

Safety in your building



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Dear Residents,

EWS1 form available

Following our previous letters about investigations taking place at your building, I am pleased to be able to confirm that our investigations into the facade are now complete. Our Fire Consultant has reviewed the results of the fire tests and carried out a further site inspection and is satisfied that the fire risk is low that no remedial works are required.

Our Fire Consultant has confirmed this in a certificate, known as an EWS1 form. This followed a great deal of work from Network Homes to ensure that the building is safe, so we are pleased that we are able to confirm this with the EWS1 form.

We have also instructed our Fire Risk Assessor to review the Fire Risk Assessment in the light of this and we will upload the revised Fire Risk Assessment onto our website as soon as it is available.

What is an EWS1 form?

This is a form developed by the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors, which involves a qualified professional such as a Chartered Surveyor, giving a professional opinion on the construction of the external facade. In the case of your buildings, they have been marked as 'B1 – the fire risk is sufficiently low that no remedial works are required'. This gives assurances to banks and lenders and should allow you to sell, remortgage or staircase your home.

How can you get a copy of the EWS1 form?

For those of you who have got in touch with us asking for the EWS1 form to progress a sale, remortgage or staircase request, we will email you a copy of the form for your block. For those of you who would like a copy, this will be available on our website – type in Alfred Road and filter the categories at <https://www.networkhomes.org.uk/your-home/my-building-fras-documents-and-newsletters>. Lenders sometimes also require a cover letter stating the findings in the EWS1 form and you can also find this at the above link.

Yours sincerely

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

Sam Drinkwater
Neighbourhood Team Leader (Building Safety)