

## Safety in your building

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Harman Court,  
Rectory Park,  
Northolt,  
UB5

Dear residents,

### 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 Strategy

Your safety is our top priority, and our fire engineer has confirmed that whilst the issues do need to be addressed, there is **no immediate risk to your home**.

As the issues identified do not give rise to an immediate risk, the buildings can **continue to operate a 'stay put' fire strategy**. This means that in the event of a fire in your building you should stay in your home, unless you are directly affected by heat, smoke or fire. You should still immediately call 999 for advice and to ensure the fire and rescue services have been notified.

#### Design solution

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/>
- Check our document library for your building's letters and documents – it takes a little while to load: <https://www.networkhomes.org.uk/rectorybuildingsafety/>

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#### 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 **stay put**, which means you should stay in your home unless you are directly affected by smoke, heat or fire.

- Get in touch with us on [customerservice@networkhomes.org.uk](mailto:customerservice@networkhomes.org.uk) if you have any questions.

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

Best wishes

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