

CONSTRUCTION LEADERSHIP COUNCIL ENDORSES THE INDUSTRY RESPONSE GROUP ESTABLISHED TO RESPOND TO THE GRENFELL TOWER FIRE

The Construction Leadership Council endorses the establishment of the industry response group announced by the Department for Communities and Local Government on 13 July. The group has been created by Government, working with the Construction Industries Council (CIC), Build UK and the Construction Products Association (CPA), to lead the industry response to the tragic fire, and the urgent work that is currently underway to ensure the fire safety of buildings. The group will work across the construction industry and will include all relevant parts of the supply chain, enabling the industry to support public and private sector clients in delivering safer buildings.

The CLC welcomes the establishment of the group, which will help the whole industry to provide an effective response to the Grenfell Tower fire. It demonstrates the ability of the sector to work together and with construction clients, and to respond quickly when this is necessary.

Andrew Wolstenholme, Chair of the Construction Leadership Council commented:

"On behalf of the Construction Leadership Council, I welcome the establishment of the industry response group following the tragic fire at Grenfell Tower. The scale of the response from the sector that is necessary to address the challenge of building safety is significant, and the industry will need to work together to deliver this. The CIC, Build UK and the CPA are the right organisations to lead this group, and I hope that the sector will fully support their efforts".

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The group, which will be inclusive and cross-industry and led by the sector, will take forward work that will:

- provide essential advice on possible solutions for use in particular types of buildings to ensure homes, offices and public buildings are safe;
- provide advice on better ways of building and the latest methods of construction, and ensure access to the necessary technical expertise in industry when required;
- help mobilise industry for a major programme of construction work across the UK, by acting as a focal point for government-industry communications; and
- advise Government on the relevant sub-sectors of the construction industry, their expertise and capacity to deliver work at pace.

The group will be co-ordinated by representatives from three major industry bodies in the UK,

- [Build UK](#) is the leading representative organisation for the construction industry. By bringing together Client, Contractors and the Trade Associations representing over 11,500 Specialist Contractors and other organisations committed to industry collaboration, Build UK represents in excess of 40% of UK construction.
- [Construction Industry Council](#) is the representative forum for the professional bodies, research organisations and specialist business associations for professional services providers in the construction industry. It provides a single voice for professionals in all sectors of the built environment through its collective membership of 500,000 individual professionals and 25,000 firms of construction consultants.
- [Construction Products Association](#) represents the UK's manufacturers and distributors of construction products and materials. We are committed to raising the profile of our industry and members' businesses, helping grow the market and reducing regulatory risk. The sector directly provides jobs for 300,000 people across 22,000 companies and has an annual turnover of more than £55 billion. The CPA is the leading voice to promote and campaign for this vital UK industry.

The three organisations will lead and coordinate contributions from across the sector.

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