

**Grenfell Tower Memorial Commission (GTMC) Meeting
12 February 2026**

Attendees:

Memorial Commission

Thelma Stober (Chair)
Lord Paul Boateng

Community Representatives

(Bereaved representatives)	(Survivor representatives)	(Lancaster West and immediate community representatives)
Adel Chaoui	Mohammed Rasoul	Susan Al Safadi
Paulos Tekle		Andrea Newton
Hassan Hassan		Samia Badani
Hanan Wahabi		Abbas Dadou
Nabil Choucair		Hanan Cherbika

Apologies:

Sandra Ruiz
Abraham Abebe

Meeting purpose

The seventy-seventh meeting of the Memorial Commission, to discuss progress of the design team's work, and an update from MHCLG.

Opening

- A one-minute silence was held at the start of the meeting.
- It was confirmed that the meeting was quorate.
- Lord Paul Boateng opened the meeting, welcoming all in attendance.
- No new conflicts of interests were declared.
- The secretariat presented the minutes from the January meeting for approval, along with an update on the risk register and action log.

Agenda item 1: Design team update

- Freehaus advised they had reached an important milestone with the completion of RIBA Stage 1, which has involved the preparation and refining of the project brief and identifying any gaps in information. This stage culminates in a detailed document, which will include a high-level summary. The document will be shared with the Commission.
- Key elements included are:

- Consolidating the red line boundary for the Memorial site
 - Space planning requirements, which will help inform key themes such as visibility and where height can be included in relation to neighbouring structures
 - Precedent information, which will support engagement
 - Schematic diagrams outlining, where elements may be positioned
 - The role of artwork within the Memorial
 - Landscaping, covering all elements both beneath the ground ie tree roots and above the ground ie walkways, tree canopies
 - Transport and relationship between connections and access routes
 - Lighting, both natural and artificial as part of the design
 - Engagement and what the design team has heard so far.
- Freehaus advised the completion of RIBA Stage 1 means that they can plan the design journey ahead with confidence.
 - JH advised that a working group within the design team were focusing on the approach to access and would be working with TFL, following a discussion around access. At the appropriate point community representatives could be invited to join these discussions, drawing on their local knowledge.
 - JK advised that that mixed methods would underpin their approach to engagement including workshops, online opportunities, attending other events over weekends and evenings in a range of locations. This approach would enable anyone to reach out at any point. The team will continue to monitor their approach to ensure it meets the needs of the community.
 - JH advised that the bereaved were central to their approach. The team will capture all that they hear and will make sure their design journey is transparent, so the community can understand how they got to the design and the team can be held to account.

Agenda item 2: MHCLG update

- HT advised that the Government is bringing forward legislation to enshrine in law the funding for construction and long-term management of the Memorial, the site where the Tower is being sensitively laid to rest, and the physical and digital archive and public exhibition. This relates to *expenditure* ensuring Government are in line with Managing Public Money requirements.
- HT reassured the Commission that this does not in any way change previous Ministerial *funding* commitments made to the Commission for construction, long-term management, maintenance, and operational costs for the Memorial, as well as any major works and unforeseen expenses. The legislation will be introduced as soon as possible.
- TS advised that this was an important milestone and that the legislation would enshrine in law that the government will fund these elements.

- Community reps queried the role of the Commission within the legislation, if any specific elements were included and if it would be possible to attend Parliament to follow the legislation.
- CS responded that the legislation is primary legislation and does not outline a specific amount of money or areas, it is about being able to spend the money. If specifics were included there would need to be further legislation if changes ever needed to be made. She also advised that there would be opportunities to watch the legislation being discussed in Parliament from the public gallery or online.
- PB flagged that it is important people attend and they would be welcome in the public gallery.
- HT advised that work continues to carefully take down the Tower, with work starting on the 15th floor and continuing on the 16th floor.

Item 3: Grenfell Walk

- A discussion took place around the letter from the Chief Executive of the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea (RBKC)'s to the Commission on the future of Grenfell Walk.
- TS advised the co-chairs were arranging a meeting with the RBKC to discuss, given Grenfell Walk's proximity to the future Memorial and the need for clarity for the design team. Community reps asked if they could join the meeting and this was agreed. In addition, it was agreed that the Commission would write to RBKC.

Item 4: Update from the Secretariat

- The Secretariat confirmed that the Memorial Commission Iftars would take place on:
 - Wednesday, 25 March for bereaved and survivor families
 - Wednesday, 4 March for the immediate community, and
 - Friday, 6 March for children and young people in collaboration with Space Youth.

AOB:

It was confirmed that the next meeting will take place on the 23 March.

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