



HOUSE OF COMMONS

LONDON SW1A 0AA

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Dear Constituent,

Thank you for contacting me about support for those affected by the fire at Grenfell Tower.

The Grenfell Tower fire was one of the worst tragedies this nation has experienced in many years. It is impossible to comprehend what those affected by the fire have had to deal with. The Government is determined to ensure that those affected continue to receive the support they both need and deserve.

Ministers have been working with local government officials and organisations to provide support to the victims, both in the immediate aftermath of the tragedy and in the long term. The Autumn Budget 2017 committed £28 million of additional community support to victims, including new mental health services, regeneration support for the Lancaster West estate and a new community space.

I welcome the work being done by the Government to address fire safety concerns. Following the final report of the Hackitt Review, a ban on flammable cladding in high rise buildings took effect in December 2018 as did a ban of desktop studies for external wall systems.

Moreover, I am pleased that the Government has announced it will meet the £400 million costs of remedial cladding work on social housing high rise buildings and £200 million for private high rise buildings. This will help to speed up the work which is already well underway on the majority of these buildings with unsafe cladding.

The disaster at Grenfell Tower should never have happened. The police investigation and public inquiry will find out why it did, to ensure this can never happen again.

Thank you again for taking the time to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Chris'.

CHRIS HEATON-HARRIS MP
MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR DAVENTRY