



Eich cyf/Your ref P-06-1549
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Carolyn Thomas MS
Chair - Petitions Committee

14 November 2025

Dear Carolyn,

Thank you for your letter of 06 October offering me the opportunity to share my views on the issues raised by Petition P-06-1549 - Urgent Support for Hirwaun, Wales, Homeowners Affected by Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC).

My officials and I have been in correspondence with Mr Wilson Chowdhry, and I am grateful to him for highlighting the issues faced by private homeowners in Hirwaun. I am committed to working with the UK Government and other devolved governments on this issue, however to date the UK Government has not provided funding for RAAC remediation across the UK. Building maintenance is ultimately the responsibility of property owners. However, I recognise that some owner-occupiers may need support to carry out necessary repairs or access funding.

I am pleased that Trivallis Housing Association has begun its RAAC remediation programme at the Gower Estate in Hirwaun. I understand that the installation of the safety deck system is intended to provide a permanent and structurally sound solution rather than a temporary fix. Trivallis has also offered affected owner-occupiers and private landlords access to their contractors, helping reduce costs by removing overheads. Additionally, there are potential funding options, grants and loans that may be available through Rhondda Cynon Taf Council, subject to eligibility criteria.

With regards to building regulations and housing standards, building regulation 7 sets out a requirement that building work shall be carried out with 'adequate and proper materials' which are:

- Appropriate for the circumstances in which they are used.
- Adequately mixed or prepared.
- Applied, used or fixed so as adequately to perform the functions for which they are designed.
- Applied, used or fixed in a workmanlike manner.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

There are no current plans to amend building regulations to require a guarantee for materials. However, we continue to monitor the situation in Wales and are working with others across the industry, including the Building Safety Regulator (BSR) in England and the devolved governments to keep under review the safety and standards of all buildings.

I will continue to monitor this situation closely. My priority is to ensure homeowners are supported to access the help available to them.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jayne Bryant". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Ysgrifennydd y Cabinet dros Lywodraeth Leol a Thai
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