

Canberra Towers Consultation

Southampton City Council is consulting on proposals to upgrade the external fabric of Canberra Towers, as part of our Asset Management Improvement Programme.

We would like to hear your thoughts on the proposals and any impacts or alternative suggestions you would like us to consider. Now is your opportunity to have your say.

An online version of this questionnaire can be found on Southampton City Council's website at www.southampton.gov.uk/consultations.

You can also email your consultation feedback or queries to yourcity.yoursay@southampton.gov.uk

This consultation closes **22 October 2023**.

Background

Canberra Towers was constructed in the 1960's and has been identified as needing major investment to improve the external fabric of the building. We propose to improve the blocks thermal efficiency and contribute to Southampton City Council's commitment to reduce carbon omission, plus support the larger agenda to tackle fuel poverty.

This project is about improving the fabric of the building and provide the block with a design life span of improvements for another 25 years, this is also part of Asset Management Strategy about delivering future improvements and maintenance to the blocks. Canberra Towers is the next block to benefit from these energy improvements as this is a city-wide energy programme to all High Rose Buildings.

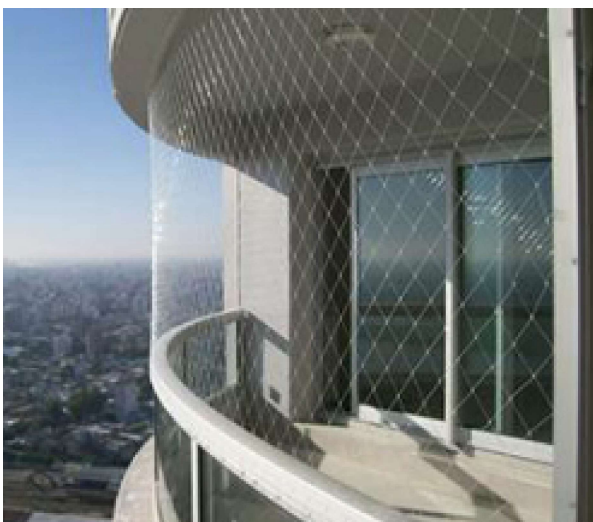
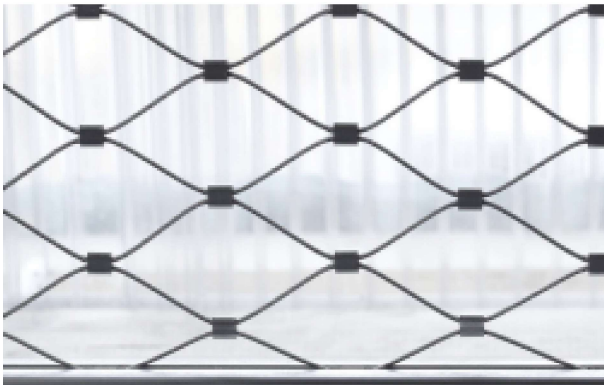
Balcony proposals

Upgrade and improve the open balcony spaces: The current open balcony spaces are exposed with little privacy, little protection from birds, and poorly maintained. We are proposing to improve these spaces by creating better flooring, adding a robust bird protection system, and improving privacy screens between flats.

