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Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee
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Carl Sargeant AM
Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Children

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Dear Carl

Fire safety in high rise blocks

I am writing to let you know that we have agreed to hold a one day session looking at fire safety in high rise blocks in Wales on 13 July.

We are hoping to take oral evidence from local government, housing associations, fire and rescue services and residents. Due to the short notice we are not issuing a written consultation at this stage. We will be considering the following areas:

- What fire safety requirements/measures are currently in place in Welsh high rise blocks
- Are there any obvious gaps or weaknesses in the current system of regulation in Wales of fire safety in high rise blocks?
- Is guidance to residents of high rise blocks in Wales, in the event of a fire, appropriate?
- How are residents in Wales being informed about recent developments and reassured about fire safety measures in their block? More broadly, to what extent are resident's views about fire safety being listened to and addressed

After we have taken the evidence, we will have a clearer view on what further work we wish to do, but I want to make you aware that we may wish to invite you and



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your colleague, the Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs, to give evidence to the Committee in the early autumn. I am copying this letter to the Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs for information.

If you want any further information about the inquiry, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the beginning.

John Griffiths AM
Chair

cc. Lesley Griffiths AM, Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

