



What is happening...

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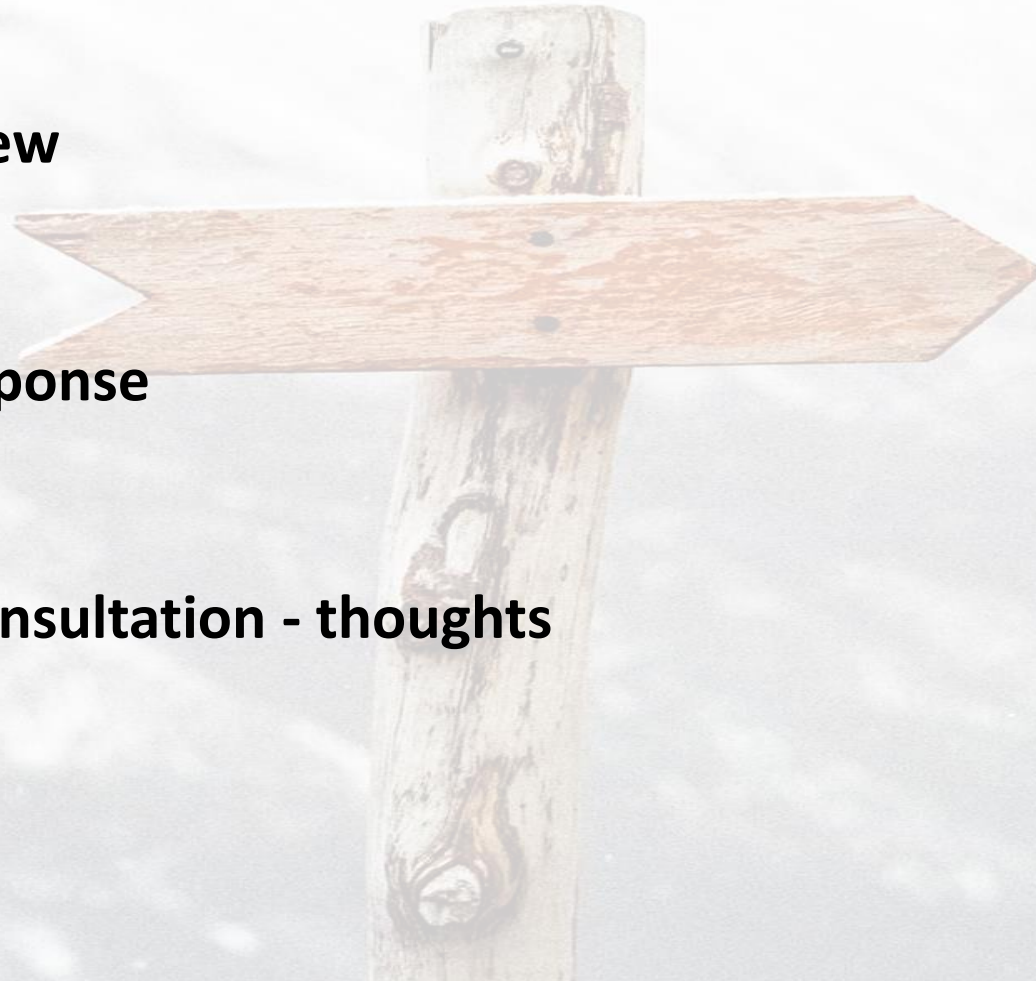
This time

Government – a view

Grenfell Tower Response

Cameron House Consultation - thoughts

Looking ahead





Fire Sector **Confederation**

- FSF is changing to charitable status
- Needed to reflect our position in sector
- Future work and sustainability

Press release

Planning overhaul to reach 1.5 million new homes

An overhaul of the planning system to accelerate housebuilding and deliver 1.5 million homes over this Parliament.

From: [Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government](#), [The Rt Hon Angela Rayner MP](#) and [The Rt Hon Sir Keir Starmer KCB KC MP](#)

Published 12 December 2024



Press release

Radical action to speed up removal of unsafe cladding announced

The government will set out tough new targets to fix unsafe buildings.

From: [Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government](#), [Alex Norris MP](#) and [The Rt Hon Angela Rayner MP](#)

Published 2 December 2024





Personal Thoughts

- **Ownership – Minister and Construction Regulator**
- **Clarity – Guidance to Regulations**
- **Options for everyone - inclusive**
- **Accountability – licensing and registration**
- **Professional Curiosity**
- **Structure**

GRENFELL TOWER INQUIRY: PHASE 2 REPORT OVERVIEW

REPORT of the PUBLIC INQUIRY into the
FIRE at GRENFELL TOWER
on 14 JUNE 2017

The Panel:

Chairman: The Rt Hon Sir Martin Moore-Bick
Ali Akbor OBE
Thouria Istephan

September 2024

Statement made by



Sir Keir Starmer

Prime Minister

Labour

Holborn and St Pancras



Statement

I am making this statement to bring to the House's attention the following Machinery of Government change.

