

CPA awaits the Final Report of the Grenfell Tower Inquiry

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4 September 2024 will mark the publication of the [Grenfell Tower Inquiry's final report](#).

Since the tragedy happened, The [Construction Products Association](#) (CPA) has consistently called for action on regulatory reforms and cultural change. They want to see more clarification of roles and responsibilities, steps to improve quality, processes and standards, and a change in how the industry engages with built environment users and residents of buildings.

There has been progress. The [Code for Construction Product Information \(CCPI\)](#) significantly improves the information provided about product performance, making sure product information is clear, accurate, accessible, up-to-date and unambiguous.

Many construction businesses have implemented new quality assurance processes and invested in digital tools to drive greater oversight and build an essential golden thread of information. There has also been a sustained effort to drive [greater competence](#) within the sector.

Whatever the findings of the report, there is still going to be more to do. The CPA will continue to play its part in pushing for cultural change in construction and the continued enforcement of the Building Safety Act, including all those many small steps in between that make any improvement possible.

Key activities

- In the aftermath of the Grenfell Tower fire the CPA was a founding member of the [Industry Response Group \(IRG\)](#) that – alongside Build UK and the Construction Industry Council – liaised with Government to help coordinate the sector's response .
- The CPA was [actively involved](#) in the Dame Judith Hackitt Review, chairing or contributing to various working groups focused on regulations, competence, digitalisation and product quality.
- The CPA has led calls for cultural change to happen alongside any structural and regulatory changes. This includes developing a culture of high standards and continuous learning to drive greater competence

in the industry and the creation of new rules on [construction product marketing](#).

- The CPA introduced the [Code for Construction Product Information](#) (CCPI) following detailed consultation with industry. It calls for all products to be marketed under five core principles – construction product information must be clear, accurate, accessible, up-to-date and unambiguous.
- The CPA's work to support the new building safety regime continues in areas such as product traceability, product standards, competence, and transparency in product testing, procurement and specification and marketing. Further areas may be identified following a full review of the Grenfell Inquiry's final report.
- The CPA also continues to work with the wider industry to embed these ambitions in business as usual operations, moving the industry to a new and more verifiably rigorous approach. This has been most evident through our work as part of the Construction Leadership Council (CLC), which has published a [report](#) on the progress made by the industry to improve building safety.