

Safety in your building

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Grand Union Heights,
Northwick Road,
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Dear residents,

Contractor appointed – project expected to start in full in late Spring

We're really pleased to say that we are in the process of entering into the final agreement with our contractor United Living (South) to carry out the remediation to Grand Union Heights. As you'll know from our previous letters, we need to remediate issues within the external wall system to be compliant with government regulations created after the Grenfell tragedy.

As you will have seen, we have started some pilot works on the podium area. This has involved stripping off the old cladding and installing the permanent 'sheathing board' (yellow coloured board) before we install the final bracketry and cladding panels which will be a similar visual appearance to the existing panels.

Our contractor is also finalising the design for the scaffold and on-site facilities, as well as commencing the design for the proposed sprinkler system. We'll now be working to get the final things into place to allow us to start the project soon – we currently expect a full site presence in late Spring. We'll be putting together the site plan, logistics, ordering materials and confirming the project dates with United Living South.

Funding application

We continue to meet with the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) monthly and they are aware of progress. We will be having a meeting with DLUHC in April to confirm our final application and to discuss outstanding items in order to obtain approval for the known costs of the project. We'll let you know once we have an update on this funding position.

Next steps

You will continue to see contractors working in the podium area to complete the final external wall build up on Block E as well as contractors walking around site finalising their design. Thank you for those residents who allowed access to their properties for contractors to check internal layouts. We'll write to you again soon to invite you to a resident webinar to explain what will happen in the project. Please do look out for that invite when it comes and attend if you can.

You can check the previous updates and information we've sent out to you about this work at www.networkhomes.org.uk/guhbuildingsafety. If you have any further questions, please contact us on customerservice@networkhomes.org.uk.

Kind regards

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A summary of this letter

We're signing the final agreement for the external wall remedial work with our contractor United Living (South). This means we can put the final things in place and get ready to start the project.

We'll invite you to a webinar to explain everything that will happen once we've got the start date.

At the moment, we expect that to be in late Spring.

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.