

## Safety in your building

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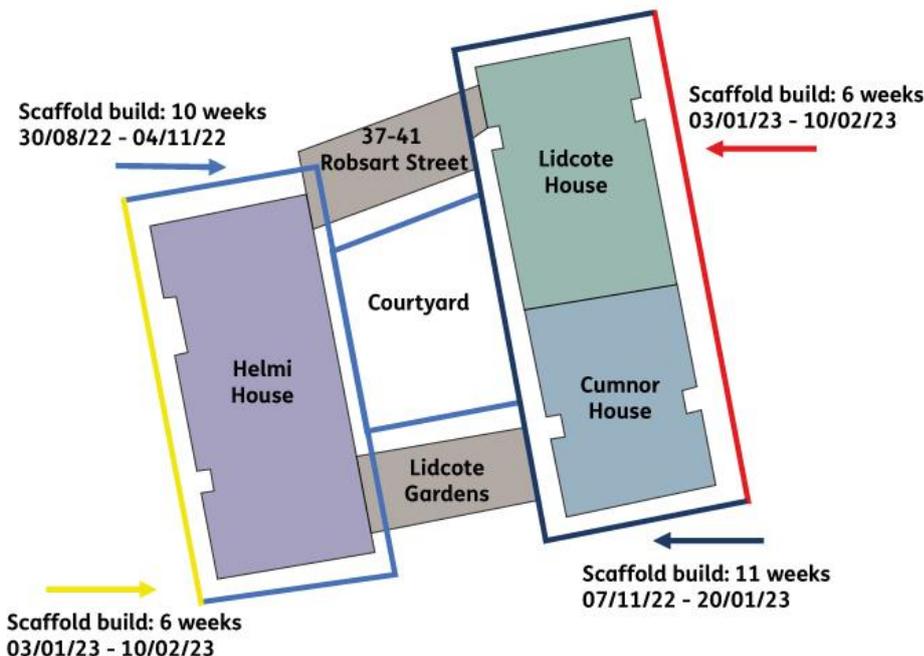
Dear residents,

### Project update – progressing well, some car park disruption to come

I wanted to let you know how the remediation project at Helmi House, Cumnor House and Lidcote House was progressing.

#### Scaffold build progressing well

The scaffold build has been making good time on Helmi House with the outside elevation already completion. One side of the courtyard is on track for completion and for those of you facing the courtyard on the other side, we'll soon be switching over to the other side of the courtyard to begin erecting the scaffolding. You can see the dates we shared regarding scaffold build and we still expect to be able to keep to the completion dates.



#### A summary of this letter

Our contractor has made good progress with the scaffold build, and this has allowed cladding remediation to begin on some of the completed sides of the building.

We're still on track to complete the rest of the scaffold build in line with the previously shared dates (in the diagram).

There will be some disruption coming in the underground car park – both from props which will be supporting the hoist/scaffolding, and from the installation of a fire alarm in the car park.

#### 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.

#### Cladding removal to begin

Now that the scaffold is nearing completion on these phases, our cladding removal specialists will be on-site to being preparing for the remediation on that phase of the work required at Helmi House. This will involve removing the cladding panels and replacing the cavity barriers behind those panels. As we've previously said, please keep off your balcony during this work for your safety.

### **Car park disruption**

To support the scaffold and hoist surrounding the building, we will be adding some support props to the underground car park. This will require us to take up some parking spaces with support props – the spaces that will be required are as follows: - **8, 19, 20, 26, 45, 46 & 43**. This may require you to park in a different space than normal and so we'd like to thank you for your patience.

In addition to the car park supports, our colleagues in the fire safety team will be carrying out the upgrade of a fire alarm in the car park by replacing some parts of the existing system. This is due to begin soon, and you may have already been contacted about this matter separately, if you have, we apologise for the additional communication. Again, we thank you for your cooperation for any disruption regarding the ongoing works and car parking arrangements.

### **Planting affected by project**

You will have noticed that scaffold preparation works have commenced which involves the digging out of some landscaped beds which have been filled with hardcore to support the scaffold. This is essential to provide a stable base for the scaffold to be built on. I wanted to confirm with you that at the end of this project, our contractor will take the time to put right any planting, or grass areas which have been affected by this remedial work.

### **Further support**

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: [www.networkhomes.org.uk/robsart1buildingsafety](http://www.networkhomes.org.uk/robsart1buildingsafety)
- Get in touch with us on [customerservice@networkhomes.org.uk](mailto:customerservice@networkhomes.org.uk) if you have any questions.

Kind regards

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