
To: Robert Black; Peter Maddison; Teresa Brown
Cc: Pete Griffiths; Daniel Wood; Gill Petford; Yvonne Birch
Subject: RE: Grenfell Tower refurbishment –and matter arising

Hi all

In response to the issues raised below on fire safety and fire drills I would advise as follows –

We are unaware of any inconsistency between the Fire Risk Assessor and the LFB in relation to the fire at Grenfell Tower in April 2010. To reiterate the information provided in response to previous queries about the incident, we liaised closely with the LFB and undertook a joint site visit to the Tower following the fire. No specific recommendations, nor any Notices of Safety Deficiencies were received from the LFB following the LFB's post-fire audit of the block. Specifically, we previously advised -

With reference to the fire at Grenfell Tower which occurred on 30th April 2010 I am advised that we investigated the incident and liaised closely with the Fire Brigade and the details are as follows –

- It is suspected that the fire on the sixth floor lobby area of the Tower was started deliberately
- There were no injuries
- The communal detection system was triggered and the fire alarm sounded
- On hearing the alarm a resident came out of her property and used a garden hose to extinguish the fire
- The flat entrance door withstood the fire but was subsequently replaced
- The communal extraction system removed the smoke from the lift lobby, however, imminent remedial works to this system (scheduled to start on the 4th May 2010) did mean that the system did not perform as effectively as it should have. However, all remedial works were completed and system continues to operate effectively.)

A subsequent on-site meeting between officers of the TMO and the London Fire Brigade (LFB) clarified the manual operation of the mechanical fan, agreed improved signage and concluded that it was likely that the combined weight of the operational firefighters and their equipment had overloaded the lift on the night of the fire. No further recommendations were made by the LFB.

It should be emphasised that for several years the TMO and the LFB have had regular bi-monthly liaison meetings to discuss fire safety in the housing stock, our approach, any fires or issues, LFB concerns or initiatives etc. and again no issues were raised at these meetings. (These meetings are attended by LFB operational staff and fire safety staff - the local Station Manager and the Fire Safety Team Leader.)

Grenfell Tower, in common with the vast majority of TMO-managed residential blocks, has a "stay put" fire strategy such that, if a fire breaks out elsewhere in the block and tenants are safely within their flat they are initially safe to stay put. On arrival the LFB will make an assessment and determine whether evacuation - either partial or total - is required. If the LFB decide that this is necessary they will instigate and assist with an evacuation. Fire drills are not required in blocks with a stay put fire strategy. The purpose of a fire drill is to test the procedure that should be followed in the event of a fire and as the procedure is to stay put this would conflict with the way residents are expected to respond. The LFB has been made aware of the fire strategy at this block.

During the course of the recent works at Grenfell Tower the TMO, LFB and Rydens liaised closely to ensure that the LFB operational crews carried out regular familiarisation of the block so that they were clear on all changes - temporary and permanent – and any potential impact these would have on fire fighting operations. Additionally, at

conclusion of work local LFB staff met on site with Rydons and were briefed on the fire safety features of the block, and new layout etc.

I hope this demonstrates the TMO's ongoing commitment to fire safety.

Please advise if you need anything further from me.

Regards

Janice

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Subject: FW: Grenfell Tower refurbishment –and matter arising

Peter, Teresa and Janice

Please see below, it is sent to all councillors and lots of staff. The Issues are

Staircase and painting them – Peter we are going to do this and charge the leaseholders, have we told Laura and RBKC to make sure they are on side and when will we do this?

Concierge and Security Guard- Teresa what do you think?

Lifts- Peter what is our view on this?

Fire Drill- Janice how should we respond

I have copied in Pete for over view of communication and to keep him informed and Dan as this is a leasehold issue. Yvonne its addressed to Judith, should we link into her?

When you have reviewed this can we agree how to respond to this and who is best to do it? I suggest we do not respond to all the Councillors and I have changed the heading.

Robert

From: Grenfell Tower Leaseholder's Association [<mailto:grenfellleaseholdersassociation@hotmail.co.uk>]
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Subject: Grenfell Tower refurbishment –mission unaccomplished by the KCTMO and their appointed Contractor Rydon

Dear Cllr Judith Blakeman,

We hope this email find you well.

