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| **Cladding Update – Cherry, Holly & Elm + State Aid Declarations** |

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Following this the Board plan to meet on the 15th February 2021 to discuss the analysis and will then report the findings to Leaseholders and submit the report to MHCLG. There will be a more detailed update at the EGM on the 22nd February 2021.  Just so Leaseholders are aware, Chaneys attend weekly Zoom meetings with MHCLG to update them on progress for the works and to discuss the administration and application status for the Building Safety Fund.  **Waking watch**  As it stands there is a 24-hour waking watch with operatives patrolling the top 2 floors of Cherry, Holly & Elm. On the 30th January MHCLG opened the “Waking Watch Relief Fund”. This fund allows blocks to apply to The Government for full capital funding for the installation of linked fire alarm systems. The fund is aimed at reducing the costs of interim measures while the cladding is remediated (note that the waking watch costs are not covered by the fund). VHMC have applied to this fund, and following tendering with 3 approved installers, the Board have authorised the installation of a fire alarm system. Those living in the top 2 floors of Cherry, Holly & Elm will be contacted next week to make arrangements for access for installation. The works will take between 4-6 weeks and once completed the waking watch can be removed. It is anticipated that the Waking Watch Relief Fund will cover the capital costs of the installation, however, if for any reason it should not, the sums will be taken from Reserves. In any case, the installation of the alarm system will be cheaper than retaining the waking watch until the cladding remediation is complete.  **Building Safety Fund – State Aid Declarations**  As part of the application to the fund Leaseholders who rent out their flats are required to complete a “State Aid Declaration”. The purpose of the State Aid regime is to prevent Governments from giving financial advantages to businesses in a way which could distort competition.    **If you own but let out your flat[s] in Cherry, Holly & Elm, Winterthur Way you will be required to complete the State Aid Declaration form. Please note that each joint leaseholder will need to complete the form.**  **Please click/type on this link to access the form:**[**https://bit.ly/3cWfwde**](https://bit.ly/3cWfwde)  Please note: without your reply you may not qualify for the funding. Please aim to have this returned by the 16th February. If you require a paper copy, please contact us.  **If you are an Owner Occupier (a Leaseholder that lives at Winterthur Way), you do not need to complete the form.**  Further guidance on the State Aid Declarations can be found here; <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/remediation-of-non-acm-buildings#state-aid-guidance-and-declaration>  Should you any questions please email [help@winterthurway.co.uk](mailto:help@winterthurway.co.uk)  If you require a paper copy, please contact us.  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