

Witness statement of: Suhail Dadabhoy

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Exhibits: 6

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GRENfell TOWER INQUIRY

WITNESS STATEMENT OF SUHAIL DADABHOY

I, Suhail Dadabhoy, will say as follows:

1. I make this statement for the purposes of the Grenfell Tower Inquiry ("the Inquiry").

Introduction

2. I have previously provided a statement to the Inquiry dated 1 February 2019.
3. In a letter dated 4 July 2019, the Inquiry queried some documents which were referenced in my previous statement but not exhibited to it. The Inquiry requested that I provide a supplemental statement to address and exhibit the documents that were not exhibited or provide the reference numbers for any previously provided to the Inquiry.

Documents exhibited

4. At paragraphs 22, 23 and 25 of my previous statement, I referred to minutes of meetings of the KCTMO in April, June and September 2014. I now exhibit these minutes as (SFD/3: _____), (SFD/4: _____) and (SFD/5: _____) respectively.
5. At paragraph 30 of my previous statement, I referred to Approved Document B, Volume 2, "Buildings other than dwellinghouses", 2006 edition, incorporating 2007, 2010 and 2013 amendments (ADB V2). I now exhibit this document as (SFD/6: _____).

6. At paragraph 37 of my previous statement, I referred to a policy (as at December 2014) for FSR Admin to upload emails and PDF letters produced following building consultations to the fire safety portal. I now exhibit two relevant policy documents. The first, "S500 D Procedure - Building Control Consultations" (SFD/7: _____), is provided in version 4, dated 22 April 2015. The LFB have not been able to locate version 3, which was extant in December 2014, but I understand that the section dealing with the passing of response letters to FSR Admin (towards the bottom of pages 3 and 6) would not have changed between versions 3 and 4. The version of the second policy document I provide, "FSIGN 501 - Consultation with Local Authority Building Control Officers and Approved Inspectors" (SFD/8: _____), dates from 28 February 2012 and was extant in December 2014.

Consultation documents

7. In its letter of 4 July 2019, the Inquiry queries references to "marked up plans" within exhibit SFD/1, as disclosed with my previous statement. For a detailed response to this query, I would refer the Inquiry to the statement of Deputy Assistant Commissioner Lee Drawbridge dated 2 April 2019, and in particular to paragraphs 6, 10 and 14 of that statement.
8. At paragraphs 52 and 53 of my previous statement, I referred to a response letter sent in December 2014 during a building consultation. In its letter of 4 July 2019, the Inquiry has asked for a copy of this letter. However, as outlined at paragraph 57 of my previous statement, that letter has not been located, despite efforts to do so.
9. In its letter of 4 July 2019, the Inquiry asked for further information about the efforts to find the response letter sent in December 2014. I can confirm that Lynsey Seal in the Fire Engineering team advised me that the original email that I sent to the Building Control Bodies had been traced, but that the PDF response letter attachment was missing. For detail on the searches conducted to locate this material, I refer the Inquiry to paragraph 25 of the statement of Lee Drawbridge dated 2 April 2019.

Statement of truth

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 Inquiry and be published on the Inquiry website, save for redactions applied by the Inquiry.

Signed:



Print name:

SUHAIL DADABHOY

Date:

2nd August 2019