

# THE GRENFELL TOWER PUBLIC INQUIRY

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## TERMS OF REFERENCE CONSULTATION

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### What is a Public Inquiry?

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Set up by the government, the purpose of this is to investigate the causes of the fire and to prevent a similar tragedy.

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### What are the terms of reference?

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It defines the SCOPE of the Inquiry. And the Inquiry can only investigate matters covered by its Terms of Reference.

**It sets out:**

**What the Inquiry is about.**

**What events and actions need investigating.**

**Who or what organisations need investigating.**

**And what should be changed for the future.**

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### Who should have a say?

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Anyone directly affected by the fire as well as local residents, volunteers, anyone with strong views on why it happened. Anyone with information.

**Any groups with a strong interest can and should submit.**

### WHY SHOULD YOU HAVE A SAY?

It is important that the Inquiry incorporates your questions and concerns. If the Terms of Reference are WIDE in scope, it means that more issues will be investigated.

But a NARROW scope might IGNORE certain questions people have asked, like: How the council and the TMO's behaviour contributed. How and why the cladding came to be used. Why were people's concerns about safety ignored - were people discriminated against? Why was the authorities response to the fire such a failure?

Suggested 5 broad areas to structure your submission that the Inquiry may need to deal with:

1. Background and history (construction, refurbishment, decisions etc);
2. The fire and why it spread (building fabrics, furniture etc);
3. Immediate response – fire brigade and police and council
4. The response following the disaster (the council, the government etc)
5. Learning lessons and making sure this never happens again

### Have your say about the SCOPE of the Inquiry as well as its FORMAT

Do you want a Panel as well as the Judge?

Who should be on that panel?

Would you like to ask questions directly?

### To contribute your questions and concerns you can

Respond direct or via a lawyer to the Inquiry.

Email: [contact@grenfelltowerinquiry.org.uk](mailto:contact@grenfelltowerinquiry.org.uk) or by post to Grenfell Tower Inquiry Team, Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL or call 020 7947 7837

### If you have any questions about the process you can get in touch with Grenfell Legal Support:

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