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**Subject:** RE: Independent Health and safety inspector for Grenfell Tower

Dear Councillor Blakeman

Thank you for your e-mail and request, I have reviewed this with Laura Johnson and would confirm the following.

RBKC and the TMO are responsible for the ensuring the Health and Safety of all the homes in the borough. As I hope you are well aware as a Board Member and Director of the Company, the TMO take our health & safety responsibilities very seriously and are committed to complying with our statutory obligations and implementing effective control measures to mitigate risks to residents, their visitors, our staff and our contractors. To assist us with this we employ a competent and experienced Health and Safety Advisor, Janice Wray. Additionally, in relation to fire safety specifically, Janice is supported by a competent independent consultant who undertakes our Fire Risk Assessments and provides a range of fire safety inspections, advice and guidance as necessary. (This consultant was selected because of his extensive experience in operational firefighting and inspection & enforcement within a Fire and Rescue Service and also in undertaking Fire Risk Assessments - in particular across a wide range of residential accommodation.) Further, as necessary, my staff will seek advice / guidance / clarification from other professionals such as Building Control Officers, the Health & Safety Executive etc. There is a formal governance structure through the Health and Safety Committee which reports to the Executive Team.

I would reiterate that as a utility company and statutory body National Grid are not required to enter into contractual arrangements with the TMO or RBKC and this does restrict the control we have on their work. However, I can confirm that we have provided our Fire Safety Consultant with copies of all National Grid proposals made available to us and we have raised any concerns / queries / observations raised by him with them. Further, we instructed this Consultant to undertake an inspection of on-site works and we have again raised all issues he has highlighted with National Grid and we have received confirmation that these will be addressed.

I can, therefore, confirm that the issues which are outlined in the e-mail from Mr Awoderu have been raised with National Grid by Janice and her colleagues in my Asset & Regeneration Team. Discussions are ongoing with National Grid and we have raised a number of concerns and issues that they need to address. In particular, we have sought confirmation that it is their intention to construct fire-rated "boxing" around the gas riser pipe which is located within the staircase and we have requested that they provide a timescale for completion of this work. We await their confirmation and timeframe. We will respond to Mr Awoderu to ensure we cover all the points he has raised.

Because of this Laura and I are content that our approach has been reasonable, that hazards have been identified, risks assessed and the utility company is being actively pursued for confirmation that action is planned to effectively control these risks. Therefore, we not feel there is any requirement to fund any independent consultant as outlined below. I would hope as a Councillor and Board member this provides you with the assurance. As we have a Board meeting next week I can address this in my report to give the Board assurance.

Best wishes

Robert

Robert Black  
Chief Executive



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**Subject:** RE: Independent Health and safety inspector for Grenfell Tower

Dear Ms Johnson and Mr Black

Please find below a request from the Grenfell Leaseholders' Association for funding either from the Council or from the TMO to pay for an independent health and safety adviser to look into the matters outlined by Mr Awoderu.

Cllr Judith Blakeman

**From:** Grenfell Tower Leaseholder's Association [mailto:GrenfellLeaseholdersAssociation@hotmail.co.uk]  
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**Subject:** Independent Health and safety inspector for Grenfell Tower

Dear Cllr. Judith Blakeman,

Thank you for your email to the KCTMO.

Did you manage to get any formal confirmation from the Fire Brigade in relation to our grave concerns of Fire hazard and health and safety at Grenfell Tower?

On a separate note, we intend to hire the independent Health and Safety inspector to attend the premises to inspect the following:

1. To carry out full health & Safety inspection of physical aspect of the premises including structural problem as well as onsite documentation.
2. Observation made and hazard identified
3. Level of Risk ref: to gas pipe at stairwells taking into accounts level of vandalisms and anti-social elements at Stairwells
4. Any recommendations necessary to ensure ongoing legal compliance

It is important that we inform you as our local senior Councillor for many years along with Notting dale ward councillors. Could you please kindly seek immediate funding from the KCTMO or the RBKC to pay toward hiring the independent health and safety advisor as a matter of urgency?

So the inspection can take place in presence of local stakeholders of Lancaster west Estate.

We wait to hear from you urgently.

Best wishes

Tune Awoderu

The Vice Chair of Grenfell Tower Leaseholders' Association

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**From:** Judith Blakeman <[REDACTED]>  
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**Subject:** FW: Gas Pipes at Grenfell Tower

FYI

Judith

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**Subject:** Gas Pipes at Grenfell Tower  
**Importance:** High

Dear Complaints

Following representations from the Grenfell Leaseholders Association and other residents, I am writing to ask for a full audit by the Fire Brigade of the installation of the gas pipes in the Grenfell Tower stairwells following recent works undertaken by the National Grid.

They fear that the way these pipes have been installed - without being boxed in or provided with other protection and with the valves exposed in the stairwell - is very dangerous [see attached photographs]. They assert that because of the amount of anti-social behaviour in these stairwells, sooner or later someone will try and undo the valves. Furthermore, they believe that in the event of a fire in the Tower, if ignited, the pipes will cause an explosion and prevent people exiting the building.

Neither the ward councillors nor the residents are competent to determine whether in fact this installation is dangerous or not and we would therefore appreciate formal confirmation from the Fire Brigade and the TMO that residents' worries can be allayed.

Kind regards

Cllr Judith Blakeman

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