

## Safety in your building

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Hindon Court,  
Wilton Road,  
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Dear resident,

### Update on Building Safety Fund application and investigation outcome

You'll know from our letter in January that we applied to the government's Building Safety Fund. Initially the government closed our application due to a lack of information submitted before the deadline they set. There is a national shortage of fire engineers able to do intrusive investigations into buildings. We therefore had a delay in carrying out the investigation before the deadline.

Once we have got a revised cost for the remedial work, we will be resubmitting a claim to the fund with more information given what we know now from the investigations we carried out.

### Investigation results

We carried out an investigation into the external wall system at Hindon Court to see if the building had been built as designed and if it complied with Building Regulations. The report from the investigation says that some remedial work will be needed to the spandrel panels (panels between the floor levels and windows) and also to the cavity barriers behind the panels. Cavity barriers are designed to prevent the spread of fire in the external wall between flats and between floors.

We're currently developing a design solution with our team of experts and we will then go out to tender for this project. Following a meeting with our consultant JRP this week, we may be able to fast track this project through a direct appointment. At the moment, we hope to be able to keep to a timeline of getting a tender by mid-May and hopefully getting on site in June/July. Once we're at a stage where we have a design solution and a contractor on board, we will write to you again to advise you of the project and invite you to a webinar to ask questions.

### Fund resubmission

As mentioned above, the government closed our initial application to the Building Safety Fund. We will now resubmit to the fund with the above information about the spandrel panels for their consideration. We believe that spandrel panels count as cladding, so hope the work to replace it and the cavity barriers will be eligible to be paid for by the government's fund.

### EWS1 form

Once the remediation work has been completed, we will be able to provide you with an EWS1 form. This is sometimes requested by lenders in order to offer a mortgage on a property.

I'd like to thank you for your patience and understanding. I know it is taking longer than you would have expected but we are doing everything we can to resolve this situation as quickly as we can. We are also working with the government to try and get funding on your behalf. If you have any questions, please get in touch with us at [customerservice@networkhomes.org.uk](mailto:customerservice@networkhomes.org.uk).

Kind regards

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