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Dear Joe Powell MP

Application by Secretary of State for Housing Communities and Local Government for the deconstruction of Grenfell Tower at Grenfell Tower, Grenfell Road, London W11 9AB

I would like to start by recognising the sensitivity of the Grenfell Tower and the deep trauma experienced by residents regarding this awful tragedy. You will know that Minister Samantha Dixon is the Minister responsible for the Grenfell community and Tower. However, to protect the independence of the planning decision making process, a different Minister must take planning decisions related to the Tower. I am writing to you as the Minister responsible for those decisions on behalf of the Secretary of State. Please be assured that MHCLG's Ministers and officials stand ready to support you and your constituents through this process.

A Crown Development application has been submitted by the Grenfell Community and Memorial Team ("the Grenfell Team") of the Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government. The application has been submitted to apply for planning permission to deconstruct Grenfell Tower.

The application has been sent to the Planning Inspectorate for determination and as part of the validation process it is for the Secretary of State to decide if the proposed development is of national importance.

I have been asked to notify you, on behalf of the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities & Local Government, that the above detailed planning proposal has been deemed Nationally Important as the proposal has strong social effects, and strong interest at regional and national levels. It accords, therefore, with factors stated in the WMS and satisfies the national importance threshold. This decision has been taken having regard to the [Crown Development, Written Ministerial Statement, 13 February 2025](#).

My officials will notify you of the outcome of the planning application.

Yours ever,



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