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Dear resident,   Date: 14/06/2017

As the terrible news has emerged overnight from West London, our thoughts and prayers are with all those affected by the fire at Grenfell House. I understand that many residents living in blocks of flats in Havering will be concerned, and I wanted to write to you straight away to reassure you.   Havering has carried out a huge programme of fire assessments and associated works in recent years to improve the safety of our flatted blocks.

- The council has an ongoing programme to ensure all its properties received a regular full fire risk assessment
- We continue to invest as necessary as part of the ongoing major works programme.
- The council works closely with London Fire Brigade (LFB) and meets regularly with them, both on an operational and fire safety level, informing them of progress on the risk profile of the borough and other issues.
- LFB assists the council in advising residents on fire safety and fitting smoke alarms inside their homes.
- In February 2015, all fire risk works to all high rise and lower/more complex housing were complete.

As a council, we are doing all that we can to keep our residents safe, but you can help too by following this advice:

- Make sure you have a working smoke alarm in your home
- Keep balconies free from clutter
- Please don't leave rubbish or bikes in communal areas or obstruct escape routes
- Make sure you know where your nearest fire exit is
- If you are a smoker please do not smoke in common areas of the block
- Always fully extinguish cigarettes smoked in your home and dispose of them carefully and safely

Please refer to our web-site pages at www.havering.gov.uk for more information on fire safety in Havering.

I'm sure you will join with me in offering our help and support to the residents in west London affected by this tragedy.

Thank you and best wishes,

Councillor Damian White
Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Housing