

Update 20th February 2023

StanLil were not able to give any undertaking to resume work and after taking advice, VHMC terminated the contract on 14th February 2023.

On 2nd February 2023 Fairview confirmed to VHMC and Chaney's that they had reached agreement with the Department of Levelling Up, Homes and Communities that Fairview will take over the completion of Holly block and will facilitate completion of Cherry block.

Following a period of intensive meetings, Fairview and their contractor LCS arrived on site at Winterthur Way on the morning of 20th February to take over the site and commence preliminary activity towards restarting the work.

Under the terms of their agreement with DLUHC, Fairview/LCS will act as Principal Contractor for the whole site, taking over all design, planning and construction of the remaining works on Holly block and providing a supporting framework for completion of Cherry block and the limited outstanding works on Elm. Our consultants Ridge, and Chaney's will work with VHMC to manage the completion of the construction works on Cherry and Elm using appropriate contractors, all working under the umbrella of LCS.

A programme has yet to be drawn up by LCS but we are confident that work will restart shortly.

Assuming all goes well, we do not expect that the short delay caused by the termination with StanLil will cause any increase in costs to leaseholders. However, the dates for completion of Cherry and Holly will be pushed back somewhat.

Fairview will also be undertaking remedial work to Birch and Fir: we expect this to follow on from Holly. The undercroft area in Elm will continue to be used by LCS for storage, welfare and safety facilities and will be required for the duration of the Birch and Fir works. Regrettably this means that the temporary parking arrangements will have to remain in place until Birch and Fir are completed.

The speed with which Fairview have reacted to turn around activity on site is commendable and we are hopeful for a speedy resumption of project activity.

We have to remind leaseholders and residents that whilst the scaffold remains in place the balcony areas must not be used by residents. Doors giving access to the balconies must remain locked and closed.

Further updates will follow as things progress. .