

# SAFEDEM

ASSURED DEMOLITION SERVICES

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## DEMOLITION OF 153 - 213 PETERSHILL DRIVE

### SITE SET UP AND WORKS PROGRESS

The site is now fully set up with fencing and gates in place. Safety and information signs are on display and site accommodation is in place for Safedem personnel. The turning point - just outside the Nursery School - is in place, and the new footpath has been installed between Broomfield Road and the Nursery School. We hope these measures are making a positive impact upon the community.

The asbestos survey has been completed and has now been fully reviewed. The Health and Safety Executive (HSE), the government organisation that oversees health and safety in the construction industry, has been informed and consulted about the works. The asbestos removal works are about to start. For the first few months you may not see a lot happening. This is because all of the internal removal works will be carried out first. It will take a number of months to do this. Once the internal removal works have been completed, you will start to see removal works taking place on the outside of the building. We will keep you updated of progress.

### SAFEDEM'S DEMOLITION INFORMATION CENTRE

Safedem's Demolition Information Centre is open between 10.00am and 2.00pm from Mondays to Fridays. Updates are displayed at the Centre to get the latest news. Safedem has employed local girl, Janet McMillan, in the role of Community Liaison Assistant. Her local knowledge of the area has been extremely useful for the Community Liaison Team.

### SCHOOLS

Our Community Liaison Team has been in touch with local schools and safety presentations and competitions are ongoing.

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## Community Liaison Team

The Community Liaison Team invited local Groups and businesses to the Demolition Information Centre on Thursday 19th February to discuss the proposed works. The Safedem Team presented the representatives with details of how the building is to be demolished, how the asbestos materials are to be removed, and the proposed method of demolition by the controlled use of explosives, as well as the proposals for recycling and site clearance. Here are some of the questions that were asked and the answers given.

*Can we have a meeting at Alive & Kicking for the elderly residents? Some elderly people are worried about the demolition works being carried out?*

Safedem's Community Liaison Team can attend meetings, give presentations, and carry out home visits to chat with people if they are worried about any of the works. The Team arranged to give a presentation at Alive and Kicking at the end of February.

*Can Safedem do public meetings in Community Centres for example?*

Of course, the Safedem Team would be happy to organise public meetings in any location that is suitable for the community.

*Who will monitor asbestos removal?*

A fully qualified Independent Analyst will be appointed to monitor all of Safedem's asbestos removal works.

*Some residents think that the flats are being taken down in sections. Is this true?*

The decision on how to demolish the building will only be finalised and agreed once the building is clear of the asbestos materials. Engineers will then confirm the appropriate method for demolishing the structure. It is Safedem's intention to demolish the building by the controlled use of explosives, but this remains under review until the asbestos materials have been removed, and the steel structure is exposed for full inspection and assessment. We will keep you up-to-date with demolition plans as the asbestos clearance works progresses.

*Where do people go to during the evacuation period? How long for?*

If the decision is taken to demolish the building by the controlled use of explosives, Rest Centre facilities are provided for all of those residents affected by the blowdown demolition. Normally, residents only need to be out of their homes for a few hours, although sometimes overnight accommodation will be necessary.

More information about evacuation arrangements will be available during our Open Day.

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## COME TO OUR OPEN DAY

**MONDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> MARCH 2009 - 10.00am - 7.00pm**

Come along to the Demolition Information Centre at 30 Petershill Court on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March between 10:00am and 7:00pm to find out more. Join us for some snacks and drinks. We will also have activities for the kids - so bring them along - See you then!