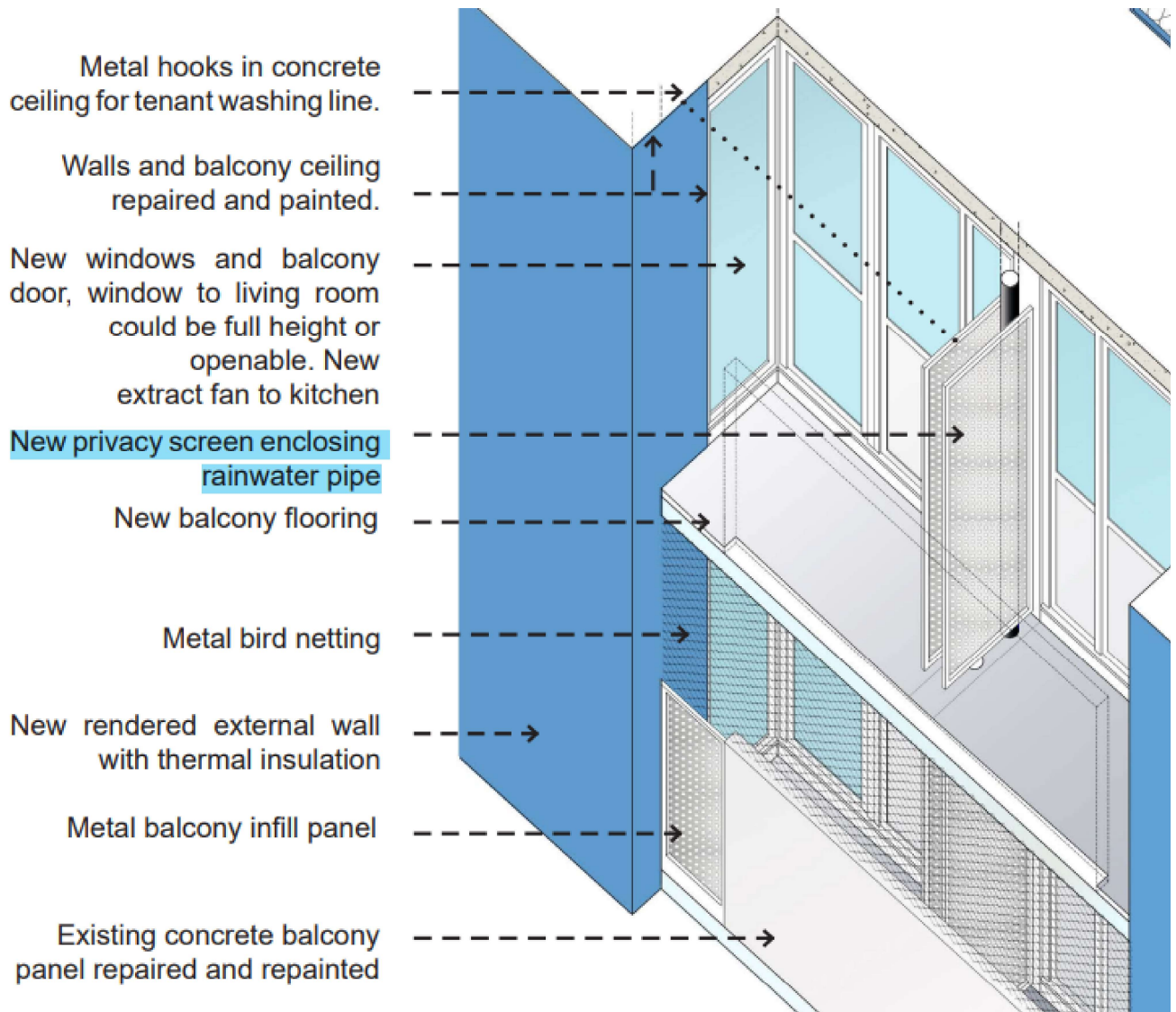
Proposed non-slip balcony flooring and colour:



Proposed metal bird netting:



Proposed design of privacy screens:



Q. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following proposals?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Non-slip balcony flooring	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Colour of the balcony flooring	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Metal bird netting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Design of the privacy screens	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

