

# Stamford Close Newsletter



**Following the explosion at block no's 21 – 32 Stamford Close we thought it might be helpful to all residents to give a brief update on repairs to the block and explain how long this may take.**

Our immediate concern following the explosion shortly before Christmas was to ensure the safety and well being of all residents in Stamford Close and in particular to those directly affected by the damage. We identified temporary accommodation either through friends and family or through alternative provision whilst we secured the properties and ensured that they are safe and no further harm can be caused.

We have had structural engineers survey the block and appointed a project manager to ensure that we return the block back to its original condition. We have also agreed with the Council's insurers a programme of works to complete the necessary repairs.

**Phase 1** of these were to make the block/area safe.

**Phase 2** was to provide a protective cover through the installation of a scaffolding system to protect the properties from the elements and keep them weather proofed.

**Phase 3** is to make the affected property at number 25 safe, repair electrics to the hall way and provide some external lighting through the entrance to the block.

**Phase 4** is to make repairs to 1<sup>st</sup> floor flat roof and repair gable end of 27 and make necessary repairs to 1<sup>st</sup> floor landing and stairs.

**Phase 5** will be to rebuild the external walls and reinstate the roof to number 28 to make the block wind and weatherproof.

**Phase 6** is to complete the internal fit out of the flat 28

**Phase 7** is to repair communal gardens and repair rear fence following removal of the scaffolding.

**Phase 8** is practical completion and handover of the site ready for all properties to the allocated.

We are currently in the process of appointing a contractor to complete these works and we anticipate that these works will be completed by October 2008.

I hope that this may answer any questions you may have relating to the repairs to the blocks of flats. May I also take the opportunity to thank you for your anticipated co-operation over the next few months whilst contractors will be working on site and we hope that their will be minimum disruption to you throughout this period.

**If you need any further information relating to these repairs please do not hesitate to contact Gerry O'Connor on Swindon 463452 or Mark Walker on Swindon 464605**

