



Galpin's Road resident

By email and hard copies provided

6<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Dear Resident

**LONDON BUILDING ACTS (AMENDMENT) ACT 1939 - PART VII  
DANGEROUS STRUCTURE AND Local Government (MISCELLANEOUS  
PROVISIONS) ACT 1982 – HOUSE AT GALPIN'S ROAD, MITCHAM**

Following the incident on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2022, the Merton Council continue to work with the Metropolitan Police, the Health and Safety Executive and the utility companies to get you back to your home as soon as possible. As you are aware, there is an ongoing investigation which has prevented you from accessing your home. The police have provided an updated timeframe, and we will continue to work with them to ensure you are supported and notified of any progress and developments.

Over the last few days, you may have noticed some activity on site involving inspections of roofs and removal of roof tiles. Our contractors have been removing roof tiles that are loose and may cause injury to them whilst they are securing your homes. Where tiles are intact, they have been left securely on the floor to be reinstated by your insurance companies where appropriate. Where the roof tiles are removed a breather sarking will be placed on the roof to minimise the ingress of water when the sarking is not present. The installation of the sarking cannot safely be installed without the construction of a scaffold. Once this work has been completed the windows will be secured. Once this is done, the council will be boarding up any broken windows or doors to keep properties secure until you are allowed to go home.

In our haste to make properties safe and facilitate visits to get as many of you back to your homes to collect belongings this weekend, we should have communicated this much sooner. We fully understand not communicating this sooner may have caused concerns and we apologise for this.

I trust this explains the Council's position but, should you have any queries regarding the issues raised above please contact me by email or by phone on 020 8545 3121.

Yours faithfully

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