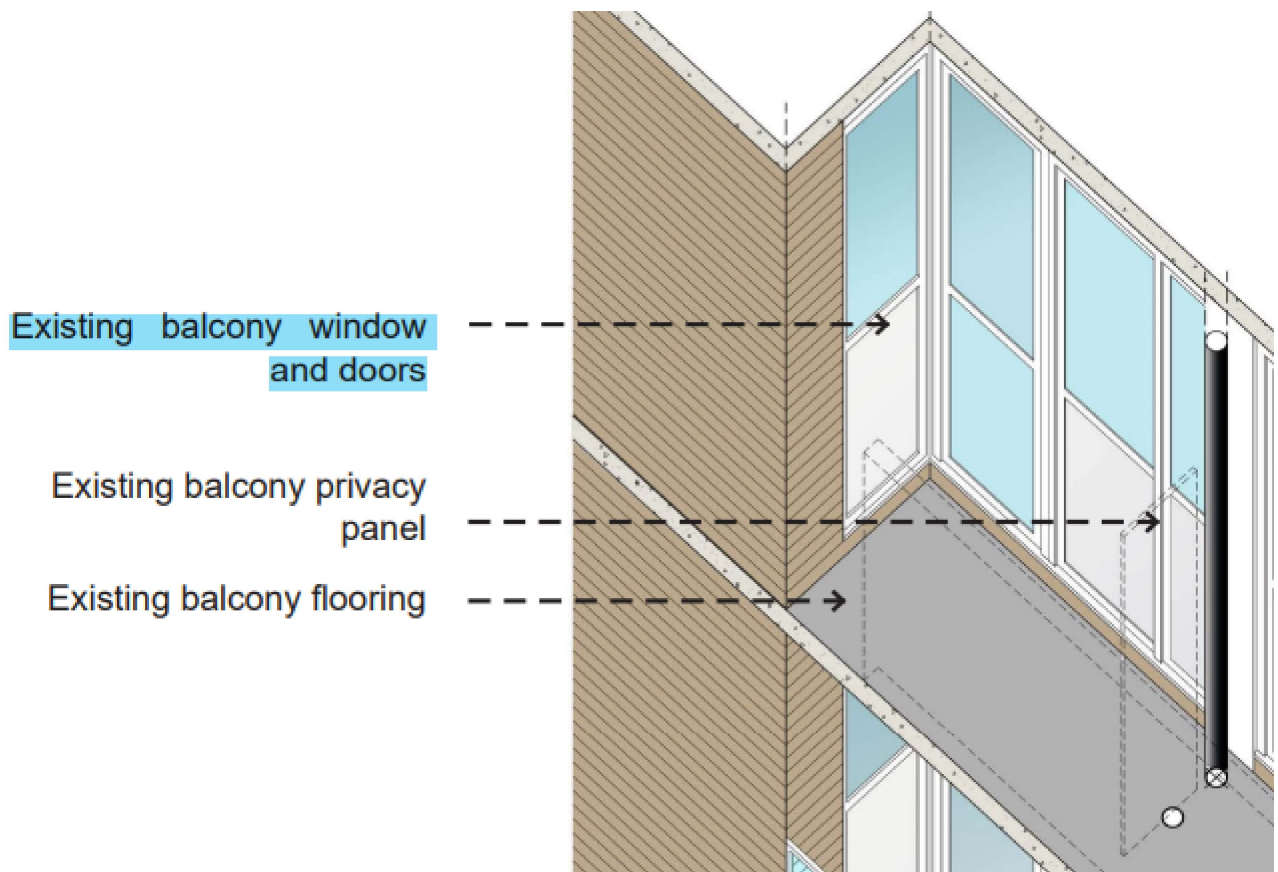
Q. If you have any comments, impacts, suggestions or alternatives you feel we should consider around the balcony proposals, please provide details:

Balcony proposals

Replacement to Energy Efficient windows: The current windows are over 20 years old, and we have received reports of drafts and leaks. We are proposing to replace the current windows to improve existing openings and improve ventilation. This will improve the over thermal efficiency of the building.

The windows on the external building have to be technically specified, but the internal living room window out to the balcony and the leading window and door into the kitchen could either be full height or openable.

Existing balcony windows and doors:



Proposal options for balcony windows and doors (either full height window or openable window):

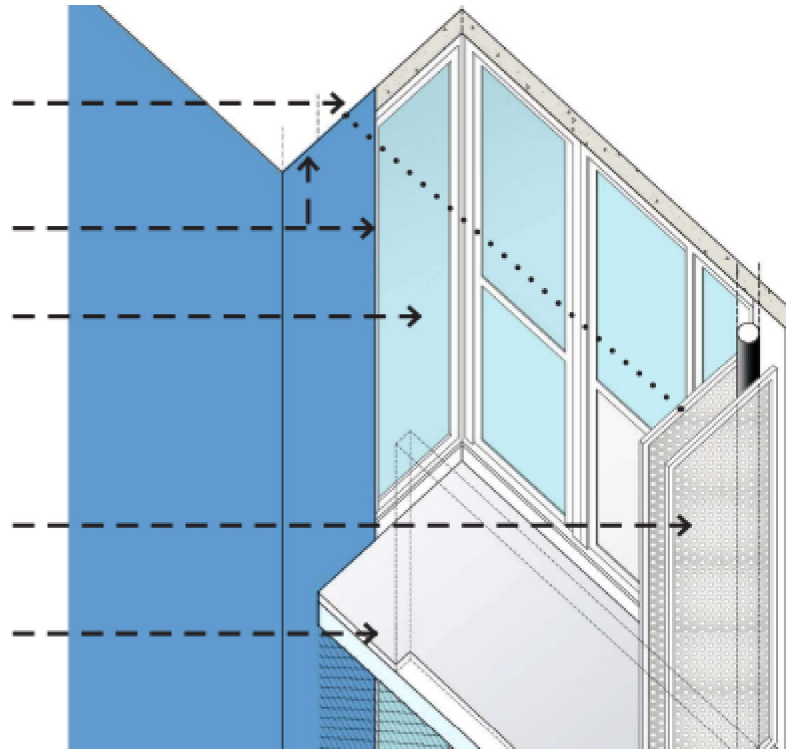
Metal hooks in concrete ceiling for tenant washing line.

