

Message to Secretary of State Robert Jenrick, from Graeme Langton who first visited MHCLG on 17 October 2019 on behalf of residents of the Pendleton estate in Salford, with Grenfell-style cladding

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The residents of Salford are still in limbo re cladding and the poor standard of refurbishment to the 9 high rise blocks of flats.. It has been over two and a half years and yet Salford is no nearer to having the highly flammable cladding removed. Malus Court residents continue this fight for the safety of the residents. Only last week Graeme Langton, Malus Court suspended chairman, who Pendleton Together refuse to allow to attend meetings to discuss these issues, yet again raised these issues directly through Salford Council.

The replies:

Unfortunately the government confirmed that it would not be possible to loan to the project for the removal of the cladding, and Together Housing are now taking steps to

secure the funding for the works. We were told this two and a half years ago. And we were also told Together Housing were going to loan Salford Council the money for the works. But reading the above statement, it looks like more lies. It seems the funding has not been found as had previously stated ?. Each week it is costing over £25 thousand just for the fire marshalls alone. Which up to date has exceeded over £3million.

The latest progress update, which has only been provided by Salford council after Graeme submitted questions to the Growth and Prosperity Scrutiny panel, identifies the work that is underway in the common areas and the contact has been made to residents affected. It was anticipated that work to the cladding would begin in the autumn. Whilst no programme for the cladding removal is available, it is now anticipated that this will begin in the new year.

This is not acceptable and is affecting residents mental state of mind and residents fear for their lives. Graeme also obtained fire risks assessments for Malus Court which are damning as is reported in Salford Star.

Yours sincerely,

Malus Court suspended Chairman Graeme Langton