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**From:** Peter Maddison [pmaddison@kctmo.org.uk]  
**Sent:** 21/07/2014 11:06:00  
**To:** 'Rock Feilding-Mellen' [cllr.feilding-mellen@rbkc.com]  
**Subject:** RE: Grenfell Tower Cladding

Yes – we have budgeted for the cassette fixing without having to use the contingency.

We were hoping to achieve savings by negotiating with the Planners over the cladding material (aluminium instead of zinc) and fixing method (face fixing instead of cassette).

To help achieve this, we were offering Planners colour options to negotiate our position on the other two items.

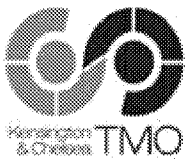
However, I am happy to go back to planners and push our preference for the brushed aluminium / grey colour scheme.

I will keep you posted.


Regards

Peter

**Peter Maddison**  
Director of Assets and Regeneration



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**From:** Rock Feilding-Mellen [mailto:cllr.feilding-mellen@rbkc.com]  
**Sent:** 18 July 2014 20:22  
**To:** Peter Maddison  
**Subject:** Re: Grenfell Tower Cladding

So, does that mean we can afford to do cassette fixings for the whole building? Is that within existing budget, without having to dip into contingency? If so, then we should proceed with that, as it will look better.

I think we should stick with brushed aluminium or battleship grey - not champagne! - but the offer the Planners cassette fixings.

What do you think?

RFM.

Sent from my iPad

On 18 Jul 2014, at 09:04, Peter Maddison <[pmaddison@kctmo.org.uk](mailto:pmaddison@kctmo.org.uk)> wrote:

Dear Cllr Feilding-Melien

The feedback I have received from the site visit is that the Planners were not sure about the brushed aluminium finish and were indicating a preference for the "champagne" finish.

They also preferred the "cassette" fixed approach over the "face fixing".

We have looked at the costs and think that face fixing would save around £80k. The hybrid of face fixing above Level 4 would save around £40k. I had expected the cost difference to be greater.

We have budgetted for the cassette fixing, so this matter is not critical to the delivery of the scheme. However, any savings would be a benefit in terms of value for money and risk management of the budget.

Regards

Peter

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**From:** Rock Feilding-Mellen [<mailto:cllr.feilding-mellen@rbkc.com>]

**Sent:** Friday, July 18, 2014 06:42 AM

**To:** Bruce Sounes <[bruce@studioe.co.uk](mailto:bruce@studioe.co.uk)>

**Cc:** Peter Maddison

**Subject:** Re: Grenfell Tower Cladding

Dear Bruce

Thank you for sending through those photos. I can now appreciate the look that you are going for.

What was the upshot from the meeting with the planner yesterday morning?

I'm still not 100% sure that I prefer the brushed aluminium to the "battle-ship grey" painted option, but that is very subjective, and I am quite relaxed about the choice in the end.

Kind regards,

RFM.

On 15 Jul 2014, at 20:00, Bruce Sounes wrote:

Dear Cllr Feilding-Mellen,

Further to our site visit this morning please see link to an album of pictures of the Kilburn housing project we mentioned. It uses the same brushed aluminium material and finish proposed for Grenfell Tower, but folded into cladding cassettes which conceal almost all fixings.

The balconies have been done in a similar material but painted grey , possibly the same "Smoke Silver Metallic" you saw this morning.

[Picasa web album](#)

As discussed we will see you again on site on this Thursday 17/07 at 8:45am, with a view to meeting the Planning Officer.

Regards

**Bruce Sounes**

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**Cllr Rock Feilding-Mellen**

**Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Housing, Property and Regeneration  
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