



Safety in your building

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Peppermint Heights,
Northwick Road,
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HA9

Dear residents,

Network Homes to appoint design team

We last wrote to you letting you know that our fire engineer is still considering the contractor's proposal. Our fire engineer has advised the remediation proposal is unlikely to be suitable, but it has not yet been ruled out. We are still hopeful that we will find an appropriate way forward with the original contractor.

Design team

While we are still pursuing a way forward with the contractor, we will now also look into other options. We have decided it would be sensible for us to appoint a design team. What this means is we would have a team of experts to design the solution for us and then once agreed, would ask contractors to bid for the project. This will only need to happen if we do not find a way forward with the original contractor, but we want to start preparing this 'back-up' plan now, so we do not get delayed. The design team will include a project manager, architect, structural engineer and fire engineer. We think it will take us two months to select and appoint the design team, and then six to nine months to complete the design work which will also require planning and building control consent.

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:

- 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/peppermintbuildingsafety/>
- Get in touch with us on customerservice@networkhomes.org.uk if you have any questions.

Kind regards

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A summary of this letter

We're hopeful we'll find a way forward with the contractor option.

We're also putting together our own design team, so we could agree a design and then ask contractors to bid on it. This is only a 'back-up' and we're starting to look at this now to avoid further delays.

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.