



# Network Homes

## Safety in your building

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Dear residents,

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### Fire tests in December/January, plus consultation on play area and landscaping

We let you know in our last update that the original contractor wanted to carry out a fire test on the proposed solution to remediate issues within the external wall system. There will be two fire tests, one before Christmas and one in January. Once we've heard from them about how the tests have proceeded, we will let you know.

#### Consultation on landscaping and play area

You'll know that the play area on the lower rooftops of Peppermint Heights have not been able to be used for safety reasons. As part of the project to remediate the issues within the external wall system, we also want to remove the unused play area and provide some play equipment which can be used and enjoyed.

We are proposing to have a new play area on the ground floor, close to the current sport area. We want to consult with you on what you want and how you would like the area to be used. This project would also involve new landscaping on the ground floor outdoor area. We will be holding a webinar next year to go over the potential ideas for the space. We will also be sending out a survey to gather your views so we can include some of them in the final design of the space. We'll write to you again nearer the time with joining instructions and when we have a date confirmed.

#### Further support

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/>
- 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/peppermintbuildingsafety/>
- Get in touch with us on [customerservice@networkhomes.org.uk](mailto:customerservice@networkhomes.org.uk) if you have any questions.

Kind regards

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#### A summary of this letter

The required fire tests will take place in December and January. We'll share results when we have them.

We'll be consulting on changes to the play area and landscaping, to get your views on how you would like the spaces to be used.

#### 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.