

Safety in your building

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Airco Close,
Colindale,
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Dear residents,

External wall investigation took place in July, further investigations to come

We've written to you already about needing to investigate the external wall system of your building. An initial investigation took place in July on the block housing flats 105-128 – we're now organising a date to investigate the other blocks at Airco Close. We'll share that with you when it is confirmed.

As a reminder, the external wall system is anything that makes up the external wall of your building – things like brick, insulation, fire barriers and render systems.

Why are investigations taking place?

We've written to you about this before but thought it would be useful to include a reminder of why we're taking a look at your building. Following the Grenfell Tower fire, the government told owners of tall buildings over 18 metres to investigate their buildings and determine if the correct materials had been used, and the construction method/workmanship was appropriate.

SNG (then Network Homes) has nearly 100 tall buildings and so it took us some time to be able to investigate all of them. This is especially because professionals with the skills to investigate are in very high demand, due to the number of tall buildings in the UK and London particularly.

We're now investigating our next priority group of buildings below 18 metres – this includes your building. If we don't find any issues, we will be able to issue an EWS1 form (external wall system – EWS) which is a form that certifies the fire safety level of a building. The government has said this is only required for buildings over 18 metres, but some lenders are asking for it to lend on a property. If we do find any issues, we will write to you when we have the next steps to share.

Next steps

Once we have received the final report of the investigation from our fire engineer, we will write to all blocks to let you know the outcome and next steps. We expect this to be some time in the autumn.

Further support

If you need further info, check our website for your building's letters: www.networkhomes.org.uk/myblockdocuments/. Or get in touch with us on customerservice@networkhomes.org.uk. In case you'd like to view the letter we sent to block K, you can do so here – much of the information is the same as this letter: You can view the letter we sent out to block K here: www.networkhomes.org.uk/media/20870/20240703-airco-close-investigation-sent.pdf.

Kind regards
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A summary of this letter

An investigation into the external wall system took place on 105-128 Airco Close in July. We're now planning further investigations into the other blocks.

We'll write to you once we have the new date.

Once we've received the final report from our fire engineer, we'll write again – we expect this to be in the autumn.

A reminder

Your building's fire strategy is **stay put**, so you should stay in your home unless you are directly affected by smoke, heat or fire, or are told to evacuate by the fire brigade. There is no communal alarm in