

11 April 2016

Dear Mr. Maddison

A representative of the Grenfell Tower Compact attended the councillors' surgery last Saturday to ask us to enquire formally about the recent incident involving the fire alarm that went off at Grenfell Tower. This incident occurred on the afternoon of Sunday 3rd April. The internal fire alarm was set off and activated the fire smoke extractors throughout Grenfell Tower, automatically shutting down the communal heating system.

The first person to attend the incident was the TMO's heating engineer rather than the Fire Brigade and residents are asking whether there is a link between the fire alarm being activated and the Fire Brigade at North Kensington fire station being notified.

They would like confirmation that there is an automatic communication to the local fire brigade when the fire alarm and smoke extractors are activated inside Grenfell Tower, clarification as to how the residents of the Tower should react on discovering a fire in the common parts of the Tower and who is responsible for shutting down the smoke extractors in the event of a false alarm.

In view of the notices served on the TMO concerning the fire at Adair Tower, may we please have an early response to this enquiry? The Compact is meeting tomorrow evening and it would be good to be able to re-assure residents at that meeting.

Can you also advise whether the Fire Brigade will be undertaking a full review of the fire safety arrangements at Grenfell Tower once all the works are completed?

Many thanks.

Cllr Judith Blakeman