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Dear Residents

Ledbury Towers – Arup Report

Yesterday we sent you a copy of the summary from Arup of their report on the works that are required to strengthen your block. The good news is that the blocks are safe now that the gas has been removed.

However, as you would have seen, the extent of the works required in each property means that this will be very intrusive and it will not be possible to carry them out without asking you to move out of your flat whilst any works are being carried out should the option to refurbish the blocks be chosen.

The most important next step before we consider the feasibility of the options for the future of the tower blocks is to determine how much the works will cost. As we have outlined in the weekly newsletter, the next steps will be to work with the Resident Project Team to agree the works that need to be costed. This will then be consulted on with all residents to see if there are other issues they think may need to be included.

The council works with a number of cost consultants who would be able to carry out this work quickly but we will talk to the resident project team about this as they may prefer to appoint a different consultant.

Once the works are fully costed, we will then ask an independent consultant to work with the resident project team to look at all of the possible options for the future of the towers. These options will be drawn up in consultation with the Resident Project Team, and we will ask them to help appoint the consultant who will do this work. Further consultation will take place with all residents to get their feedback. The council believes that the future of the estate can only be decided with resident input. This will take some months but we will set out clearly a timetable for each step.

I have made it clear to the staff working on the Ledbury Estate that Southwark Council will do all we can to ensure that we work with residents to make the whole process as smooth as possible.

I know this is a worrying and unsettling time for you so if you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the staff based at the Ledbury TRA Hall, as they are fully aware of the situation and they will do whatever they can to help you.

I hope you are able to attend the meeting tomorrow evening where we will be able to answer any questions you have on both the Arup report and the next steps.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stephanie Cryan', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

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