



Network Homes

Safety in your building

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Dear residents,

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Latest position on building safety project

I wanted to write and give you the latest position on the building safety remediation project at your building. You'll know that we have carried out some investigations into the external wall system earlier this year. This identified some issues with the installation of 'cavity barriers' – these are fire barriers that limit the spread of fire across the outside wall of a building.

Fire Alarm and Detection System

In response to the survey undertaken on your building, our fire engineer recommended a change in fire strategy to a simultaneous evacuation strategy and the installation of a fire alarm and detection system interconnected into flats. Our contractor Hill is in the final stages of installing the fire alarm and detection system. We thank all residents who have allowed us access to date to install the heat detector and sounder within the entrance hallways to flats.

We expect to get access to the remaining flats in early January 2022. Once the system is commissioned, the fire wardens patrolling the buildings will be stood down. We will write at this time notifying you of any changes. We are in dialogue as well with our fire engineer and the London Fire Brigade regarding the changes.

Design solution

Along with the fire alarm and detection system, we have been making good progress with a remediation proposal with the contractor Hill. They undertook large scale fire testing in November 2021 on their proposed remedial solution and the results of this are expected in early January 2022. We will then be able to agree a remediation proposal with Hill and our fire engineer, Affinity. Once we have agreed a strategy with our contractor, we will hold a webinar to update you on the proposed work.

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 help, 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/>

A summary of this letter

We're still in contractual discussions with the original contractor of your building, and are very hopeful that we can reach a positive remediation solution.

A reminder

Your building's fire strategy is **simultaneous evacuation**, which means you must evacuate if you hear the fire alarm, even if you think it is a false alarm.

- Check our document library for your building's letters and documents – it takes a little while to load: <https://www.networkhomes.org.uk/rectorybuildingsafety/>.
- Get in touch with us on customerservice@networkhomes.org.uk if you have any questions.

Lastly, I'd like to wish you and your family well over the Christmas period.

Best wishes

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