



WE ARE LIVERPOOL CLADIATORS AND WE ARE HERE TO HELP – PLEASE DO JOIN OUR (VIRTUAL) MEETING ON 14TH OCTOBER

Hello there,

We are writing to you from Liverpool Cladiators, a voluntary group that we set up earlier this year to help leaseholders who are facing, or potentially facing, cladding system issues at their building.

As some of you may be aware, hundreds of thousands of people across the country are trapped in what has become known as the **Cladding Scandal**.

Since the Grenfell Tower tragedy in June 2017, the question of the safety of the cladding covering residential buildings has become a national concern for leaseholders of thousands of buildings across the country and events this year have only made things worse.

We are the sister organisation of Manchester Cladiators and, since our formation, we have put aside the (usually!) friendly Liverpool/Manchester rivalry, to collaborate and work together on making our homes safe. To achieve this, we have recently re-launched our **End Our Cladding Scandal** Campaign in conjunction with national cladding groups, The Sunday Times and Inside Housing. Further details of our Campaign are available at <https://www.insidehousing.co.uk/news/news/end-our-cladding-scandal-campaign-relaunches-with-10-step-plan-to-tackle-mounting-crisis-68020>.

We are currently working with around 100 buildings across the North-West and recent figures show there may be around 3,000 “high-rise” (i.e. over 18 metres) residential buildings across the country that either have or may have issues with their cladding systems.

Since the Government updated its Advice Notes on fire safety in January 2020, we have also seen a number of buildings below 18m caught up in this sorry situation, which is mainly due to a system wide building regulatory failure the Government has allowed to persist for years, if not decades.

We know of cladding (and other fire safety) issues at, at least, sixteen buildings across Liverpool and we are working with Liverpool City Region Mayor Steve Rotheram, Kim Johnson MP, Councillors Nick Small, Maria Toolan and Christine Banks and, Community Interest Company, Engage Liverpool to offer our help to all leaseholders at these buildings.

We know there are likely to be more buildings that are either affected or where concerns exist, and we want to offer our support to all leaseholders in Liverpool. We have arranged a virtual meeting at **6:30pm on Wednesday 14th October**, where we will have guest speakers discussing the national and local situation and where you will be able to ask any questions you may have.

Should you wish to join the meeting, and we strongly urge any affected leaseholder to do so, please email us at liverpoolcladiators@gmail.com and we will share further details of the meeting.

Please do know that you are not alone. Together we can

#EndOurCladdingScandal. We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you

(virtually) on the 14th.

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