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Dear Residents

Ledbury Towers – Consultation

I am writing to all residents and those of you who have moved, to ask for feedback on the recommendation of the Resident Project Group for the Ledbury Towers, on the works that you would like to be undertaken if the option to refurbish the block is chosen.

Those of you who came to the public meeting held in November after the Arup report came out will remember that I spoke about Southwark Council wanting to engage with residents and former residents (who have the Right to Return) on the future of the Ledbury Towers.

You will recall from the Arup report that the extent of the works means that everyone will have to move on a permanent or temporary basis to carry out the works to strengthen the blocks. This means that the following works are essential in any option to refurbish the blocks and have to be done:

- Strengthening the blocks as recommended by the Arup Report.
- Renewing the temporary packing of the gaps and cracks with a permanent solution that also includes provision of an access panel that will give permanent access for periodically checking the gaps and covering up any disturbed decorations.
- Renewing the kitchen units as the works to strengthen the block require the existing kitchen units to be removed.
- Renewing the bath and wash hand basin as the works to strengthen the block require the existing bath and wash hand basin to be removed.
- Renewing the toilet pan and cistern as the works to strengthen the block require the existing toilet pan and cistern to be removed.
- Removing the redundant individual boilers as this has previously been promised to be completed as part of the follow up major works.

The first consultation that needs to be undertaken so that options for the Towers can be drawn up, is to look at identifying what works residents would like to see included in the refurbishment options, on top of those works which will have to be done.

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Your Resident Project Group has asked Southwark Council to consider the following works in the refurbishment options:

- Install automated sprinkler system.
- Install a Communal Satellite TV System to remove the unsightly wires hanging down the blocks.
- Water pipework renewal to reduce the leakages that are currently originating in the bathrooms, toilets and kitchens in the blocks.
- Tanking out the bathrooms and Toilets so that they are sealed in each flat and any water spillage does not seep into the flats below.
- Thermal Insulation to reduce the loss of heat from the properties.
- Renewing the water pumps as residents on the upper floors have problems with water pressure.
- Improving rubbish disposal to deal with the unsightly area around the bin stores at the bottom of each block.
- Environmental improvements to the whole estate such as landscaping, parking and garage improvements.
- Improved lighting to buildings and estate.

This is your opportunity to comment on those works and indeed put forward any works that you think are missing.

Attached is a questionnaire we would appreciate you completing and returning to your Resident Services Officer by 5pm on **Friday 2**nd **February 2018**. If you have any mobility issues and can not get to the office to drop it off, please ring your Resident Services Officer and they will arrange to collect it. The Resident Services Officers are:

- Bromyard House Hema Vashi Tel: 07852 766058
- Peterchurch House Modupe Somoye Tel: 07903 281390
- Sarnsfield House Sharon Burrell Tel: 07432 738774
- Skenfrith House Sabdat (Sabi) Ibn-Ibrahim Tel: 07984 144224

You should note that this is not the consultation on the final options, this consultation is simply your chance to suggest and comment on the types of works that options need to include. The consultation on the options will take place in the summer.

Through the Ledbury Towers newsletter we will let you know the outcome of the consultation and also the timetable for the next stages. As part of this consultation there will be a public meeting held on Thursday 1st February 2018 at 7pm at the Ledbury TRA to gather views on these options.

Yours faithfully

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