

## 27th June 2022

Dear Leaseholder,

## RE: The Gateway, External Wall Project - Render Only

I write today in relation to the External Wall Project at The Gateway, for which we are managing agent. Unfortunately, as you will know, there has been severe delays with the completion of the funding application, mostly due to the slow speed of the fund itself along with complications with the project.

I wanted to try and share as much information on what we have been working on in the background to try and give leaseholders a sense of volume of work going on to keep this project moving forward.

Over the last few weeks, the focus from the fund has been to complete benchmarking, making our way through the mammoth number of queries that come from the government-appointed experts. As you will know, I have now stepped away fully from day-to-day management and so that I can focus entirely on the Building Safety Team, whose goal is get these projects completed.

The queries from the government vary from requesting us to provide further detailed drawings to more simple queries such providing a detailed explanation as to why the balcony balustrades need to be removed to replace the cladding. As you can imagine, with a project of this size and complexity, these queries are extensive. The project team has to work to put together a response that is significant enough to meet the expectations of the appointed expert, after which these are reviewed, and further queries are raised as required.

I am pleased to report that the final benchmarking process has now been completed with no deductions based on the project specification. The process now is still complicated, however, and we expect to be able to begin mobilisation on the project at some speed over the next few weeks. We have now submitted all documents in relation to State Aid, and a legal review by the fund is underway. I can confirm we have taken part in detailed discussions due to the complexity of the legal review.

Lastly, the project team remain committed to reviewing all possible avenues in relation to the two zinc systems at the development, which currently remain unfunded. We have held meetings with the local MP, and his support has now resulted in a further meeting with the department responsible for the fund itself. Further to this, enquiries have been made in relation to further testing.

Moving forward, all our monthly newsletters will be sent via email but also stored on the new LIV Engage Portal, so we encourage you to register to keep up to-date.

Kind Regards,

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