

Grenfell Tower Memorial Commission (GTMC) Meeting
16 July 2026

Attendees

Memorial Commission co-chairs

Thelma Stober (Chair)

Community representatives

Bereaved representatives:	Survivor representatives:	Lancaster West and immediate community representatives:
Paulos Tekle		Abbas Dadou
Sandra Ruiz		Samia Badani
		Susan Al-Safadi

Apologies

Adel Chaoui
Hanan Wahabi
Nabil Choucair
Hassan Awadh Hassan
Abe Abebe
Mohammed Rasoul
Hanan Cherbika
Andrea Newton

Meeting purpose

The eighty-second 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
- Welcome and introductions
- It was confirmed that the meeting was not quorate, meaning decisions cannot be taken during this meeting.
- Thelma Stober opened the meeting, welcoming all in attendance.
- No new conflicts of interests were declared.
- The secretariat presented the minutes from the June meeting for approval, along with an update on the risk register.

Item 2: Memorial design team update (60 mins)

- The design team gave an update on the RIBA 02 Report, summarising the proposals and the potential memorial height feature.
- A community representative asked about the likely and possible amount of reflective space within the memorial.
- Another community representative asked about the visibility of the memorial from different locations. Jonathan Hagos (JH) from the design team confirmed they have studied this from nine different locations in total and can share this information; another community representative added that the view of the potential memorial design must be understood from many different physical angles.
- A query was also raised about the precise and/or possible location of the height feature. JH advised that the scale and design of the height feature can be more flexible if it is not situated within the core of the Tower. The size of the core was also discussed.
- Thelma Stober asked the community representatives for their views on the proposals within the report.
- JH advised there has been some apprehension raised by some of the community about the retention and inclusion of Tower elements, but that people have mostly expressed positive views around this once they have seen the design model options and further understood what this might look like.
- A community representative expressed that it is important for nearby residents to understand the impact of the memorial on them, given their physical proximity to it; for example, the impact on light into their property. Better understanding these impacts will enable local residents to express an informed preference about memorial design options. Other community representatives concurred with this.
- JH suggested a focused agenda item at a future design working group about the impact of the memorial height, and other features, on the immediate community that lives close by.
- Julia King (JK), community engagement lead for the design team, presented their community engagement number and learnings so far. She explained that their qualitative engagement and analysis approach captures and reflects how they've seen people's views change and evolve during community conversations and via looking at memorial models. She acknowledged the engagement fatigue felt by many in the community.
- A community representative expressed that it would be helpful to view the memorial design, once ready, in a digital or other interactive way.

Item 3: Update from MHCLG

- Jenan Hasan (JH) updated about new ministers coming into the department shortly, and that updates will be provided as soon as more is known about this.
- Helen Town (HT) asked the community representatives to raise or send through any questions they have on any of those organisations involved in taking forward key aspects of memorial-related work (for the memorial and archive; for the long-term ownership and maintenance; and for the second site where the Tower is being laid to rest). Work is underway to secure contracts for those orgs.
- TS advised it will be helpful to understand how the community will be involved once the future oversight and management model is in place.

Any other business

- It was confirmed that the next monthly meeting will take place on Thursday 10 September at the Museum of Brands.
- A community representative asked if other representatives are comfortable with documentary film-makers coming to a future design working group to film, and which was agreed to. Notice will be given to the Commission before this happens.

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