

## Homes & Neighbourhoods

### Repairs and Maintenance Policy - Addendum

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#### Approving body: H&N Senior Management Team

#### Existing wording to be withdrawn as of the implementation of this addendum.

Item 7.2 of the Policy, under Key Responsibilities, sets out the current position in terms of fencing:

- Fences and gates to the front, side and rear elevations; KNH (now H&N) will install a fence if not present and thereafter will keep it maintained. However, the tenant is obliged to keep the fence well maintained (decoration, cleaning, minor repairs) and to report any damage in a timely manner. Any damage as result of impact damage due to road traffic accident/vandalism must be reported to the Police and crime reference obtained and passed to KNH (now H&N).
- KNH (now H&N) will comply with the Party Wall Act 1996 when executing any boundary repairs that affect adjoining properties.

#### New wording

**Item 7.2** of the Policy, under Key Responsibilities, should now read in relation to Fencing.

- Unless there is a health and safety risk\*, tenants should, from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2024, maintain their own fencing (side and rear), and that the council will only be responsible for repairing frontline fencing. The proposals will not affect any requests made before the policy change is introduced, or the Council's obligation to comply with the Party Wall Act 1996 when executing any boundary repairs that affect adjoining properties.

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