Dear resident

I am writing to offer an update of the work we are doing in response to the Grenfell fire incident in Kensington last week, and to reassure you that your safety and wellbeing is paramount.

As stated publicly, I can confirm that all Fire Risk Assessments on the council’s buildings are up-to-date. The required actions resulting from these assessments are being completed – and towers are being prioritised.

We do not have any cladding on any of our medium/high rise residential blocks of the same form and construction as that reported to have been used at Grenfell Tower. All of our recent work to bring homes up to the Lambeth Housing Standard (last five years) has installed ‘Rockwool’ cladding that is fundamentally different.

However, as part of a wider investigation by the government, we are carrying out further investigations on all our fully and partially clad blocks – Lambeth has 122 medium/high rise blocks (six storeys and above), of which 31 have some form of cladding. This is to review the exact composition and installation, and to ensure its safety. Please do not be alarmed if you see contractors on site carrying out work that may include removing small parts of the cladding for testing. The sampling should be complete within a week.

I urge all residents to familiarise themselves with Lambeth’s fire safety advice, which can be found online at https://housingmanagement.lambeth.gov.uk/fire-safety. If you have any concerns regarding fire safety in your home, or your block, please contact Housing Management on 020 7926 6000 (Monday to Friday, 8am to 8pm) or HMfiresafety@lambeth.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely,

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Director of Housing Services

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