



# Cartier House

## Monthly Newsletter | External Wall Systems

February 2021

We hope this finds you safe and well! Thank you for taking the time to read the February update regarding Cartier House, Leeds.

Read on to find out more about where we currently stand with the External Wall Systems remediation.

### *Building Safety Fund Application Appeal*

As you are aware, our application for funding from the BSF was only partially accepted, and we filed an appeal to Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government (MHLGC) for those areas that were rejected.

We waited patiently for a response for the first 10 days – as the guidance asked us to do – and on the 27<sup>th</sup> January, we received the following response from MHLGC:

We have conducted an initial assessment and are satisfied that you have valid grounds on which to appeal. Your case has now been put forward for a full review of the evidence supplied.

We expect to have an update for you within 15 working days. We appreciate you are looking for a swift resolution to this matter, however, please do not contact us before this time has lapsed, unless to supply further additional information, as this can delay the process.

As of today, we are well past this 15 working day period where a further update was due; however, unfortunately, and despite the earlier reassurance, we have still not received an update from the Building Safety Fund. We assure you that we are as frustrated as you are with this and have begun various methods of chasing for an update from MHLGC. We want to assure leaseholders, we will do all we can to get our appeal heard fairly, and responded to as quickly as possible.

Whatever the outcome, we will update the leaseholders just as soon as we have further information on this.

### *Government Fund Announcement*

We understand there will be plenty of questions about the Government's latest announcement and what this means for you as a leaseholder at Cartier House.

No further guidance has been issued as of yet; however, it is our understanding that the additional funds do not change the scope or criteria of the fund.

We are of course anxiously awaiting any announcements and will update you when we hear.

### *Project Update*

As you know, we have achieved partial technical approval at Cartier House, and Stage 1 has now been submitted and is close to being completed.

We strongly believe that we could save a substantial amount of the estimated cost by creating a better design. As you know, we were working to have a full tender on the table by the 31<sup>st</sup> December, but since that tight deadline has been lifted, we have been able to reassess our next steps.

As such, we are in the process of arranging for a full retender, which should be completed in the next few weeks, with a better and more detailed design and better tender pack.

### *State Aid Declarations*

We must ask all leaseholders follow the State Aid guidance that was sent to them. While the UK has left the EU, there is still a TCA agreement in place that limits the amount of State Aid available. There are ongoing discussions at MHLGC on how this will affect the funds, and our understanding at this time is that it will likely result in the €200,000 cap been increased to £340,000.

We must ask anyone who has not yet completed the State Aid form to please reach out immediately to [LeedsDock@lv-group.co.uk](mailto:LeedsDock@lv-group.co.uk) and update us on your status.

### **When will you update me next?**

You'll hear from us again in our March Newsletter, which we will send in the week commencing 22 March 2021. However, if we receive the appeal decision before this date, we will let you know immediately.

As always, if we have anything to share before then, we will do so via bulletin. In the meantime, if you have any queries or concerns, please reach out to [LeedsDock@lv-group.co.uk](mailto:LeedsDock@lv-group.co.uk)

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