

News story: Update on rehousing former Grenfell residents

Update on the housing commitment to residents who lived in Grenfell Tower and Grenfell Walk.

Finding permanent new homes for former residents of Grenfell Tower and Grenfell Walk is a top priority for both the government and the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea (RBKC).

Some permanent housing is now available and the council has [published details \(PDF, 108 KB\)](#) of how they will work with families to allocate permanent homes.

No one will be forced to accept any home, and the council will continue to make more offers as long as it is reasonable and practical to do so.

The information for residents also includes a summary of commitments to residents from the council and government, including:

- residents will be offered permanent furnished social housing within 12 months and all moving costs will be covered
- when residents move out of hotels or emergency accommodation (whether to temporary accommodation or a permanent home) they will not have to pay rent, service charges or core utility bills (gas, water and electricity) during this period
- after this 12 month period residents that had held a council tenancy at Grenfell Tower or Grenfell Walk will pay no more in rent and service charges for their permanent social housing than they were paying before; those who did not hold a council tenancy for a flat in Grenfell Tower or Grenfell Walk will be charged at a social rent level

The council will hold meetings with former residents of Grenfell Tower and Grenfell Walk individually so they can explain the process in detail and answer any questions. They will continue to provide housing advice and support to residents throughout the rehousing process.

If residents have any questions about the housing allocations process they can contact RBKC on 020 7361 3034.