

Safety in your building

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Upton House, Hamella House, Aldermans House, Tan House, Humberton House, Kenworthy Road 14a-c, Ward Lane, Sadler Place, Kenworthy Place, Homerton, E9 5QQ

Dear residents,

Preparations to pursue original contractor, design team to be appointed

We last wrote to you to tell you our warranty claim had been rejected and that we were going to appeal. The warranty provider has not changed their decision. We have taken legal advice and believe we have a valid claim. We have now passed this matter to our legal team to pursue this formally on our behalf.

Pursuing original contractor

Our focus so far has been on pursuing the warranty provider – we've had mixed success, with one claim accepted and one which we are appealing. As we wait for the outcome of the appeal, we have also taken the decision to begin proceedings to pursue the original developer of your buildings. Our solicitor is preparing the initial work required and we will update you on progress with this.

Design team

Alongside the above work, we will also be procuring our own design team. This team of experts will design a remediation solution for your buildings and then we will invite contractors to bid on the project. This is to try and avoid any delays further down the project if we are unsuccessful with either of the above options. We think it will take us two to three months to select and appoint the design team. We think the design team will require six months to complete the design work which will also need building control consent. Planning consent may also be needed if there are any changes to the visual appearance of the buildings.

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 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/>
- 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/kenworthybuildingsafety/>
- 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

The warranty provider has not changed their position. We believe our claim is valid and so our legal team will be pursuing this. We're also going to pursue the original developer of your buildings.

We'll be putting together an expert design team to agree a remediation plan in the meantime. We expect this to take 2-3 months to appoint and a further 6 to complete the design.

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, or are told to evacuate by the fire brigade. There is no communal alarm in the building.