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Gwynne MP, Labour's Shadow Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government,

responding to the announcement of the terms of reference for the Grenfell Taskforce, said:

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announcement has come too slow and falls far short of the action that is needed. Residents of Kensington and Chelsea have made it very clear in the past

weeks that they do not trust the leadership of the council, and nothing from central government has been done to address this.

"The

objectives set by the Government for the taskforce show that they are aware of

these problems – but there continues to be a real issue of accountability. Delivery of these objectives remains the responsibility of a council that have

shown they are not equipped to deal with the task ahead, and Sajid Javid has refused to step in and take on the responsibility himself to ensure that survivors, still homeless after this tragedy, get the support they need."

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