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### **(CCC) Planned Maintenance - 1-17 Nicholson Way**

On 19 May 2019, you wrote to us telling us about planned maintenance works.

In your letter, you refer to a structural engineer's report on the movement and cracking of brickwork to external walls associated with balconies at Aragon Close and Woburn close and similar buildings like ours. I understand that this report also says something about a need for additional support to balconies.

Could I have a copy of this report, please? I'd also be glad of any up-to-date survey reports on 1-17 Nicholson Way - I assume these exist, as there are temporary balcony supports on two of the balconies in the block.

I did ask your colleagues in the FOI team for a copy of this in August 2017, and was told that the Council didn't hold this information - so I'm guessing that either the reports are newer than that or that there was a mix up! :-). It's fine either way - I'd just be glad of the reports.

### **Response**

In response to your email dated 26/9/21 and apologies for the late response, your email got lost in the system somehow.

With regards to the up-coming structural and water-proofing works to the balconies of the maisonettes at Nicholson Way. The affected properties in Nicholson Way have not had a project specific survey carried out yet by a structural engineer, so I can't forward a detailed report at this time.

However, we do know from past surveys of neighbouring similar blocks at Aragon/Woburn/Albemarle/Sackville that structural and water ingress issues were identified and resulted in remedial works being carried out to all of these maisonette blocks. Nicholson Way is the same archetype and from visual inspections by a previous structural engineer that we used to use, he determined that Nicholson Way had the same issues and that specialist temporary propping was required until the repair works were carried out. A company called CONCORR Ltd., were engaged to install specialist temporary props at Nicholson Way - I will forward the technical drawing for these props via my regular email, as I can't seem to attach it in this programme.

Further queries on this matter should be directed to <a href="mailto:foi@cambridge.gov.uk">foi@cambridge.gov.uk</a>
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