

## Safety in your building



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Dear residents,

### Design team visit on Wednesday 6 October

The design team will be visiting Grand Union Heights on **Wednesday 6 October** to take some samples of the external wall system. They'll be using a temporary scaffold tower to get the samples, which we anticipate will be around the garage.

The samples are needed for us to test the system we hope to use on the building to ensure we are using the correct materials. Some of the materials are no longer on the market so we need to be able to test them for a good substitute into the new system.

### Why is it taking a while to decide on a design?

Grand Union Heights has a complex external wall system – we think it is unique in London. Because of the makeup of the external wall, we need to ensure that the new design works structurally and gives all the necessary fire protection.

We've had several options on the table and these samples and the test we'll be doing, will help us to reach the best design going forward. We'll be writing to you again soon to give you more information about the testing and the contractor for the project.

### Further support

We work on a three-month update basis, so you can expect to hear from us every three months or sooner if we have something confirmed which we need to tell you.

If you need further support, you can:

- Visit the London Fire Brigade's website, which is offering a free online tool which guides you through a fire risk assessment of your home (home visits are available for more vulnerable residents): <https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/safety/the-home/home-fire-safety/>
- Visit our website where we have a building safety section with lots of information and frequently asked questions: <https://www.networkhomes.org.uk/your-home/building-fire-safety-and-cladding/>.
- Remind yourself of our top fire safety tips, including not using BBQs on balconies: <https://www.networkhomes.org.uk/advice/health-and-safety/fire-safety-top-tips/>
- Check our document library for a reminder of the letters we have already sent out: <https://www.networkhomes.org.uk/your-home/my-building-fras-documents-and-newsletters/>. It may take a little while to load as there are lots of documents on there.
- Get in touch with us on [customerservice@networkhomes.org.uk](mailto:customerservice@networkhomes.org.uk) if you have any questions.

Best wishes

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