

11th October 2023

The Gateway, Leeds – Building Safety Fund, Appeal Outcome

Dear Residents & Leaseholders,

As you will be aware, we have been awaiting the outcome of the appeal that we submitted to the Building Safety Fund, as they did not approve the funding for the Rheinzink and Nedzink Systems.

We have now received the decision from the Appeal Board, please see the below.

Wall Type	Eligibility status	Decision
<p>Rheinzink System</p> <p>External leaf – The zinc cladding typically has an A1 Fire Classification rating.</p> <p>Insulation – The insulation is a mineral wool which typically has an A1 Fire Classification rating.</p>	<p>Ineligible at Appeal Board</p>	<p>No eligible materials identified. Therefore, the system does not meet the funding criteria.</p>
<p>Nedzink System (Block C and Block D only)</p> <p>External leaf – The zinc cladding typically has an A1 Fire Classification rating.</p> <p>Insulation – The insulation is a mineral wool which typically has an A1 Fire Classification rating.</p>	<p>Ineligible at Appeal Board – However please see note below</p>	<p>No eligible materials against the BSF eligibility criteria.</p>

On the Nedzink system, the board has advised us the following:

As discussed at the follow up meeting on 27th July 2023, the Nedzink cladding system to Blocks C and D would usually be considered ineligible for BSF funding.

We have however, recognised the high risk represented by what we understand to be the unique composition of the system, in particular the use of and placement of rough sawn timber diagonal batons.

The Department has therefore decided that an exception be made on this occasion. This means that the Nedzink System on Blocks C and D will be treated as an exceptional case and BSF funding will be made available to enable remediation to take place.

For clarity, Block C is Gateway East and Block D is Gateway South.

The Funding Approval Board (FAB) will be holding an 'Exceptional General Meeting' this week to review the appeal outcome and approve the additional costs.

The project team are currently reviewing the programme and working with key third parties, such as suppliers, to ensure that materials can be procured as swiftly as possible, once the funding has been fully approved.

Further updates on the programme will be shared in due course. We will of course also inform you once we have confirmation that the Funding Approval Board has also approved the additional costs.

The approval of the Nedzink system is a great step forwards and is testament to all the hard work and relentlessness of the project team in trying to ensure that we secure what is required for the works that need to be undertaken.

Rheinzink System

Naturally, it is incredibly disappointing that the Building Safety Fund has ruled this ineligible at the Appeal Board.

The Fire Engineer has been asked to advise on what impact this decision, in conjunction with the Nedzink being remediated, will have on the final EWS1 forms.

In the meantime, we will be continuing our discussions with the Building Safety Fund on their decision to reject this and will of course provide to them whatever is required to support our argument for its approval.

As always, should you have any questions, please contact the Building Safety Team at buildingsafety@liv-group.co.uk

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,



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