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Dear Peter

I refer to Written Question 83782 tabled on 4 November regarding the discussions I have had with building developers and managers about the meeting of costs associated with fire safety remediation works.

I have met with building developers on numerous occasions, most recently with representatives from Taylor Wimpey, Persimmon, Redrow and R&M Williams last month to discuss their commitment to remediation works on blocks of flats.

Whilst those developers who met with me are taking responsibility for the issues they have helped to create, I am disappointed by the speed at which most of them have responded. At the meeting Persimmon made a commitment to remediate buildings they are responsible for and this has also been demonstrated in engagement my officials have had with them. I hope this example will prompt others to take positive action and they will be swift with their responses allowing residents to see long awaited action.

In addition to discussing the practicalities of remediating buildings I highlighted the importance of engaging constructively with residents, especially due to the effects these delays are having to their mental health and wellbeing. The group of developers I met with acknowledged the importance of working constructively with Managing Agents and the role they have in engaging with residents. It is vital residents and leaseholders are as informed as possible as this work is highly complex and often takes some significant time in terms of scoping, procurement and subsequent remediation.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

I am also particularly concerned that not all developers I specifically invited to meet with me accepted my invite. They are risking their company reputation and potentially leaving leaseholders and residents in dire circumstances.

Please be assured that while we are making progress both I and my officials will continue to engage with developers and press them to take responsibility and action.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julie James". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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