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Building Safety at Parkside Place

RE: Inspections of the blocks (External Wall Surveys)

We are writing to let you know that we will shortly be carrying out an external wall survey at Parkside Place.

These surveys will take place on **Thursday 24 and Friday 25 June 2021** and will be carried out between the hours of 08:00 and 17:00.

What will this work entail?

The work will involve our consultants accessing the external walls from the ground floor and first floor level via the main road. The contractor will remove some of the brickwork, render and cladding across the estate, and doing this provide will us with more information regarding the structure of your block.

A mobile scaffold platform will be used to help facilitate us in obtaining access to certain areas of the external walls across the estate. Residents make notice some noise while we do the surveys, but we will aim to keep any disturbance to a minimum. As the platform will reach up to first floor level, residents in lower floor homes may wish to be more mindful of their privacy for this period.

Will you need access to my home?

Our consultants will also need to survey a sample number of the balconies across the estate, and this will mean that you may be receive a visit from our team during the course of the 24-25 June, asking for access to your balcony from the inside of your home.

All of our operatives will be carrying photo identification and will adhere to social distancing guidelines. If you are at home on these days and receive a visit from our team it would be much appreciated if you could provide them access to carry out these essential surveys.

As we only need to survey a sample amount of the walls on residents' balconies please do not be concerned if we have not surveyed your balcony as we would have captured a sufficient sample of balconies across the estate in order for us to carry out the required survey.

When will we find out the results?

Once the contractors have removed samples from the walls, they will then produce a report which will give us a better view of the materials that make up the building in Parkside Place. It is important to note that it can take up to two months from the time the inspection is carried out to the time we receive the full report back, so it may be some time before we are able to give residents an update on the findings. However, when we do receive this report, we will inform you of the findings, and what the impacts and implications are.

If you have any further questions about this work, you can reach us via email at Parkside.Safety@shgroup.org.uk or by calling us on 0300 303 1061 and direct your responses to the Building Safety Team.

Southern Housing Group has also recently introduced a new dedicated microsite for Parkside Place Building Safety related issues. You can find this at www.shgroup.org.uk/Parkside

Regular updates will be placed on this microsite as soon as we have them.

Yours sincerely

Building Safety Team

Southern Housing Group