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Fencing Programme – Fencing Policy update

I am writing to provide you with an update on progress on the Fencing Programme and to bring to your attention the Council's Fencing Policy, a copy of which is included in this mail-out.

Your property is included in the fifth batch of works that SBC will be delivering. We recently began surveying, and this will continue over the coming months. However, due to the large volume of properties within the batch, it may take some time to work through them all, so please do be patient with us whilst we work to arrange the individual surveys, provide approvals and complete the works.

Repairs or replacements have been prioritised to ensure the safety of homes with vulnerabilities, particularly those adjacent to open fields/spaces, or areas with pathways or alleyways along the boundary.

If you would prefer, there is the option for you to erect your own fence, provided you seek permission in compliance with the SBC Consent for Alteration or Improvement procedure:

<https://www.stevenage.gov.uk/housing/council-housing/home-alterations/residential-property-alterations-and-improvements-procedure>

It is likely that you will have already had an inspection by a member of our repairs team, to determine if work will be required, but we will need to arrange for the contractor to inspect again so that they can provide us with the exact costs for all work and materials.

To ensure prompt delivery of the works, please could we ask you to remove any belongings attached to, or in front of the area of work, prior to contractor arrival (plant pots, decoration, trellis, lights, etc.). The contractor will provide you with the date to have this completed.

If the work has already been completed, or it is no longer needed, please let us know. If you wish to refuse the works due to the chain-link being the given option, please let us know as soon as possible. Once the elements have been ordered and the contractor has arrived at your home to erect the fencing, if you then choose to refuse, we are obliged to recharge the abortive fee which is currently set at £396. If you do not want us to carry out the works, it is beneficial for you to let us know as soon as possible.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us using the details above.

Yours sincerely,

Rebekah Brydon
Project Manager