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To: laura.johnson@rbkc.gov.uk
Cc: Robert Black; Grenfell Tower Leaseholder's Association; Tunde Awoderu; Judith Blakeman
Subject: Serious Health and Safety Concern at Grenfell Tower

Dear Ms L. Johnson,

Please may I ask for your assistance with outstanding issue in Grenfell Tower.

I am writing you with regards to the fire safety report, which the Grenfell Tower Leaseholder's association has already requested.

As you have already seen, your asset (Grenfell Tower) is subject to what we believe is a health and safety risk, due to a gas main being installed within a high risk area of the building namely; communal fire escape. Given this has already been requested, I would like to understand what progress has been made in getting this report and cascading it through to us.

If the RBKC feels that it has contracted out this work with a duty of care, then it should be relatively straightforward to make this available without delay.

The potential risk to life and also to our common assets is without doubt, very high. Given that this GAS MAIN is installed through our communal fire escape, I cannot imagine the possible consequences of a fire in this building and as a duty of care the RBKC must ensure that we can get out in an emergency, if there is a need to evacuate. To be clear, if we cannot get out people will die or at best suffer serious injury.

In 2010 a fire in the building resulted in the injury of 3 people, as per LFB report, which was caused by poor maintenance for which the TMO/RBKC was responsible. I'm sure you can understand that for this reason a number of residents are extremely concerned of the same thing happening again. We have received verbal communication from a number of residents who feel that the building's integrity has been compromised due to the appearance of the pipe. One neighbour said they do not believe that it is a gas main and they will continue to smoke in the communal staircase.

On a personal level, please may I ask you if you would be happy with an exposed Gas main, in your front garden where anyone could throw a match or unextinguished cigarette towards a compromised pipe? I'm sure you can agree that the result could simply be catastrophic.

There are many people in this building who are immobile, very young or suffer from mental health issues, I would ask for your undivided help in getting this matter resolved for all interested parties.

If your contractor has not met the requirements that are set by the council, then you have a right to ask them to put the work right as you are their customer and we are your customers.

The benefits of the Grenfell Tower Leasehold's association can be added to your list of assets, we are working in all of our interests to ensure the safety and security of residents, and property alike. With your assistance in getting the controllable controlled, we can ensure a better building for everyone.

Thank you for your time and please do not hesitate to contact me if you require further clarity regarding the severity of this matter.

Awaiting your urgent reply,

Kind Regards,

Lee Chapman

Secretary of Grenfell Tower Leaseholder's association

