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To the residents of the Ledbury Estate.

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Dear Resident

This letter is to inform you of the ongoing dialogue between the London Fire Brigade and the local authority in Southwark regarding the concerns raised regarding the Ledbury estate.

An issue was raised at the residents meeting on the 26th June at Old Kent Road fire station regarding fire separation in a residents flat. This was noted by the local authority and an inspection was scheduled and actioned on the Friday of that week. It was confirmed that there were minor issues regarding the compartmentation of the flat in question and, clearly doubts were raised regarding the block as a whole.

Southwark Council then took the precaution of placing fire wardens on each floor of each of the blocks and briefed them to evacuate the entire block should a fire occur. Needless to say this is contrary to the LFB policy of 'stay put' but entirely appropriate if there are doubts regarding the compartmentation of a building.

In addition to the implementation of briefed fire wardens a range of other measures have been actioned that add to your safety in regard to early detection of fire, keeping means of escape clear and protected and evacuation protocols. Arrangements are being made to secure long term solutions and rest assured that the enhanced measures currently in place on the Ledbury Estate, will not be lifted until these solutions are satisfactorily actioned.

In addition to the measures introduced by Southwark Council London Fire Brigade have increased the pre-determined attendance to all confirmed calls to fire in a high rise building across London.

Yours sincerely

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