

## Passive Fire Protection Forum (PFPF) statement

### Grenfell Fire

Taking stock of the shattering events of last week, The Passive Fire Protection Forum (PFPF), in an emergency meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> of June 2017 has committed to step up activities to drive real change in the aftermath of this tragedy.

Passive fire protection is the primary measure integrated within the constructional fabric of a building to provide inherent fire safety and protection. By responding against flame, heat and smoke, passive fire protection measures maintain the fundamental requirements of building compartmentation, structural stability, fire separation and safe means of escape.

The fire performance of a building is reliant on numerous passive and active fire safety measures working together as a complete system. Many other factors impact upon occupant and building fire safety such as design, regulation, risk assessment, the specific needs of the users in the building and regular inspection, maintenance and upgrade of parts critical to life safety and building protection. Competency and training play an enormous role in controlling the entire holistic approach to managing fire risk and safety.

This holistic approach to any subsequent recommendations made after the full investigation has taken place will be critical to prevent a knee jerk reaction, which will otherwise result in vast capital expenditure to current building stock, and one that does not necessarily improve the safety of occupants.

At present the PFPF is not in a position to comment on Grenfell Tower and will await the official outcomes of the investigation. The PFPF are ready to support the investigation and any subsequent recommendations.

We owe it to the victims and their families, survivors, community and emergency services who have shown extreme courage in the aftermath of the Grenfell tragedy to do all we can to ensure that this can never be allowed to happen again.

Notes to the Editor

The PFPF brings together the collective expertise of the passive fire protection industry and provides a central body of opinion so that the Industry may articulate the value of passive fire protection in the achievement of fire safe building design and construction.

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