



Our reference: NB/LM
Please Ask For: Lindsey Melling
Sheltered Accommodation team
Direct line: 01942 486292
Date: 16th October 2023

Dear Sir/Madam

Blakeborough House essential works and future proposals

Please accept this as an update in relation to essential works required at Blakeborough House.

We will soon be completing essential fire safety works to the communal areas at your sheltered accommodation scheme. This is to ensure your safety, which is our priority.

The work is expected to begin in November and will last approximately 3 weeks. We are working with our contractors to ensure that any work which is completed is done as quickly and safely as possible and with as little disruption to you as possible. Once we have specific dates for the works, we will inform you of them in advance of the start.

In addition to this essential fire safety work, you will be aware Blakeborough House needs significant investment to bring it up to modern standards for sheltered accommodation. Due to this we have started a process to review the long-term suitability of Blakeborough House as sheltered accommodation. I would like to re-assure you that no decisions have been made at this stage and as this is your home, we are seeking your views first and welcome any feedback you have.

Therefore, in addition to the fire safety work which we will be completing, we will also have a statutory consultation period for six weeks regarding your views on the future of Blakeborough House. This will run from 17th October 2023 to 28th November 2023.

We value your input and want to ensure that all residents and their families and carers have the opportunity to contribute to the consultation. It is important that we give you an opportunity to give your feedback so we can listen to your concerns about the building, if you feel it is satisfactory and meets your personal needs or any solutions you may have for the long-term use as a sheltered accommodation scheme. We understand that you may also have family members who may want to provide their own input and we welcome feedback from them also. We may also talk to residents living in the local community to seek their views and opinions at a later date.

We have a number of ways that you and your family and carers can give us your comments during the consultation period.

We have included a consultation pack and survey with this letter, but we will also be holding a face-to-face consultation event in Blakeborough House communal lounge on Thursday 19th October between 10am and 12 noon. Please attend this event, come along and have your say, this will be a drop-in session where you can talk on a one-to-one basis with a member of staff, or as a group if you would prefer.

If we visit your home or Blakeborough House during the essential fire safety work or the consultation period, all of our staff will have Council IDs (see below) and you can call **01942 827 474** check if you are unsure.



We understand that you may have questions and comments but may not wish to express this face to face. If you would prefer to provide these online, then you can visit <https://participate.wigan.gov.uk/en-GB/projects/blakeborough-house> until midnight on **28th November 2023.**

If you have any concerns, then you can speak to your scheme manager or contact the sheltered accommodation team on 01942 486292. You may also wish to discuss issues with your ward councillors, their contact details are included in the information provided.

If you wish to view the proposals, then you can visit Wigan Town Hall reception to view and comment upon the these.

If you would wish to contribute in a different manner, need support in accessing the proposals or you need the information in a different format, please don't hesitate to contact us and we will do our best to help.

In the meantime, should you wish to speak to a member of the council or require any further information, please contact us via the above telephone number or email communitylivingschemes@wigan.gov.uk

Thank you for your cooperation and we look forward to working with you and receiving your comments. We will provide a further update on the outcome of the consultation in December 2023.

Yours faithfully,

Sheltered Accommodation team