

Dear Resident,

21st May 2018

## **WEST END PROJECT – BASEMENT WATERPROOFING**

Earlier this year we wrote to you to inform you about upcoming basement surveys taking place as part of our initial investigation works for the West End Project.

During the surveys and as a result of some of the test holes taking place, a number of questions have been asked around waterproofing basements.

As part of the project works, we will be removing all existing pavement material and replacing it with new materials including granite slabs and York stone. These forms of pavement do not provide a waterproof layer. In parts of the project area currently, some of the pavement material may be giving some protection to basements which are not waterproofed, but these will all be removed starting from June 2018 on Tottenham Court Road and April 2019 on Gower Street.

We are currently carrying out test holes across the project area, replacing the removed material with a standard porous material – this is not a waterproof layer so water may drain through if you do not have a fully waterproofed basement. If you are concerned that this might affect you please get in touch via the details below for the latest update on the location and timings of the test holes.

It is the responsibility of a building owner to waterproof a basement. Camden Council and our contractor Eurovia is not liable for any damage caused if water enters your basement as a result of replacing the paving material. We recommend that if your basement is not currently waterproofed adequately and that you believe the current paving material may be offering a degree of protection, that you consider waterproofing ahead of the works taking place in your area.

We have now completed all basement surveys along Tottenham Court Road and are continuing in the rest of the project area. If you are on Tottenham Court Road and believe you have not had your basement surveyed please get in touch Kirksaunders Ltd who are undertaking the basement surveys on our behalf. You can contact them on 01689 896 464 and ask for Ian Hawes or Mehmet Rifat.

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