

DEMOLITION OF REEMA HOUSING BLOCKS

Public evidence extract - 16 September 2025

Source	Milton Keynes City Council - Demolition of REEMA Housing Blocks, Letter of Justification, 16 September 2025
Public-copy note	Personal names have been omitted. Milton Keynes Council and named surveyors/engineers may remain where directly relevant.

Council position recorded in the letter

- The Council described the estate as 14 REEMA block sites containing 180 flats, including 19 leasehold properties.
- It said the hollow-panel system had deteriorated over time because of inconsistent manufacturing processes and variation in concrete depth, quality and installation.
- It said structural and concrete-quality surveys in Summer / Autumn 2022 confirmed the extent of degeneration.
- The letter expressly stated that there was no risk of collapse.
- It also said specialist surveyors considered the blocks to have a limited maintainable lifespan and that remedial or fabric-first improvements would cause significant disruption to residents.
- A project group was formed in Spring 2023 to move tenants and prepare for phased demolition, including leasehold buy-backs.
- The letter says Phase 1 buy-backs had been completed; Phase 2 comprised six blocks, with three already vacant and prioritised for demolition.
- The third and final phase of moves was planned to complete at the end of 2028.
- A delegated decision on 29 July 2025 approved procurement for demolition of Phase 1 and three Phase 2 blocks.

Public-copy note

The addressee and individual council officer name have been removed from this public evidence copy. The institutional source - Milton Keynes City Council - has been retained.