



Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Committee

Lee Rowley MP

**Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Local Government and Building
Safety)**

Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities

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Dear Lee,

Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC)

I write regarding the risk of Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC). Following the Department for Education's publication of [updated guidance](#) on the risk of RAAC in schools and colleges, I would be grateful for an update on the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities' assessment of the risk of RAAC.

Please could you respond to the following questions:

- What is the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities' current assessment of the risk of RAAC in (a) residential and (b) non-domestic buildings?
- What is the Department's latest guidance for residents and landlords on the risk of RAAC in (a) social housing and (b) the private rented sector? Are there plans to update this guidance following the Department for Education's recent action?
- What is the Department's latest guidance for local authorities on the risk of RAAC in their estates? Are there plans to update this guidance following the Department for Education's recent action?
- What funding is available to mitigate the risk of RAAC where it is identified in (a) social housing and (b) local authorities' estates?
- What action is the Department taking to identify and mitigate the risk of RAAC in public buildings in its own estate?
- As the government department with overall responsibility for building safety remediation and regulation regimes, what role is the Department taking in the cross-government response to the risk of RAAC?

Given the urgency of these matters, I would appreciate your response **before the House rises for the conference recess on 19 September 2023.**



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Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Clive Betts'.

Clive Betts MP
Chair, Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Committee