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John Healey MP, Labour's Shadow Housing Secretary, responding to Dame Judith Hackitt's interim report into the Review of Building Regulations and Fire Safety, said:

"This interim report is welcome but Ministers have already been told that building safety rules need to be rewritten.

"It is now four and a half years since two Coroners' reports into previous high rise fires recommended an overhaul of building regulations. Ministers ignored the recommendations then and their promise to issue new regulations was never honoured.

"Rather than waiting for the final report of this inquiry, Ministers should start acting on existing recommendations immediately and incorporate recommendations from Dame Judith Hackitt when her inquiry is completed.

"Ministers have been off the pace at every stage in response to the Grenfell Tower fire. They must now quickly give people confidence that our system of fire regulation has the clarity, accountability and proper standards needed so that no-one feels unsafe in their home."