



Dear Resident,

We are writing to provide a progress update on the cladding remedial works at the Horace, Eustace and Oswald buildings.

We would like to begin by thanking you for your continued patience and cooperation during these essential works.

The following progress has been made with the works since August:

1. The removal of the ACM cladding is complete on all buildings.
2. Installation of replacement cladding panels is nearing completion on Horace.
3. Replacement cladding panels have been delivered for Eustace and Oswald.

The impact of COVID and the national lockdown earlier this year have disrupted the programme of works but we continue with our attempts to minimise the impact. There are also industry wide shortages of key materials, some of which are manufactured in Europe, and suitable labour. As previously communicated, these events have resulted in a reduced number of operatives on site with material orders and deliveries being slowed, which affected the progress of works.

It is now expected that the installation of the replacement cladding panels will complete in November 2021 on Horace and February 2022 on Eustace/Oswald. This is the point the fire engineer will assess the buildings for the purposes of issuing an EWS1 form.

The Fire Engineer and the Building Control Officer are both on site regularly to monitor the ongoing works. The scaffold is expected to be fully removed from Horace in November 2021 and Eustace/Oswald in February 2022.

The works will continue to be delivered with reference to the guidance provided by Public Health England on COVID 19. This is continually monitored by our site teams and by Berkeley site management. Please be assured that this remains a core focus and priority.

We are working relentlessly with the contractor to ensure these essential works are completed at the earliest opportunity. Our aims are aligned with residents in this regard but we continue to work through difficult circumstances due to COVID and material shortages.

If you have any questions or queries relating to the cladding replacement works, then please direct these to Rendall & Rittner in the first instance.

Please also feel free to contact us via the below details if you have any questions during construction.

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