the Grenfell Tower consultation papers and considered the application and plans as a standard job. I do not have any memory now of dealing with this consultation. I have now seen the scan of the papers that were submitted to LFB and my reply. I exhibit the consultation papers as MP/1 () and my reply as MP/2 () but still do not have any particular memory of the consultation. I believe I would have been dealing with about 6 of these consultations a day and this did not stand out.
5. In dealing with the consultation I would have considered whether sufficient information had been provided and reference made to compliance with the relevant codes of practice, that common parts were protected and that fire fighters requirements had been considered. Having

looked again now at the consultation papers, I believe I would at the time have considered the information provided to be suitable and sufficient for the proposed alterations and that there was no particular comment needed other than, 'The Brigade is satisfied with the proposals as shown'. This is because the proposed works were stated to be compliant with codes of practice and British Standards. Where the consultation relates to an existing building we would request that under the RRO the Responsible Person review the Fire Risk Assessment to incorporate the changes being made, so I included this in my response. This consultation was the only personal involvement that I have had with Grenfell Tower.

Statement of Truth

6. I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true. I confirm that I am willing for the statement to form part of the evidence before the GTI and be published on the GTI's website, save for redactions indicated in the text and those applied by the GTI.

Signed:



Date:

1 APRIL 2019