



Borough of Haringey
Comprehensive Housing Service

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The person dealing with this matter is

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MTAO/SC/CH

To all Residents,
Ferry Lane Estate,
Tottenham,
London, N.17

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Building Materials containing Asbestos

Your Residents and Tenants Association have suggested and the Council have agreed that it would be a good idea for a letter to be sent to all residents on the estate outlining the location of building materials that contain some asbestos. As you may know, asbestos-cement sheeting and other materials containing asbestos have been widely used in building construction in the past.

The known occurrences of asbestos-cement materials on Ferry Lane are as follows:

1. Porch ceilings to houses.
2. Roofing tiles.
3. Cold water storage tanks.
4. Panels in corner of integrated garages to town houses (65-115 odds Yarmouth Crescent).

It is very important to stress that the mere presence of a material containing some asbestos does not in itself mean it is a hazard. The instances 1 - 4 above represent no danger at all unless damaged and then any risk is negligible. However, it is important to point out that you shouldn't interfere with the sheeting by, for example, drilling holes for say light fittings to the porches or for hanging baskets to the roofing tiles next to the balconies.

Items 1 and 4 above are not in a position to make them vulnerable to accidental damage, but have also been painted which helps against any abrasion. However, the Council is planning to provide a protective coating to the outside surface of the cold water storage tank; this is to protect against abrasion or accidental damage because the tank cupboard is often used for the storage of such things as ironing boards. This work will not be undertaken for residents who have purchased their property either freehold or leasehold or for those who are currently in the process of buying, i.e. they have submitted a Right to Buy application which has been accepted by the Council.

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Also the houses with tanks in the lofts or behind fixed panels in the bathrooms will not be done because they are not vulnerable to damage.

In addition to the sealing work, warning labels will be stuck on the tanks and also the panels in the garages (4 above) so as to remind people, whether they be residents or Council work people that the material contains asbestos.

The Public Works Service specialist asbestos team will be carrying out the work to the tanks and doing the labelling. A start on site of April 1987 has been agreed with a six month programme for the whole estate. The work will take a day to complete and there will be some disruption to your water service including WC for that limited time.

A series of tenants meetings will be held prior to commencement of your particular road to answer any detailed questions. Public Works Service will then be contacting you to arrange for a convenient time to call. The first of the tenants meetings has been arranged for Tuesday, 14th April at 7pm at 1 Armadale and this is for all of the residents to Armadale Close only.

If you have any initial queries with regard to the proposed works then you may contact Mr. Murray at this office. Following the tenants meetings we will be issuing you the names and telephone numbers of those responsible for the work. It is anticipated that the Public Works Service will be based with answerphone facilities at the local Housing Office situated in the converted shop unit 1 Armadale Close on the estate.

If you have any more general queries with regard to asbestos then please contact the Environmental Health Service, Ms. Marie Williams, 808 1066.

Yours faithfully,

Stephen Clarke

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