Please accept our heartfelt gratitude especially to you and rest of the councillors at north Kensington including Cllr Coleridge (former cabinet member of housing at RBKC) and Ms Laura Johnson the director of Housing at RBKC for their contribution and involvement to create long lasting legacy for the Lancaster Green. You and the Councillor Coleridge were the main architect and worked tirelessly to see it through. We, very much appreciate for your memorable contribution to our local community. Our heartfelt thanks also goes to Cllr Rock-feilding-Mellen, Cllr Paget Brown, the Leader of the council and the Head of KCTMO, the chief executive of KCTMO Mr Robert Black and Peter Maddison and others at KCTMO to made nearly successful project.

The landscape at Lancaster green has change forever for the better including Grenfell Tower apart from few issues and concerns left undone. We strongly believe that the whole regeneration project more like mission unaccomplished. For the benefit of the double, we also believe that this may not be intentional by the KCTMO/RBKC/RYDON.

The following issues and concerns are:

Staircases:

Please find attached some pictures of the staircase at Grenfell Tower. How on earth KCTMO/RBKC invested £10M for improvement of Grenfell Tower and left the staircase like this, it is unbelievable, unprofessional and unacceptable. When they spent £1m on consultancy fees along and it does not make sense. It would only takes few litres of paint to paint the whole staircase with minimum afford but welcoming, fruitful outcome.

Concierge and Security Guard at Grenfell Tower:

We the residents are well aware of the fact that we voted to remove the concierge for the EMB/KCTMO not the security guard because for the simple reason it was nothing to do with GT but so call to serve the

EMB (Estate management board). We the resident of Grenfell Tower couldn't make sense as to why the mirror still hanging (call EMB) inside the two lift.

Please find attached bill to demonstrate the residents were paying £44K a year the contribution towards the concierge/security of the former EMB/KCTMO when EMB/KCTMO were based at Grenfell. Its make sense to preserve the legacy and to protect the £10m investment from the vandalisms and anti-social elements at Grenfell Tower. The KCTMO **MUST** provide the security guards at Grenfell tower if they could provide for the former EMB (Estate management Board). As you can see the cost were recharges to the residents and residents of Grenfell Tower never benefited from the so called security guard because it was never meant for the Resident of Grenfell Tower in the first place?

Two lifts at Grenfell Tower and simple cause for regular breakdown and malfunction.

As you are well aware of the fact only 2005 the two lift were replaced after 40 years of services of the old lifts for the cost of over 700K. The useful life for the two lifts **MUST** be at least 40 years as compare with previous replacement of two lifts. We strongly suggesting that without any room for refuting our genuine issues and concerns and agreed by every residents of Grenfell Tower that, main cause of the breakdown and malfunction are over uses and misuses of the Lifts during refurbishment of Grenfell Tower by the KCTMO's appointed contractor Rydon. We request you, the KCTMO/RBKC to visit and investigate the state of the two lifts. The new lifts were replaced only over 10 years ago in 2005, **BUT** malfunctioning like 40 years old. It appears that the two lift depreciated to its residual value to zero within 10 years unless the KCTMO takes drastic action to recondition (refurbish) the two lift immediately to extend its useful life. If KCTMO reluctant to take action, there is a high chance they may have to replace the two lifts within near future and it may cost them at least estimated cost £1.5m. Not only that, at the moment, it's costing the residents lots of money for the maintenances of the two lifts and let along the untold inconvenience has to go through the residents of GT.

Fire Drill at Grenfell Tower:

As you may know few years back there was a fire at Grenfell Tower and there were some kind of negligence by the managing Agent the KCTMO and they are all documented. Also as you may know that, there is an inconsistency between London fire Brigade report and the Fire Risk Assessment for Grenfell Tower by Carl Stoke on the 20th November 2012 in relation to the incident dated 30.04.2010. And since then you have organised one fire drill yourself **NOT** the KCTMO and we strongly believe that one is due **NOW**.

As you were fully involved, only few years ago in relation to the catastrophic power surges at Grenfell Tower, it could easily escalated to serious fire in the building. We, the resident of GT, were very fortunate enough on this occasion that wasn't the case **BUT** left permanent scare and financial losses for the residents of Grenfell Tower.

Please kindly see attached link the blaze at shepherds' bush tower block

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2016/aug/19/fire-crews-tackle-blaze-at-shepherds-bush-tower-block-london>

It is paramount important that, KCTMO/RBKC look into this as a matter urgency and you as our local councillor, could you please kindly find out what went wrong. We also request you to get all the answer and we expect KCTMO/RBKC to take full responsibility for the above mention issues and concerns.

We wait to hear from you and the KCTMO/RBKC urgently.

Best wishes

Chair and the vice chair of Grenfell Tower leaseholders Association

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