



Network Homes

Safety in your building

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Dear tenants,

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Government Building Safety Fund – we've submitted our application

At the beginning of August, the government released the criteria of which buildings were eligible for the £1bn Building Safety Fund they announced in March 2020.

Since then we have been working hard on your behalf putting together the comprehensive application for your building, covering our remediation plan and costs for the project – the sum of the project is £8m.

This fund is 'first come, first served' so it's important that we act quickly to put ourselves in the best position. We're pleased to say that we have submitted our application for Archer Tower to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government.

What does this mean for you?

We expect to hear back from the Ministry in about a month on whether our application has been successful. We feel positive that we will receive funding for Archer Tower, but we are not able to make any guarantees.

To be clear, **the application has not been approved yet**, but we thought you would be keen to know that we had submitted it and to expect further communications from us. Once we get the outcome of our application, we will be able to share further information about the remediation project and when work will start.

State aid forms

Leaseholders in the building need to fill out a 'state aid form' to help us with our Building Safety Fund application, but anyone who rents does not need to do so.

If the building safety fund application is approved:

- The costs for the **eligible parts of your building work** will be paid for by the government, meaning we will not have to pass these costs on to leaseholders. At Archer Tower, this includes:
 - Replacement of insulation and cladding
 - Replacement of existing cavity barriers, which are designed to prevent the spread of fire
 - Replacement of balcony materials
 - Professional fees such as legal, project management etc.

A summary of this letter

We've submitted the application for the remediation work at Archer Tower to the government's £1bn Building Safety Fund.

This does not guarantee that the government will approve the application.

Even if we're successful, the fund does not cover every cost incurred at Archer Tower.

You need to fill out a state aid form if you 'use your property for financial gain'. We are unable to do this on your behalf so please spend some time going over the documents to ensure you understand if you need to fill it out.

We'll let you know the outcome when we hear back from the government – we expect it will take them about a month.

Whatever the outcome, we'll hold a webinar where we'll go through the next steps and you'll be able to ask us any questions you may have.

- We will write to you and let you know when you can expect the remediation project to start.
- Once the remediation work is complete, we will be able to supply you with an EWS1 form that you need if you would like to sell your home.

If the building safety fund application is not approved:

- We will write to you and let you know the application has been rejected by the government.
- We will outline what the options may be going forward.
- We will continue to work on your behalf to resolve this situation.
- We may still be able to give you information on a start date for the remediation project.

What happens after that?

When we let you know the outcome of the application, we will organise a date for a webinar. This will allow us to go through the next steps, explain the outcome of the government's decision and give you the opportunity to ask any questions you may have.

I appreciate that since we initially wrote to you that there were problems in your building, this has been a stressful time for you. I hope this gives you some reassurance that we are working extremely hard on your behalf to try and resolve this situation.

Further information coming regarding your building's alarm system and the building's warranty

We'll be writing to you again later in the week with further information about the alarm system and the tests we've been carrying out on it.

We also hope to have some information to share with you over the coming weeks about the building's warranty and what that means for the remediation of building safety issues.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please get in touch with us at **0300 373 3000** or customerservice@networkhomes.org.uk.

Kind regards

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