On 4 September 2024 I announced that the Government would respond in full to the Grenfell Phase 2 Inquiry report within six months. In response to one of the recommendations from the report, I am confirming today that responsibility for fire will move from the Home Office to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government. This change will bring responsibility for building safety and fire under a single Secretary of State, providing for a more coherent approach to keeping people safe from fire in their homes. The Home Office will retain management of the Airwave Service Contract on behalf of the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government and will remain responsible for the Emergency Services Mobile Communications Programme and His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS).

This change will be effective from 1 April 2025. The Government will respond to the full report in due course.

Fundamental Review of Building Regulations Guidance



review of the Approved Documents, to centre on how they are produced, updated and communicated. The Building Safety Regulator will also put Approved Document B under continuous review. The Building Safety Regulator will launch a consultation on further changes by autumn 2025. Additionally, we are working to ensure appropriate measures are in place to access and maintain pipeline isolation valves regularly and ensure they can be used in

Prime Minister has asked the Building Safety Regulator to undertake a fundamental review of how building regulations guidance is produced, updated, and communicated to the construction industry.

In her opening speech during the House of Commons debate on the Grenfell Inquiry Phase 2 report on 2 December, Angela Rayner announced the review of guidance to the building regulations known as the **Approved Documents (ADs)**.



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The response

- **Acceptance of recommendations**
- **Fire to MHCLG**
- **Ongoing review Approved Document B**
- **Single construction regulator**
- **Green Paper – Construction products**
- **Increased licensing and registration**
- **Expect more legislation to come**



UK Government Response to the Grenfell Tower Inquiry Phase 2 Report

Presented to Parliament
by the Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for Housing,
Communities and Local Government
by Command of His Majesty

February 2025

CP 1248



Cameron House & Consultation

- Supported the use of sprinklers
- level of damage in non-traditional hotels
- Data sources
 - Sprinkler cost
 - Hotel building values
- Check Cost Benefit – maintenance cost
- Office to flat exemption – no sense

Scottish Building Regulations: Proposed review of fire safety topics including Cameron House Hotel recommendations:

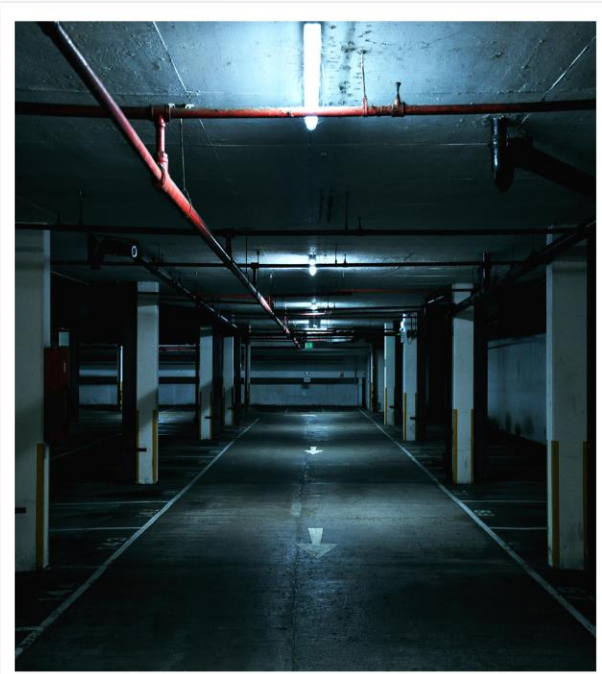
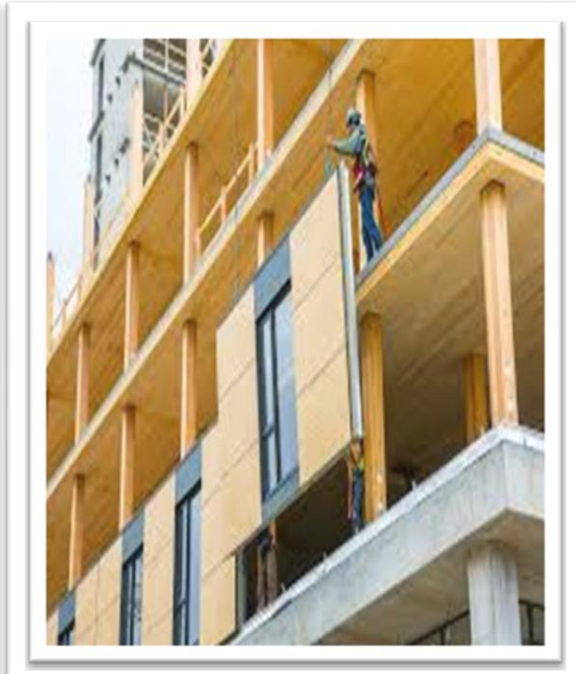
Fire safety risks in traditional buildings used as hotels, review of current provision on fire suppression, combustible cladding and other issues

Consultation Document



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Where next for fire suppression?





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Schools

STILL AWAITING GOVERNMENT DIRECTION



On the horizon





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