



**27th June 2017**

Dear Resident,

**Re: Results of cladding testing at Chaucer House**

Since the awful fire at Grenfell Tower, Sutton Housing Partnership (SHP) has been following advice set by the Government's Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG). In line with this advice, on Monday 26th June, cladding samples were taken from Chaucer House and sent for testing at the Building Research Establishment (BRE). The removal of the samples was overseen by representatives from SHP, the Council and the London Fire Brigade.

The results have been categorised into a score of 1, 2 or 3 with 1 (being the best) and 3 (being the worst). We have now received the results of the testing which has shown that the cladding at Chaucer House is Category 2, and has therefore failed this test.

We know this will be upsetting and we want to reassure you that SHP, the Council and the Fire Brigade have already assessed the overall fire safety arrangements in place at Chaucer House and are satisfied that your homes are still safe.

There are already a full range of fire safety measures in place in Chaucer House and we have implemented additional measures in line with both the Government and Fire Brigade guidance. These are detailed in the attached leaflet.

Your safety is our number one priority and we will continue to work with you and our partners to ensure you are safe. We will continue to follow the advice from all authorities involved and should that advice change, or if we consider there to be any change in risk, we will take all action necessary to ensure your safety.

Our priority today is to ensure that we have told you the outcome of the cladding test as quickly as possible. We will continue to communicate with you and have organised a **drop-in session in flat 5, Chaucer House on Thursday 29th June between 3:30-5:30 to answer your questions in person.** Partners from the Fire Brigade and the Council will be there, alongside SHP staff.

We will communicate with you again when we receive more technical information from both the testing body and the advice we receive from a specialist company we have commissioned to undertake a review of Chaucer House and all its fire safety components. We can then let you know what we will be doing in regards to the cladding.



A small number of high-rise blocks have been evacuated after failing cladding tests. However, there was a large number of fire safety issues in these blocks which led to the decision to evacuate residents and none of these problems are present at Chaucer House. Therefore evacuation is not required at Chaucer House. So far we are aware of 71 other high-rise blocks in a similar position where evacuation is not required.

If you have any questions about the information in this letter, please contact us on 020 8915 2000, come along to the drop in session on Thursday or ask the SHP officers when they visit you at your flat or patrol the building.

Your sincerely,

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