

Note of a meeting between the Minister for Housing and Local Government and Persimmon Homes held on 24 February 2021

Present

Julie James, MS Minister for Housing and Local Government
 Emma Williams, Director, Housing & Regeneration, Welsh Government
 Richard Baker, Deputy Director, Land Division, Welsh Government
 (Redacted information), Head of Regeneration, Welsh Government
 (Redacted information), Head of Regulatory Reform Policy, Building Safety, Welsh Government
 (Redacted information), Market Housing Officer, Welsh Government
 Martin J Smith, (Information not held) Persimmon Homes
 (Daryl Jones), (Information not held) Persimmon Homes

Agenda item		Action
Welcome	(Redacted information unrelated to Building Safety)	
Item retracted unrelated to Building Safety	(Redacted information unrelated to Building Safety)	
Building Safety	<p>MH&LG reminded PH that she had met with them last year following issues with fire breaks in houses. MS advised that 6000 homes had been inspected, covering homes built from as far back as 2006. 80% has passed inspections and 20% require further work, which should be complete by the autumn.</p> <p>EW asked about the situation with high rise buildings and referred to the MH&LG recent letter to developers. MH&LG added that there was no clarity around any consequential available from the UK Government following their recent announcements. MH&LG reiterated her view that leaseholders should not be faced with bills.</p> <p>MS responded that PH was not a major developer of high rise, accounting for around 1% in their ownership, which have issues. PH have written to the MH&LG indicating that they will make good the buildings in their ownership and offer support and expertise to those buildings where they may have an involvement.</p> <p>(Redacted information) queried whether this referred to cladding issues only and asked whether this commitment extended to making good 'compartmentation' issues. MS replied that his understanding was that PH would take responsibility for all aspects of these buildings.</p>	MS to contact officials with further advice

	<p>MH&LG stressed the point that clarity would be welcome and if PH is to make good their buildings, queried whether they could supply wording to that effect that might be used as part of a WG statement.</p> <p>Action 3 – MS to check with Head Office and provide wording that WG could use in a statement about PH progress with their affected buildings.</p> <p>EW suggested that a meeting about the 4 buildings would be useful.</p> <p>Action 4 – (Redacted information) to arrange a further meeting.</p>	
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