

**Councillor Alan Hall**  
**Chair, Overview & Scrutiny Committee**

**Barry Quirk**  
**Chief Executive**  
**Lewisham Council**

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Dear Barry,

**Lewisham's Tall Buildings and Fire Safety following Grenfell Tower**

Following the horrific fire at Grenfell Tower, North Kensington last week, I would like to formally request an assessment of the fire and other risks of the tall buildings in the Lewisham Town Centre regeneration area.

Furthermore, I would like to request an assessment of the fire and other risks of the tall buildings in any regeneration areas that the Council is a partner, sponsor or associate in any way.

The safety of the Lewisham residents demands further searching questions. The Council has a wider duty of improving and securing the wellbeing of our residents. Notwithstanding, the Council's specific statutory duties, the reputational risk to the Council could be substantial.

Specifically, I would ask in relation to Lewisham Town Centre:

- What type of cladding has been used in Loampit Vale?
- Is this the same cladding Grenfell Tower? If so, is the developer to replace this now?
- Have the developer and landlords undertaken a review since the Grenfell Tower fire?
- What has Lewisham Council requested – or demanded – of the developer?
- Has a review of materials proposed for the current construction been undertaken?

In relation to other regenerations schemes:

- How many other regeneration schemes have tall buildings that could be affected and where are they sited?
- Can non residential tall buildings be included too?
- Will a review be undertaken?

You will be aware that the Department for Communities and Local Government have issued 'Guidance on the safety checks on private residential blocks' and I hope that the Council will ensure that landlords are aware of their responsibilities and insist on checks where the Council is a partner, sponsor or associate in any way.

Furthermore, I request full disclosure of information to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

I look forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely



**Councillor Alan Hall**