MAYOR OF LONDON

Lee Rowley MP House of Commons London SW1A OAA 7 August 2023

Via Email: lee.rowley.mp@parliament.uk

Dear Lee,

I am writing to you to express my concern about reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete (RAAC) and the safety of our built environment.

It is alarming that thousands of buildings are at risk of sudden collapse due to the presence of RAAC. This reiterates the importance of using construction products that remain safe in the longer term as well as the importance of regular maintenance of existing buildings.

While I note that the focus so far has been on schools and hospitals and that Ministers have launched a UK government-wide inquiry into the use of RAAC in public buildings, I am concerned about residential buildings that may have been built with this product. I would be grateful if you could confirm what steps are being taken to investigate the risk to residential homes.

Building safety is of paramount importance and it is vital that government examine the risk to residential buildings as a matter of urgency.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Tom Copley

Deputy Mayor, Housing and Residential Development