

Safety in your building

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Grand Union Heights, Northwick Road, Alperton, HAO

Dear residents,

Good progress made towards finalising design solution for external wall system

I'm really pleased to say that we have made good progress in planning the project to remediate the external wall system issues at Grand Union Heights.

Background reminder

You'll know from previous letters, that we have found some problems in the construction and materials used in the external wall system at Grand Union Heights. We believe the construction and makeup of the external wall at Grand Union Heights is unique in London and so we aren't able to get an 'off the shelf' solution to resolve the issues.

We've put together a design team of specialists and experts. They have been working together to come up with a solution at Grand Union Heights which is compliant with new government regulations and resolves the issues.

Current situation

The original contractor of Grand Union Heights has been engaging with us throughout this process. We have submitted our design proposal to them and they are reviewing it with their specialist subcontractor and also putting a price together for the work. The price we receive from the contractor will form our submission to the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities

(DLUHC), who will then agree how much funding we will receive from the Building Safety Fund. We've already received 'technical approval' from DLUHC, so this financial approval is the next important step in receiving funding.

Next steps

Once funding has been agreed, we will be able to sign an agreement with the original contractor and get started on-site with the remediation. We're already holding meetings to plans the site logistics, such as site set-up, scaffolding etc.

As soon as we have further information confirmed, we'll write to you again. If you need further support, you can check the previous updates we've sent out at https://www.networkhomes.org.uk/guhbuildingsafety/. Or 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

Our contractor is reviewing our proposal to fix the external wall issues at your building. They'll then send us a price for the project.

We'll let the government know the pricing so they can agree how much funding we will receive.

Once that's agreed, we'll be able to start remediation — we're preparing the logistics of the project now.

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.

Good homes make everything possible