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Safe and affordable homes

Thank you to everyone who has contacted me with concerns that the Government is using money from its Affordable Homes Programme to pay for safety works on tower blocks.

All of us have been deeply affected by the Grenfell Tower disaster. It was a tragedy that should never have happened and it must never be allowed to happen again. It is therefore vital that unsafe cladding is removed as soon as possible and it is only right that the Government is making a contribution to the removal of unsafe cladding in social housing.

Grenfell has also imprinted itself on the public as a shocking reminder of housing inequality in our country. We have a crisis in both the supply and affordability of housing in our country. However, it should not be a choice between paying for safety works on social housing or building affordable homes. That is why alongside my Labour colleagues I will continue to call on the Government to take action to address the housing crisis while also ensuring that funds are made available both for building affordable homes and for essential safety works.

Thanks again to all those who have contacted me about this important issue.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Burden'.

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