

**IN THE FIRST-TIER TRIBUNAL  
PROPERTY CHAMBER  
(RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY)**

**Case ref: LON/00BJ/LSC/0286**

In the Matter of: The Landlord and Tenant Act 1985; Section 27A

**B E T W E E N:**

**THE MAYOR AND BURGESSES OF THE  
LONDON BOROUGH OF WANDSWORTH**

Applicant/ Landlord

**and**

**VARIOUS LEASEHOLDERS OF  
100 HIGH-RISE RESIDENTIAL BLOCKS  
IN THE LONDON BOROUGH OF WANDSWORTH**

Respondents/ Leaseholders

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**APPENDIX [ 25 – Letter from Clive Betts MP to Cllr Kim Caddy  
dated 12.12.18]**

**TO THE STATEMENT OF CASE  
ON BEHALF OF  
THE LONDON BROUGH OF WANDSWORTH**

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# Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee

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Cabinet Member for Housing  
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12 December 2018

Dear Councillor Caddy,

## **Retrofitting of sprinklers in high-rise buildings in Wandsworth**

Thank you for your letter of 7 December 2018 regarding the installation of sprinklers in Wandsworth Borough Council's sheltered housing blocks and temporary accommodation buildings, as well as your proposal to retrofit sprinklers in all of your high-rise buildings of ten storeys and above.

As you will be aware, this is consistent with the Committee's recommendation, made in our report into the [Independent Review of Building Regulations and Fire Safety: Next Steps](#), that:

*Where structurally feasible, sprinklers should be retro-fitted to existing high-rise residential buildings to provide an extra layer of safety for residents.*

I therefore welcome the fact that Wandsworth has taken these steps which I hope others will follow. You will have also noted that the Committee further called on the Government to make additional funding available for this where necessary.

Yours sincerely,



**Clive Betts MP**  
**Chair, Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee**