



Latest updates for Residents at Brindley House

July 2023



Tell us how you feel about our proposed merger with Sovereign

We want to hear your thoughts about the proposed merger with Sovereign and understand what's important to you throughout this transition. We have a variety of ways you can provide us with your feedback including completing an online feedback form, attending one of our summer events or booking a one-to-one conversation with us. Our Board will consider your views when they make their decision about the merger in September 2023. Please click on the link below for more information about the merger and how to provide your feedback about it.

www.networkhomes.org.uk/bettertogether

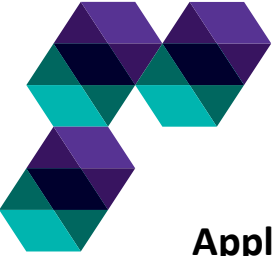
Our payment provider has changed

We're changing our payment provider from allpay to PayPoint on Monday 3 July 2023. Most of the ways you make payments to us are still available for you to use. However, there may be changes that you need to make, depending on how you make payments to us, to ensure payments continue to reach us. **You will not need to do anything if you currently make payments to us by standing order or Direct Debit.**

We've updated the payment links on our website and in your My Network Homes account so we will continue to receive your payments if you make a payment this way. If you make payments using your payment card, and you've used it in the last 12 months, we've sent you a new card to use to make payments to us. Please give it until 7 July for the card to arrive.

PayPoint offer most of the same payment methods as allpay, as well as other payment options. Although you'll still be able to pay us in the usual ways, you'll need to ensure you're using the new versions from 3 July. We've included more information about the changes you need to make on our website at www.networkhomes.org.uk/paymentproviderchange. You will also be able to find the updated payment options on our website at www.networkhomes.org.uk/waystopay from 3 July.





Applying for Parking Permits

CPM manage the car park at your estate, this includes issuing new parking permits. If you would like to apply for a parking permit to park your vehicle, please contact CPM at networkhomes@uk-cpm.com. However, your application will NOT be processed if your rent account is in arrears by more than £500. Once you have cleared your rent account arrears you can resubmit your application.

Warning about Tailgaters

We're aware that people with criminal intent may try to gain access to your estate or building. They may already know of ways to gain access unnoticed and one of them is by following you into the building by tailgating.

Tailgating is when an unauthorised person follows behind an authorised person to get into a building or estate. An authorised person would be someone who lives in the building, is visiting a resident who lives in the building or someone working for, or on behalf, of Network Homes, the managing agent or owner of building. It is one of the most common physical security breaches to an estate or building.

People will often offer random act of kindness, such as holding the door open for a stranger, which creates an opportunity for unauthorised people to gain access to the building. If you're not familiar with the person / people relying on you to gain access to your building, please do not give them an opportunity to have access by leaving the door open or holding it open for them to enter. When people with criminal intentions enter the building, it can create safety concerns for you and other residents and give them an opportunity to cause damage to the building.

Bicycles

We're aware of the need for bicycle racks and are in favour of the initiative, however, the cost for this initiative was not part of the allocated budget spend for this financial year. In preparation for the allocation budget spend for the financial year 2024/2025 we can assure you that the bicycle initiative, along with other sustainability projects such as electric charging points, are being considered. We'll keep you informed about these initiatives via this newsletter.

Upcoming estate inspection

The next estate inspections will take place on:

Day	Date	Time	Meeting point
Tuesday	22 August	12pm	Meet at: lobby entrance
Tuesday	12 September	12pm	Meet at: lobby entrance

If you would like to join Erika Davidson, your Neighbourhood Officer, during the estate inspection or discuss a specific issue, you can meet her on the dates above. Please contact Erika on **0300 373 3000** or email customerservice@networkhomes.org.uk





Estate inspection findings

Your neighbourhood officer, Erika Davidson, has identified the below repairs and cleaning issues, which she has reported to our repairs team and Pinnacle to be actioned:

Repair/cleaning issue identified	Location	Action taken	Any other notes
7 th floor window by the bin chute to be replaced.	Astley House.	Reported to Repairs again.	
4th floor lino on stairs to be replaced.	Astley House.	Reported to Repairs.	
2nd floor stairs, skirting to be re-fixed.	Brindley House.	Reported to Repairs.	

Window cleaning

The window cleaning programme for 2023 is next scheduled for November.

Balcony cleaning guidance

Residents requested, at the previous Residents Meeting, information and guidance on balcony cleaning. Please see below some Do's and Don'ts when cleaning your balcony.

- DO tell your neighbours in advance to allow them time to prepare and to remove items from their balconies to prevent any dust or water damaging their belongings from your balcony above.
- DO ensure you sweep your balcony regularly to prevent the build-up of dirt and the need for extensive cleans.
- DON'T use excessive or running water. This will drain down on to your neighbours below.
- DON'T clean your balcony straight after a window cleaning visit (July). This will undo the hard work of the window cleaners if they then get dust or water on them. Try to complete your balcony clean before they attend.

Anti-Social behaviour (ASB)

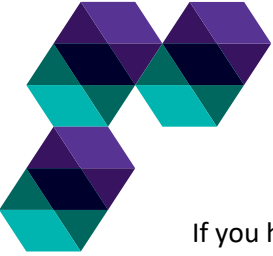
If you think you're experiencing ASB, please check out our ASB toolkit to help you identify ASB and understand the steps you need to take if you're experiencing it. You can find the toolkit on our website at www.networkhomes.org.uk/asbtoolkit

Rough sleepers

There are many forms of anti-social behaviour (ASB) and some of them include rough sleeping. Rough sleeping includes people who are sleeping in places that are not intended for living e.g., our bin stores or other communal areas.

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If you have concerns about someone who is rough sleeping, but they are not causing criminal damage or are a threat to you and other residents, you can get in touch with organisations that can provide them with support, such as [Streetlink London](#). You can find out more about this and what to do on our website at www.networkhomes.org.uk/groupdisorder.

Stay put fire safety strategy for your building

The fire strategy for your building is a stay put policy. This means unless you're directly affected by a fire, told by the emergency services or a Network Homes staff member to evacuate, you should stay in your home. Remember if you do need to evacuate because of a fire, do not use the lifts. Close the door behind you and safely make your way out of the building before calling the emergency services on 999. If you are unable to self-evacuate or evacuate using the stairs, please contact our Fire Safety Team on **0300 373 3000** so we can visit you and discuss a personal evacuation plan.

New residents' information

If you are a new resident, then welcome to your new home at Brindley House. Please check out our website for information about our services and important information you would need to know as a resident. You can also find previous updates about your scheme.

Visit our website at www.networkhomes.org.uk.

Read previous updates about your scheme on our website at <https://bit.ly/3aqKIOz>

Read the latest issue of Network Life, newsletter for residents, on our website at www.networkhomes.org.uk/networklife.

Important contacts

If you have any **issues with communal cleaning or grounds maintenance service**, call Pinnacle on 0330 332 0845 or email networkhomes@pinnaclepsg.co.uk.

Erika Davidson is your Neighbourhood Officer who manages your estate. You can contact Erika by phone on 0300 373 3000 or by email at customerservice@networkhomes.org.uk

If you need to report a repair, check on the progress of an existing repair or need any other information get in touch by:

- Your My Network Homes account – www.mynetworkhomes.org.uk
- Phone – **0300 373 3000**
- Email – customerservice@networkhomes.org.uk

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