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National Assembly for Wales
Cynulliad Cenedlaethol Cymru

John Griffiths AM
Chair
Equality, Local Government and Communities
Committee

Our ref: ARTD/JMD

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Dear John

Re: Celestia Development, Falcon Drive, Cardiff Bay

I have been contacted by several residents of the above development in my electoral region, to express deep concerns in relation to serious defects with their properties.

These defects include issues with the building's classing, compartmentation between apartments and non-existent fire breaks throughout the development. These are of serious risk and affect the integrity of the building, and as such the fire service have provided notice that they must be rectified within 12 months.

Despite this, the developers, Redrow, have failed to take responsibility for these defects, and instead have indicated it is instead for residents to fund the necessary works. They have refused to engage with residents in relation to these issues and company directors have not responded to correspondence. My constituents own the leasehold of their properties, but these are effectively worthless until the defects are repaired, and this is estimated to cost tens of thousands of pounds per property.

I therefore request that you carry out a formal inquiry into this matter, and bring the developer before the committee to give evidence. I also understand that the Minister is shortly set to appear before the committee to give evidence on this matter, and I would be grateful if these issues could be addressed.

Thank you for your assistance with this issue, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

Andrew RT Davies AM
South Wales Central Regional AM