# Broadwater Farm balcony and shed clearance – information sheet

**Why does my balcony need to be cleared?**

Your balcony needs to be clear of all your belongings so DCK can completely waterproof and seal the space. This includes your shed, which DCK will have to remove to make sure the whole area is sealed and waterproofed.

**What needs to be cleared from the balcony?**

Balcony clearance includes all items inside your shed, any externally fitted structures (such as gazebos) and all large items such as large storage boxes, tables and chairs and so on.

**Help with balcony clearance**

Use the dedicated bulky items collection areas across the estate. Maps are displayed on communal noticeboards.

You can also find copies of these maps and more support at the Broadwater Farm Engagement Hub:

Visit **www.broadwaterfarmestate.commonplace.is**

Visit **www.haringey.gov.uk/rubbish-recycling** to learn more about

- local recycling centres
- garden waste disposal
- business or clinical waste removal

If you need help with moving any heavy items or with storage while the works are being undertaken, please get in touch with **DCK's Resident Liaison Officer Andrei Capinus**, on **07463 633 467**.

**Will you replace my shed?**

Yes, all sheds will be replaced with new metal ones after the works are complete. The new sheds are being provided in metal to ensure they meet fire safety standards.

Wooden sheds and structures will not be allowed to be reinstated on any balconies as they must be non-combustible. This means they cannot be made of any materiral (such as wood) that burns easily if exposed to fire.

**What can and cannot be stored on balconies after the works**

**What not to store**

- **External structures:** Structures such as gazebos cannot be refitted, as they may damage the new waterproof sealant and cause leaks
- **Flammable items:** This includes mattresses, timber, and other combustible items, even children's plastic toys.
- **Electrical goods:** Do not store white goods like fridges or tumble dryers, as they are not designed for outdoor use and can be fire hazards.
- **Combustible materials:** Avoid storing gas cylinders, kerosene, fuel or other flammable liquids like paints and oils.
- **Soft furnishings:** Avoid soft furnishings, upholstered furniture, or any form of screening like bamboo or artificial trellis.

**What to avoid**

- **Barbecues, fire pits, and patio heaters:** Never use BBQs, fire pits or patio heaters on a balcony due to the risk of fire and carbon monoxide poisoning.
- **Smoking:** If you must smoke on a balcony, please dispose of cigarette butts carefully and responsibly. Never flick them over the edge.
- **Modifying the structure:** Do not install combustible screening or flooring like natural wood flooring, plastic screens and so on.

Visit www.haringey.gov.uk/fire-safety-estates for tips on reducing fire risk and find out how to contact your building safety manager. You can also the London Fire Brigade's fire safety at home for more information on reducing common fire risks in your home - www.london-fire.gov.uk/safety/the-home