Walls and balcony ceiling repaired and painted.

New windows and balcony door, window to living room could be full height or openable. New extract fan to kitchen

New privacy screen enclosing rainwater pipe

New balcony flooring



Q. What would be your preferred window style?

Full height window

Openable window (half glass)

None of the above

Don't know

Q. If you have any comments, impacts, suggestions or alternatives you feel we should consider around the window proposals, please provide details:

External wall proposals

Installation of an External Wall System: The building currently has concrete external walls. We are proposing to install a material on the outside of the walls called an external wall system, which aims to improve thermal efficiency and carbon reduction.

In an exercise completed in 2018, the following colour pallet was preferred by residents for the external wall system. This colour pallet matches the Hampton Towers block in International Way and can be seen in the computer generated image below.



Q. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposed colour pallet used for the external wall system?

Strongly agree Agree Neither Disagree Strongly disagree

Q. If you have any comments, impacts, suggestions or alternatives you feel we should consider around the external wall system, please provide details:

Roof and ventilation proposals

Alongside the other proposals listed above, we are proposing to replace the current roof to improve its thermal efficiency and make it watertight. We are also proposing to review and improve the current building ventilation. Due to complex building industry standards and regulations, the design components for the roof and ventilation systems will already be set.

Q. Please tell us anything else you feel we should consider about the roof or ventilation:

Impacts of the proposed works

Canberra Towers is a High-Rise Towers Block with 144 flats, all flats are 2 bedroom and are housed within our general need stock. All residents will be impacted by the works during the construction phase, currently estimated at a 12–15-month period. The wider community, neighbouring blocks and houses, will experience construction traffic, some noise and changes to parking. All of these are normal elements during a major construction Phase.

The appointed contractor will have experience to ensure any disruption is essential and continues to minimise disruption to residents and the wider community.

Additional to the contractor, Southampton City Council will keep local residents and the wider community informed and updated. This will be critical as residents in Canberra will need to be aware of the individual impact to their homes for the construction phase of the project. However, just as equally as important is what benefits the project will bring to them in their individual homes, the building and community.

Q. Is there any impact that you're particularly concerned about, or would like us to consider as part of the works?

About you

Which of the following describes your interest in this consultation?

Please tick all that apply.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> As a resident of Canberra Towers | <input type="checkbox"/> Public sector organisation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> As a resident elsewhere in International Way | <input type="checkbox"/> Third sector organisation (e.g. voluntary or community groups and charities, etc) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> As a resident of elsewhere in Southampton | <input type="checkbox"/> Employee of Southampton City Council |
| <input type="checkbox"/> As a resident elsewhere | <input type="checkbox"/> Political member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Someone that works, visits, or studies in Southampton | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A private business | |

If other, please specify:

What is your postcode?

This is used for geographical analysis only and will not be used to identify or contact you.

What is your sex?

 Male Female Prefer not to say

Is the gender you identify with the same as your sex registered at birth?

 Yes No Prefer not to say

If no, please write in your gender identity:

What is your age?

 Under 18 35 - 44 65 - 74 18 - 24 45 - 54 75+ 25 - 34 55 - 64 Prefer not to say

What is your ethnic group?

 Asian or Asian British White other Black, Black British, Caribbean or African Other ethnic group Mixed or multiple ethnic groups Prefer not to say White British

If other, please specify:

Do you have any physical or mental conditions or impairments, lasting 12 months or more, that have a substantial effect on your ability to carry out day-to-day activities?

 Yes No Prefer not to say

What happens next?

The consultation closes on **22 October 2023**. After this date, all feedback will be analysed and considered before a final decision is made.

Please return completed surveys to:

*Consultations,
First Floor, West Wing,
Civic Centre,
Southampton,
SO14 7LY.*

Alternatively, please hand completed surveys back to any Southampton City Council-run library.

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