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## **Apartment Defects Campaign Update, 31 May, 2024 – PLEASE SHARE**

### **Interim Remediation Scheme**

Just wanted to give everybody a quick update on how things are progressing with the Interim Remediation Scheme further to our last update on 3 May.

Of the over 140 applications to date for the Interim Scheme, only a handful are at the stage where they are ready to engage with their Local Authority Fire Services.

Since the beginning of this month, the Local Authority Fire Services have begun engaging with four of these applicants, referred to as ‘pathfinder projects’.

The pathfinder projects have all resubmitted their paperwork to their Local Authority Fire Services and the Local Authority Fire Services have responded in recent days requesting additional information for a number of reasons:

- The paperwork received lacked essential information necessary for the Local Authority Fire Services to conduct a comprehensive assessment.
- There were indications of inadequate opening up works, especially for buildings with multiple cladding types, and incomplete identification of service runs.

For both resourcing and efficiency reasons – particularly when it comes to applying for the full statutory scheme – the Local Authority Fire Services prefer to handle one comprehensive fire safety assessment and fire safety risk assessment for each development. The idea is that when an OMC applies for the Interim Remediation Scheme, the submitted information will be reviewed comprehensively as part of a whole-building approach. This approach encompasses both the Interim Remediation Scheme and the future full statutory scheme concerning fire safety defects and their proposed remediation.

Local Authority Fire Services are using the pathfinder projects process to develop templates and standards for documents – the aim is to achieve consistency in interpretation right across all local authorities nationwide. This standardisation

streamlines processes, ensures uniformity across all scheme projects, reduces errors, and enhances efficiency.

So the Alliance is hoping that – in the coming weeks – the pathfinder projects will be out the gap with the Local Authority Fire Services and then onto the next stage of sorting out their applications with The Housing Agency.

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