

# MAYOR OF LONDON

**Cllr Elizabeth Campbell**

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**Date: 18 OCT 2018**

*Dear Cllr Campbell,*

I am writing in follow up to the Guardian article on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October ('Huge concentrations' of toxins found in Grenfell soil, study finds - <https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2018/oct/12/toxins-found-in-grenfell-tower-soil-study-finds>).

The Guardian article highlighted preliminary results from a study of soil around the site. It was not clear from the article what the status of these findings is, or how they have been shared with the responsible authorities, although I understand Public Health England have requested the research is shared with them as a matter of urgency.

This article has understandably raised concerns about the impact of the fire on soil surrounding the Grenfell Tower, not least from Grenfell United who I know are seeking urgent reassurance about what effect this might have on the long-term health of local residents.

Under the Environmental Protection Act (1990), the local authority has the sole responsibility for determining whether land is contaminated. Therefore, I would be grateful if you would clarify as a matter of urgency what measures the Council are taking to address residents' concerns about land contamination, including any relevant soil testing both before and after the fire.

Yours sincerely,



**Sadiq Khan**  
Mayor of London