

## Safety in your building

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Best House, Moss House, Smith House, Yashin House,  
Matthews Close,  
Wembley,  
HA9

Dear residents,

### Latest position on building safety project

We let you know just before Christmas that we would be providing a full update by this date. We still remain in legal and technical discussions with the original contractor Mulalley and we continue to meet with them on a regular basis to agree the proposed works and confirm how the works will be undertaken.

At the moment we're working on the programme and site logistics with Mulalley. Our expectation is that the project duration will be relatively short – around two months. This however is not yet confirmed, and we will let you know if it changes.

A quick reminder, that the work we need to do is contained to the stair cores – the cavity barriers (fire barriers that inhibit the passage of smoke and flames) and insulation which are found behind the glass spandrel panels. The scope of work has been identified by our chartered fire engineer, International Fire Consultants.

### Building Safety Fund application

We meet with the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) regularly and this week, received notification that they had accepted the technical information we have submitted. This is a very positive step in our ultimate goal of receiving support from the Building Safety Fund. Now that the technical aspects have been approved, DLUHC will move on to looking at the financial eligibility aspects. As soon as we have received the outcome of the application, we will let you know. We have had multiple other Building Safety Fund applications approved, so we feel positive about the application at Matthews Close.

### 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 more support, you can:

- Go to the London Fire Brigade's online guide on a home fire risk assessment (limited home visits available): <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/matthewsbuidingsafety/>
- 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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#### **A summary of this letter**

We're in the final stages of agreeing work proposals with Mulalley, to allow us to get started on the project.

The government has said we are eligible for the Building Safety Fund from a technical perspective and is now looking at other areas such as financial to be able to approve our application.

#### **A reminder**

Your building's fire strategy is **stay put**, so you should stay in your home unless you are directly affected by smoke, heat or fire.