



## Safety in your building

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Dear residents,

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### Fire engineer approves remediation proposal

Further to our last correspondence, several technical meetings have been held between our contractor Hill and our fire engineer Affinity. This followed large scale fire testing that the contractor undertook in August in Northern Ireland.

We believe we are now close to agreement on the proposed remediation solution for the external walls and our fire engineer is undertaking a final review of all technical documentation provided by Hill in line with the new code of practice issued by the Government. The proposal addresses the issues regarding the installation of cavity barriers – these restrict the spread of smokes and fire in the external wall system.

### Next steps

Once the fire engineer report is ready, we can start liaising with Hill to carry out a pilot installation that will help us detail the specifics of site logistics, the project timescales etc.

We need all details and approvals before we can sign the works agreement with the contractor. As soon as we have the agreement signed and a start date, we'll write with further information.

### 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:

- 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/>
- 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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### A summary of this letter

Our fire engineer is undertaking a final review of Hill's proposal to carry out the remediation to the external wall system.

We will also need to agree a final agreement with the contractor which may take several months.

### 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.