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Dear Resident

### Stanley Cohen House

You will be aware that on Saturday 11 April at approximately 10.30pm, an area of tiling and render of approximately 3 to 4 square meters fell from the external south façade of Stanley Cohen House, landing on the pavement area below.

Following attendance by City of London staff and the Police, a cordon was placed around the area, whilst contractors were called to attend to the incident and to make the area safe.

Scaffolding has been erected so that a detailed inspection of the façade could be carried out and any further loose render or tiles could be safely removed. We also inspected the North end façade and found that the tiling and rendering is in a satisfactory condition. However, as a precautionary measure, a pedestrian cordon will be placed around the North end area whilst the investigation is ongoing.

At this stage the cause of the incident is being fully investigated. The incident has been reported to the City of London's Health and Safety Manager, who has visited the site to provide advice regarding public safety. He will also continue to support and monitor the ongoing investigation. The planning department is also involved and we will ensure they are fully consulted before remedial works are put in place.

Residents, will be aware of the Housing Service's Asset Management Strategy and programme of planned maintenance and major works that are due to be carried out on the estate. This includes carrying out safety inspections and testing of the fabric of the buildings (e.g. concrete, brickwork & tiling etc). We are currently in the process of selecting a suitable contractor to carry out this work, which should commence in July 2015.

Please feel free to contact me with any issues or queries you may have.

Yours sincerely

Laurence Jones