

Marie Curie

Residents Meeting 26/05/21

Current situation

- Smell of smoke moving between flats was reported by a resident late last year
- Extra fire safety measures were put in
- These include fire wardens and new alarms
- Engie have been investigating what work we need to do to solve the issues

What have we found?

- We need to carry out major works to fix the problems we found which include gaps between properties and ageing pipes
- These will be intrusive as we need to get underneath floors and behind walls
- Some of these works cannot be done while residents are living in their flats
- While we have access we will fix things that aren't related to safety but need doing

What does mean for residents?

- We plan to carry out the external works first, and you can stay in your homes for this phase.
- We will need to ask you to move out for a time while we carry out the internal works
- The work will take around a year, people will move in their own time as they find a new home they are happy with either permanently or temporarily. We want to begin this process immediately.

Is the block safe now?

Yes. The measures we have in place including:

- Fire wardens/waking watch
- New communal alarms

mean the building is safe.

How will we support you?

- We will have council officers at the end of a telephone every day to answer your questions
- Neal Purvis from Open Communities will act on your behalf as a local independent advisor
- We will keep you updated with a weekly newsletter
- We will make a clear offer to you, for tenants and for leaseholders, on your temporary rehousing
- We will pay you £6,500 to help with your moving costs

Does this affect Lakanal too?

- No. Similar works were already done at Lakanal whilst it was empty, as part of the refurbishment scheme carried out in 2016/17.
- We will be writing to Lakanal residents to explain what is happening, and keep them updated.

What happens next?

- We will be delivering copies of this presentation, some detailed answers to the questions we think you'll have, with a letter, through every door in Marie Curie tonight
- Neal Purvis is holding a drop-in session on Friday outside the block to discuss your concerns
- We are now happy to answer your questions.

Any questions?