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Sent: 12 January 2015 16:53
To: 'Claire Williams'
Subject: RE: Grenfell Tower

Thank you. I also have no recollection of any mention of plastic upvc windows – nor can I understand why on earth anyone would want plastic in preference to aluminium!

Judith

From: Claire Williams [<mailto:clwilliams@kctmo.org.uk>]
Sent: 12 January 2015 16:01
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Subject: RE: Grenfell Tower

Clr Blakeman

Peter Maddison has just completed a response in relation to this and other issues from Mr Daffarn.

We have evidenced that we have not changed the windows, they are to be double glazed aluminium frame. Mr Daffarn has mentioned upvc windows, but we could not find anything of this sort mentioned in historic consultations – and this has certainly not been the case since my tenure in September 2013.

Our view has been that if we presented anything other than the actual window sample proposed, this would cloud the issue and confuse residents. We are currently waiting for a sample window – we have been told w/c 2 February at the latest, and will be holding more consultation to show residents the specific window type.

I attach an extract from Peter's letter covering the queries raised.

At the Residents meeting of 15th August 2013 it was confirmed that *"we would let residents see a sample so they residents would better understand how the windows opened, security arrangements and how they could be cleaned"*. We still intend to do this and the window is currently on order and will be made available to residents as part of the ongoing consultation. However, it was never intended that this sample would be used as part of the design consultation – it is not practical to produce numerous window samples and there would be a risk of misleading resident by producing a sample that is not exactly what we intend to install. We have therefore consulted residents by using design drawings that have been put on display in the reception area, and at our drop-in sessions and public meetings.

You also complain that you understood that the windows were to be plastic and that the material has now been changed to aluminium.

I can find no evidence that a plastic window was ever proposed for the scheme. Aluminium is a higher quality and considerably more expensive product and is detailed in the planning application. The material will complement the design of the exterior of Grenfell Tower.

I hope this helps.

Claire Williams
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From: jmblakeman [mailto:[REDACTED]]
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Dear Claire

Is there any truth to the allegation from Mr. Daffarn that the new windows to be installed at Grenfell Tower have changed since the original specification and are now of an inferior quality to those originally proposed?

Many thanks.

Judith

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