



# Network Homes

## Safety in your building

3 December 2021

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Dear residents,

### Latest on building safety project – next letter 3 March 2022

As agreed in our last letter, we said we would write to you on this date with the latest position on the remediation project at your buildings.

#### Construction start date – not yet confirmed

We've not got to the point where we're able to share a specific start date yet, but we are confident that we'll be able to begin work sometime between April and June of next year. The contractor needs to carry out some further investigations to finalise our approach and from there, we'll be able to confirm our project start date and duration. I know this isn't the news you were hoping for, but we can confirm that we are as committed as ever to getting started on-site. We'll let you know when we've got the exact dates for the investigation works.

Once we've confirmed the above, we will also be able to submit an amended building safety fund application – this is normal practice and we have done so on our other schemes. This amendment will allow the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) to have the latest and most accurate information on our project, so they can make the most appropriate judgement.

We're also now working out the specifics of the remediation project - Higgins are finalising a license agreement to secure office space in the community centre which will be the site management office. The site compound will be located in a small car park on the corner of Thornton Street. These are all positive steps towards preparing for work to start on-site and we reiterate our comments above and our commitment to starting works between April and June 2022.

#### When can you expect our next letter?

Our next scheduled letter to you is by close of business on **3 March 2022** although we would hope to be writing to you sooner than this – I know this is quite a while away and I wanted to explain the reason why. We've got some things to iron out so we can be absolutely sure of our approach on the project. We're very hopeful that we will be able to share a programme with you on that date or earlier – this is by no way confirmed yet, but it is what we are aiming for. The next three months will hopefully give us enough time to get us to that position where we can share the start date with you. Again, I would like to thank you all for your continued engagement with us and your patience while we prepare this remediation programme of work – I assure you that we will get there.

#### Cladding panels – delivery time

I also wanted to let you know about one aspect of the project that will cause a slightly different programme than we had initially planned. Our fire engineer was happy with us removing the current cladding panels, remediating the issues behind and then putting the original panels back on the

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#### A summary of this letter

Small investigations required by contractor in early 2022 to finalise their approach.

Amended Building Safety Fund application will then be submitted.

The site management office and site compound locations have been agreed.

We'll write again on **3 March 2022** and we're hopeful we can share the start date with you then – we're working towards that but it isn't confirmed.

building. However, following a meeting with building control they advised us that we would need to fit new cladding panels which comply with the current building regulations as they are now, not those in force at the time the building was constructed.

We will be replacing the 'Proteus' cladding panels on your building with a newer version from the same company. You may be aware that there are numerous projects across London which are carrying out similar building safety remediation projects, and as such these panels are in very high demand. We therefore don't expect them to be delivered to site until around June. While this is frustrating, we will be able to start work on other areas of the building that don't require these cladding panels, so we will still be able to make progress in other areas.

### **Further support**

If you need further support, you can:

- Go to 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/buildingandfiresafety/>
- View resources which may help: <https://www.networkhomes.org.uk/buildingsafetyresources/>
- 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 your building's letters and documents – it takes a little while to load: <https://www.networkhomes.org.uk/robsart2buildingsafety/>
- Get in touch with us on [customerservice@networkhomes.org.uk](mailto:customerservice@networkhomes.org.uk) if you have any questions.

Kind regards

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