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Councillor Greg Brackenridge  
Chair of City of Wolverhampton Fire Safety Scrutiny Panel  
City of Wolverhampton Council  
Civic Centre  
St Peter's Square  
Wolverhampton

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Dear Councillor Brackenridge,

**Fire Safety in New Build Homes**

Thank you for your attendance at the WV Living Company Board (20 June 2019), in your capacity as Chair of the Fire Safety Scrutiny Panel for City of Wolverhampton Council. The Company Board very much welcomed your compelling presentation about fire safety in residential properties and your perspective on the west midlands and national building safety Programme.

WV Living as a Company and Board takes fire prevention, management and building safety very seriously; as you will recall from our previous company representations in 2018/19 to the Fire Safety Scrutiny Panel. Never has it been so important for Companies to show leadership in this area of building management to ensure continued resident and community safety.

WV Living, as the City of Wolverhampton Council's Local Housing Company wishes to continue to set high standards in the residential real estate sector for Wolverhampton.

Therefore, on behalf of the WV Living Company Board, I can confirm:

- As a company we have immediately initiated work to review the contract already in place for The Marches, Lakefield Road, Wednesfield to design the fitting of sprinklers into all our newbuild homes for rent and sale.
- WV Living will fit integrated sprinkler systems in all of our future new build homes.

I hope you will agree that this is great news for the city - the Leader and Councillor Bilson are now keen to work with you to coordinate publicity on a future announcement.

Yours sincerely,



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