

## Safety in your building

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Dear residents,

### **Saturday working, planning permission and government funding approval**

I am writing to advise that over the next few weekends, Conneely has advised SNG that Saturday working is required to get the project back on track following delays with material deliveries. This will start tomorrow – **Saturday 2 November**.

It is likely that Saturday working is required between now and the Christmas break and both Conneely and SNG will keep residents advised on a weekly basis either through further mail drops or text messages.

We expect operatives to be on-site between 8am and 1pm and any noisy work to begin at 9am and end by 1pm. I'd like to apologise for any disturbance this may cause, but I hope you understand that it is crucial we are able to get the programme back on track. This will ensure that both Conneely and SNG meet their commitments as set out to residents in our webinar and communications regarding the project duration.

### **Planning permission approved**

I'm pleased to say that we have finally received planning permission from Hackney Council for the green wall. You will see that the scaffold has started to come down on the low rise blocks demonstrating our commitment to finishing the works on time. The exception to this is the green wall which was delayed due to planning and protracted negotiations with Network Rail and I can advise that this is now progressing. We are confident that these works will be completed as previously advised in March/April 2025 and we will provide a more accurate forecast in our next update.

### **Government funding approved**

We let you know in the webinar when work began that our application to the government's Building Safety Fund was pending. I'm also pleased to say that this has now been approved. We had already confirmed that there would be no costs to residents and this remains the same.

#### **A summary of this letter**

Conneely has advised us that they will need to work Saturday mornings in order to keep the project on track. This will start tomorrow – **Saturday 1 November** and we expect to continue until Christmas.

We've received planning permission from Hackney Council for the green wall and expect the project to finish in March/April 2025.

We've received approval from the government for our application to their Building Safety Fund.

#### **A reminder**

Your building's fire strategy is currently **simultaneous evacuation**, which means you must evacuate if you hear the fire alarm, even if you think it is a false alarm.

#### **A reminder**

Please ensure yourself and your household do not access the scaffold for any reason as this is a health and safety hazard. Accessing the scaffolding is a trespassing offence.

If you have any questions, get in touch with us at [customerservice@networkhomes.org.uk](mailto:customerservice@networkhomes.org.uk).  
You can see the previous updates we've sent here: <https://www.networkhomes.org.uk/vantagebuildingsafety/>.

Best wishes

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