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Chris Parle FCA, Director KWMC
(by email)

Dear Chris Parle,

BUILDING SAFETY AT ROYAL QUAY, LIVERPOOL

The Secretary of State has asked me to write to express his concern at the situation facing the residents of the Royal Quay development in Liverpool due to fire safety issues. I want to set out the steps we are taking to provide support and would be grateful if you would pass this information to residents.

We have been working closely with Liverpool City Council on the position at Royal Quay and I am grateful to them for their work on this which has helped to provide the further clarity required to progress the funding applications.

In the light of recent evidence provided to us by Liverpool City Council I can confirm that we will be making the Waking Watch Relief Fund available to 6 buildings in the development that have now been assessed as meeting the eligibility requirements. This will mean that government funding will be provided for an alarm system to be installed in these buildings to replace the waking watch and reduce costs to leaseholders in the immediate term.

As to support for longer term issues, I can confirm that we are processing the application we have received to the Building Safety Fund for the replacement of unsafe cladding. This application as it stands meets the eligibility criteria for the fund. However in the light of the further evidence provided to us through our work with Liverpool City Council, we now need your managing agent to work urgently with us to ensure the full extent of buildings in this development that may be eligible for this funding are captured in the application.

I am copying this letter to Louise Harford at Liverpool City Council.

Yours sincerely,

Ian Whitehouse
Building Safety Programme