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Dear Mr Bowie

**SAFETY OF COUNCIL HOUSING IN ABERDEENSHIRE**

Thank you for your letter of 19th June 2017.

I can assure you that Aberdeenshire Council takes the safety of its residents very seriously and is committed to high standards of safety and verification.

As you may be aware, there are no multi-storey domestic buildings within the geographic area of Aberdeenshire Council (deemed to be 5 storeys or 18m and above). In order to ensure the highest safety standards, Officers are meeting weekly to undertake a review of safety procedures across all buildings. This work includes verification of compliance for fire safety systems, fire risk assessments as well as ensuring all external wall insulation meets regulations.

Aberdeenshire Council is working with the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service and RSL partners to complete its reviews and ensure a consistent approach to housing across the area.

I trust this provides a suitable level of reassurance but should you require anything further please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



**Rob Simpson**

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