

Safety in your building

24 April 2023

Rainbow House,
Water Lane,
Watford,
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Dear residents,

Project completion over next couple of weeks, last scaffolding being removed

I'm pleased to say that we now expect the project to finish over the next couple of weeks. All porter cabins will be removed from site week commencing 24 April and the contractor will be completing the remediation of the external wall system on the ground floor. We also expect to have removed all of the scaffolding, apart from a small area on the railway side – more info below.

There will still be some light presence over the next couple of weeks as our contractor makes good the front entrance and the areas of greenery around the building. Mulalley will have a banksman stopping workers if needed while pedestrian access or leave the block.

I'd like to send my sincere thanks for your help and cooperation as we have carried out this project – it has been complex and demanding and we would not have been able to complete without your support.

Parking

Parking is not allowed anywhere on the pavement and in the areas in front of the garage and we kindly ask you to refrain from parking there as this causes a lot of disruptions and delays.

Final night work dates – May and June

We've still got some work to do on the railway side that requires scaffolding. The contractor will need to come back as they have been waiting for Network Rail to confirm dates to carry out the work safely. Network Rail has now confirmed the nights when the scaffolding will go up:

- Tuesday 23 May, 1-4pm
- Wednesday 24 May, 1-4pm
- Thursday 25 May, 1-4pm.

Normal arrangements will apply as with all previous night work – a member of the team will be in touch with those residents who will have work right outside their home.

We will let you know once network rail confirms dates to take the scaffolding down, we anticipate this will be at some point in June.

EWS1 form

Our fire engineer will now be carrying out the relevant checks and will then issue us with an EWS1 form (external wall system). This is a form which certifies the risk level of the building's external wall system and can be a requirement of lenders to sell, remortgage or buy more shares in your home. As

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A summary of this letter

Remediation to complete week of 24 April.

Final scaffold being removed – railway removal dates in May.

EWS1 form issued in 6-8 weeks.

Future fire door work being agreed, more information to come.

soon as we have received the form and carried out our due diligence, we will share the form with you. We expect you to have the form in 6-8 weeks from completion.

End of works inspections

Mulalley wrote to you about carrying out end of works internal inspections to ensure there has been no damage caused by the work. Over the coming weeks, starting Monday 24 April, we will be coming round to carry out these inspections. Please let us know any concerns you have when we come and visit your property.

It is important to provide access as we wont be able to recall Mulalley if you discover any issues after they have left site.

Future fire door works

We need to replace the fire doors in Rainbow House; this includes the flats front doors and the communal doors. We have tendered the works and we will let you know when the contractor is ready to start on site.

Evacuation manager and fire strategy going forward

The fire strategy will remain as **simultaneous evacuation**, which means that you should exit the building if you hear the fire alarm or are instructed to leave by the evacuation manager.

Further support

If you need further support, you can:

- Check our document library for your building's letters and documents – it takes a little while to load: <https://www.networkhomes.org.uk/rainbowbuildingsafety/>
- Get in touch with us on customerservice@networkhomes.org.uk if you have any questions.

Kind regards

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