

MAGDALENE GARDENS & DRIVE RENOVATIONS

AUGUST 2021

EDITION 1



WELCOME TO THE FIRST EDITION OF A NEWSLETTER FOR THE TENANTS AND RESIDENTS AT MAGADALENE GARDENS AND DRIVE.

The City of Edinburgh Council's aim is to improve the condition of blocks of flats which include both privately owned and Council owned flats.

In 2019 and 2020 workshops were held to discuss your priorities for investment in your blocks at Magdalene Gardens and Drive. The key themes from the workshop, along with an update of works that have been completed since the workshop are detailed below:

| Key Themes from the workshop: | Update on works completed since workshop: | Status |
|---------------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|
| Waste management | Since the workshop was held in October 2020, Waste Services have been working to relocate the bins to the end of the blocks in hard standing bin stores. | <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing |
| Improvements to balcony blocks | Agree proposals for the external building designs (This was due to take place in March 2021 but was postponed due to Covid). | <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing |
| Back courtyards and open space | Consultation will take place in April 2022. | <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing |

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO YOUR BLOCK

Due to the Covid 19 pandemic, there has been a delay in taking forward the next stage of consultation with tenants and owners and the works programme. We are now however ready to seek your views on proposals to the blocks.

Renovations to the blocks and courtyards will be split into 2 parts. The 1st part of the works to be completed will be improvements to the external of the blocks.

The table below shows the proposed work that will be carried out on the blocks to make your homes warmer and more energy efficient.

| Part 1 | Proposed works to blocks | Works to start |
|--------|--|------------------------------|
| | <p>Buildings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replace roof coverings • External wall insulation and replace mismatching render • Common windows and doors replaced • Clear paths to front doors • Painting of the common stairs • Review of current security to reduce antisocial behaviour | <p>February 2022*</p> |

**Subject to approvals.*



Please note - Following this consultation designs will be finalised and application for consents to allow works to start in February 2022.

Consultation for the 2nd part of the works to improve the courtyards and open space, will begin April 2022.

NEXT STEPS FOR TENANTS

The proposed designs for the blocks are ready for tenants and owners to review and choose the preferred design. To have your say please complete the questionnaire at the end of the newsletter. You can return the questionnaire to the North East locality office, alternatively we can email you a copy of the questionnaire for you to complete and return, if you contact

NorthEast.Locality@Edinburgh.gov.uk. **Questionnaire must be returned within 2 weeks of delivery date.**

The Council will write to TENANTS within six weeks from issue of this Newsletter, to provide details of the chosen design and the scope of works to be carried out.

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The Council will write to OWNERS ONLY within six weeks from issue of this Newsletter, to provide:

- Preferred design
- Initial cost estimate
- Scope of works to be carried out
- Voting form, along with information on process
- Advice and support for paying for repairs to your home

We fully appreciate that this may be difficult for you financially and would like to assure you that we will work with and support you throughout this process.

The Council has been through a rigorous, standardised process to identify ownership details of the affected property. However, if you believe that you are not the intended recipient, or are no longer the owner of this property, please contact us immediately.

CONTACT US

If you have any questions or would like advice on financial assistance, please contact:

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QUESTIONNAIRE – PROPOSALS FOR MAGDALENE GARDENS AND DRIVE

AHR were commissioned by the City of Edinburgh Council to design a renovation programme for the blocks at Magdalene Gardens and Drive.

Below are a series of questions that we would like you to answer, to allow us to make sure we are delivering the improvements you want. Please simply tick the appropriate box.

PLEASE RETURN QUESTIONNAIRE BY 14 September 2021

1. Proposal for external of blocks:

There are 3 colour options detailed below, please tick for your preference.



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| A. White with blue frontage | |
| B. White with yellow landings | |
| C. White with blue landings | |
| D. White with white landings | |

2. How would you like to be kept up to date by us?

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| Letters and newsletters – Post only | |
| Newsletters – Email only Please provide email address: Name: | |
| Drop in sessions | |

3. Owners, do you feel that you have been provided with enough information in the FAQ's document, regarding ways to help you pay for works?

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| Yes | |
| No | |
| If you answered No, what other information would you like? | |

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OR EMAIL YOUR RESPONSE TO NorthEast.Locality@Edinburgh.gov.uk