

Newsletter 07

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Oxcars Court and Inchmickery Court Retrofit

UPGRADING OXCARS AND INCHMICKERY COURT

Moving Out During Works

You'll be aware from our previous communications with you that it will unfortunately be necessary for you to move out of your home while works are being carried out.

We know this will be very disruptive but it is essential because of the scale of works required, and to keep you and the construction workers safe when they are working on site.

We had planned to do this in phases. However it has now been agreed that the whole building will need to be empty while the work is ongoing.

This means that all residents will have to move to alternative accommodation until the work is complete. The work will start in Inchmickery Court, then when the works there are complete, we will move on to Oxcars Court.



View of the proposed works to Inchmickery & Oxcars

Why Can't Anyone Live In The Blocks While Flats Are Being Upgraded?

More Upgrades

We are doing a lot more work than originally planned, including fitting new kitchens and bathroom.

Health and Safety

Construction sites are dangerous places (falls from heights or exposure to dangerous materials), and only suitable for trained workers. It is for your safety that the buildings must be empty during the works.

Noise, Dust and Dirt

There will be a lot of noise, dust and dirt during the works. You will be much more comfortable in alternative accommodation.

Speed

It will be much quicker to upgrade your flats if they are all empty. Construction time will be halved.

Where Will I Stay During The Works?

We recognise the disruption and inconvenience that moving out of your home will cause you. Our Housing Officers will work with you to find another Council home in the local area while the works are underway.

How Long Will I Have To Stay In Alternative Accommodation?

We will make sure you are out of your flat and in alternative accommodation for as short a time as possible.

However, this is a large, ambitious project that will take many months to complete. We'll let you know when timescales are more clear.

What Happens Next?

One of our housing officers will contact Inchmickery residents in the next few weeks to arrange an appointment to discuss any concerns you have and a plan for moving out.

If you can't make the arranged appointment, please make sure you call to re-arrange.

We will contact Oxcars residents when we are closer to starting the work in your block, which is likely to be late 2025.

Speaking To Residents

Over the past few months, Sarah Tarbard has reached out to every resident in Oxcars Court and Inchmickery Court.

Sarah has been calling, visiting and emailing to let everybody know about the proposed building works and to answer questions.

We want to thank everybody who has spoken to Sarah, because your feedback has been very helpful.

Your Feedback Has Made A Difference

We've listened to what you said and agreed to do more work to the things you were most worried about.

As well as the original upgrades (see Newsletters 01 - 06), for every flat we also plan to:



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- Professionally and hygienically clean flats to completely remove all traces of mould and mildew
- Fit new carpets for bedrooms and living rooms and with vinyl/linoleum for bathrooms and kitchens.
- Completely redecorate, with new paint finishes
- Fit new hot water heating systems supplying kitchens and bathrooms.
- Replace all waste drainage and fresh water pipework (to bathrooms, kitchens and for roof drainage).
- Fit new kitchens and bathrooms.



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PREVIOUS NEWSLETTERS

If you would like a copy of any of the previous newsletters, please let Sarah know (contact details are below).

OTHER POINTS OF CONTACT

We want to make sure everyone is well informed about what's happening. For any further details please contact Sarah Tarbard:

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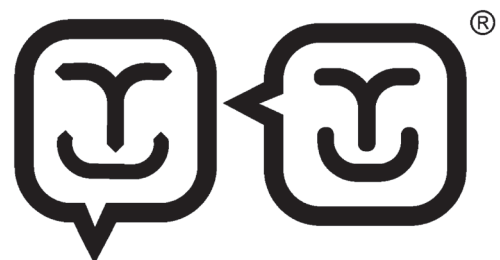
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