

Safety in your building

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Hindon Court,
Wilton Road,
Westminster,
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Dear residents,

Building Safety Fund application approved

I'm really pleased to share some great news with you – the government has approved our Building Safety Fund application for Hindon Court, based on the new evidence we submitted in Summer 2021.

The team has worked hard to submit all the information on your behalf to achieve this outcome, so we're really pleased to have got this news.

What will and won't be covered by the fund?

We told you that the issues we need to remediate are with the spandrel panels (panels between the floor levels and windows) and cavity barriers behind the panels. Cavity barriers are designed to slow the spread of fire in the external wall.

Both of these issues will be covered by the Building Safety Fund and we therefore currently don't expect leaseholders to have to contribute to the remediation work through the service charge. If this changes, we will write to you and let you know.

What happens next?

Now that we are clear how the work will be funded, we will proceed with procuring a contractor to carry out the work and getting a project team together. Once we have a project team, contractor and an agreed start date, we will organise a resident webinar. This will allow us to talk to you in detail about the project, the site, introduce you to our contractors and you can ask us any questions.

We anticipate work at Hindon Court will start before the work to neighbouring Pimlico Place, as they have still not received notification of any government funding.

Further support

We work on a three-month update basis, so you can expect to hear from us every three months or sooner if we have something confirmed which we need to tell you. If you need further support, you can:

- Go to the London Fire Brigade's website, which is offering a free online tool which guides you through a fire risk assessment of your home (home visits are available for more vulnerable residents): <https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/safety/the-home/home-fire-safety/>
- Visit our website where we have a building safety section with lots of information and frequently asked questions: <https://www.networkhomes.org.uk/buildingandfiresafety/>
- View resources which may help: <https://www.networkhomes.org.uk/buildingsafetyresources/>

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A summary of this letter

The government has approved our application to the Building Safety Fund.

We'll now start procuring a contractor and getting a project team together.

Once we've got a start date we'll organise a webinar so we can talk through the project and you can ask any questions you may have.

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.

- Remind yourself of our top fire safety tips, including not using BBQs on balconies: <https://www.networkhomes.org.uk/advice/health-and-safety/fire-safety-top-tips/>
- Check our document library for your building's letters and documents – it takes a little while to load: <https://www.networkhomes.org.uk/mybuildingdocuments/>
- Get in touch with us on customerservice@networkhomes.org.uk if you have any questions.

Best wishes

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