

Gas Mains at Grenfell Tower update 21/03/17

National grid is responsible for the maintenance of the mains supply to Grenfell Tower. On 30th September 2016 National Grid disconnected the gas supply to one of the incoming rising mains at Grenfell Tower in response to a gas leak.

Since this time, National Grid have been looking for a way to reinstate the supply. They have been in contact with residents affected with respect to interim arrangements and compensation payable. They have also been in contact with KCTMO with regard to their proposals regarding the location of the new incoming mains. They have explained that they consider that the only feasible area to locate the mains is in the communal staircase as it is not feasible to run it externally or through the services cupboards inside the flats.

National Grid have a statutory authority to provide and maintain a gas supply. They are also responsible for ensuring that their supply is safe and meets current regulations. National Grid have confirmed that they consider the installation of the new mains in the communal stairwell is safe and meets with health and safety requirements.

KCTMO does not have a contractual relationship with National Grid and do not have direct control on the work that they carry out. However, KCTMO's Fire Safety Advisor has reviewed National Grid's proposals and has followed up with a fire safety inspection and report which has been submitted to National Grid for attention. The Fire Safety Advisor was not concerned about the location of the mains itself, however, he did identify a number of issues relating to the quality of some of the finishing of the works and has asked National Grid to address these matters as part of their works.

We are currently in discussions with National Grid to have their finalised schedule of works in relation to this installation in which comment has been made to investigate if fire rated boxing is required to this riser and areas into the flats requiring this supply.

We will be meeting National Grid shortly on site for them to fully understand both the TMO and the resident concerns and will communicate the outcome of their final proposal shortly. We are also in constant discussions with the Fire Brigade and will be asking their opinion on the final proposal from National Grid.

Please be assured that the TMO is taking this issue very seriously and are working closely with the responsible body (National Grid) to ensure a safe installation has been completed to restore the gas to the affected residents.