

**ALL RESIDENTS OF LEDBURY ESTATE**

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Dear Resident,

As you know, the council has been reassessing all of its tower blocks with regards to fire safety following the recent tragic fire at Grenfell Tower in West London. As a result of this continuing vigilance, we have identified a structural issue affecting the upper floors of the 4 tower blocks on the Ledbury Estate. In some properties, this has caused cracks to appear.

We are checking properties with a team of surveyors so I wanted to let you know as soon as possible, as you may see more staff and contractors in your building over the coming days.

Your homes have been fitted with smoke and heat detection but as an added precaution we are employing fire marshals to patrol the building. We will also put single point smoke detectors in the communal lobby areas on each floor to assist the fire marshals. The escape routes are not compromised in any way and are protected. We have let the Fire Brigade know and our Fire Safety Manager, Dave Rowson, is checking our approach with them.

We have also appointed Arup, a leading civil engineering firm, to work with the council to identify the cause of the structural movement and to work with us to put in place an urgent and permanent remedy. I will keep you posted on what will happen next.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email the [repairsresolutionteam@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:repairsresolutionteam@southwark.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely



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