

INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF BUILDING REGULATIONS AND FIRE SAFETY

Statement by the Construction Leadership Council

The Construction Leadership Council welcomes the publication of the Independent Review of Building Regulations and Fire Safety. Dame Judith Hackitt and the Review Team are to be congratulated on the work that they have done in producing a thorough and robust review, and in developing clear recommendations to improve the safety of buildings in the UK.

The Review has identified that the current system fails those who live and work in high rise buildings, and also that there is a need for a change in the culture of the sector that puts safety at the heart of the design and refurbishment of buildings. The recommendations the Review makes to improve the process for ensuring designs are safe, that these designs are built as intended, that there are named duty holders responsible for overseeing safety throughout the life cycle of a building and to give a stronger voice for residents can drive the changes that are needed and should be supported by the industry.

The Construction Leadership Council is committed to working with the Government, the built environment professions, construction contractors, products suppliers and construction clients to take forward the implementation of the recommendations of the Review. Ensuring building and fire safety should be a concern of the whole industry and its clients, and the sector needs to work together to ensure that the public can have confidence in the safety of buildings they live and work in.

The Chair of the Construction Leadership Council, Andrew Wolstenholme said:

"The tragic fire in Grenfell Tower demonstrated there is a need to improve the regulatory framework, the coherence of the system for ensuring building safety and the culture and competence of the construction sector if we are to make buildings safer for those who live and work in them. On behalf of the Construction Leadership Council, I welcome the publication of the Review, and the Council will work with the Government and stakeholders in the sector to help implement its recommendations".

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