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Dear all,

I wanted to write to update you on progress towards the long term future of Grenfell Tower site. The Secretary of State and I wrote to you on 16 July setting set out the key stages ahead of us on the journey to a fitting memorial at the site of Grenfell Tower. I am writing to you now to set out the next step.

I am writing today to provide some clarity on arrangements once the police release the site as a crime scene and how the site and Tower will be managed going forward.

The first of the stages I outlined was the conclusion of the police investigation at the Grenfell Tower site. I know that the police are preparing to release the site as a crime scene, which is a significant milestone. Commander Cundy has assured me that the MPS has carried out an exhaustive and thorough crime scene examination of the Tower and will only release the site when there is no further requirement for the investigation team to be there any longer. I know they are talking to you to provide you with further detail including next steps for the investigation.

Under the principles, it was agreed that once the site is made available and ready for its future use, it would be handed over to a vehicle that had the support of the community-led commission established to agree a fitting memorial.

Before we get to this point, everyone wants to see the site continue to be managed in a responsible and professional way. Our proposed course of action is that the independent Site Management team, currently led by Doug Patterson Chief Executive of the London Borough of Bromley, will continue to manage the site in the way they have been since July 2017.

Doug and his team are responsible for the entire site. They will continue to take decisions on all aspects of the day to day management, such as health

and safety and security. The Site Management team will continue to liaise very closely with the local policing team.

The Government has additionally announced its intention to take over responsibility for the Grenfell Tower site. It will make key operational decisions, such as on the site's safety and security, until the future of the site has been determined by the community. We expect a formal agreement will be finalised in the autumn.

Government will take decisions in consultation with relevant experts, the police and the Grenfell Tower Inquiry to ensure that criminal justice processes and the Inquiry are not jeopardised. The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea have not taken any decisions regarding the Tower since the fire and this will not change going forward. We understand that these matters are of great interest to the bereaved, survivors and the community and need to be handled with great care. I want to reassure you that we will engage with the bereaved, survivors, residents and the local community, and will continue to share information and answer any questions you may have. I want to ensure you understand these arrangements and are comfortable with every step in this process.

In the meantime, positive work is being progressed with representatives of the bereaved, survivors and residents most directly affected by the fire on the terms of references for the community led process that will shape a plan towards a long term memorial.

The Prime Minister has given her own personal commitment that the long term future will be decided by the bereaved, survivors and community. I have been working closely with the signatories to the principles, published earlier in the year, to agree the community-led process for determining the future of the site. We intend to confirm the details in the coming months, along with how the local community will be able to get involved.



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