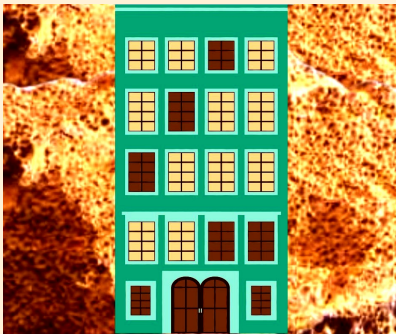


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SHAC Update

Crumbling Concrete | SHAC in the News



Housing and the Crumbling Concrete Scandal

Anyone with any eyes on the news at the moment will have caught articles about the use of Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete, or RAAC in some buildings (see [here](#)).

This weaker concrete can crumble if it isn't regularly maintained and therefore needs regular inspection.

While the media has focussed on the impact on schools, many members have contacted us about whether this product might have been used in housing association properties, particularly tower blocks.

At present, no information has been published so we are encouraging anyone who is concerned to contact the housing association saying something along the following lines:

I am concerned that Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) may have been used in the construction of my home, therefore:

- Please can you tell me whether RAAC was used in the construction of my property or not?
- If it is present and the property has been inspected in the last year, please send me the most recent inspection report.

- If it is present but the property hasn't been inspected in the last year, please confirm that you have arranged an inspection. I also wish to know when the inspection has been done, and would like a copy of the report.

We are keen to build a picture of how widespread the problem is, so please let us know if you get a response from your landlord. Information can be sent to shac.action@gmail.com.



SHAC on TalkTV

Jeremy Kyle Investigates the Housing Crisis

We were delighted to participate in the TalkTV discussion on the housing crisis hosted by Jeremy Kyle which aired on 30th August.

It was an opportunity to talk about the lack of access to justice for tenants and residents, and the need for people to get organised in challenging bad housing associations. [See more.](#)



One Stratford Strikers and SHAC in Inside Housing

Our One Stratford strikers were reported in Inside Housing, which is excellent exposure for the issues under dispute.

The article quoted a One Housing spokesperson who said *"this year we capped rent increases significantly below inflation for shared owners and tenants"*.

The law says that service charges should include only actual costs incurred, but this statement is an admission that One Housing (part of Riverside) also takes the rent cap into account when calculating service charges. [See more.](#)

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