

Breadalbane St (4 / 6 / 8)

St Vincent St
(478 / 486 / 492 / 498 / 514 / 522 / 532)

Pembroke St (5 / 13 / 8 / 12)

Dover Street (3 / 9 / 31 / 35 / 39)

Elderslie Street (61 / 67 / 73)



17/08/2023

IMPORTANT NOTICE: PUBLIC HEALTH (RATS)

Dear Resident,

As your Registered Social Landlord, and/or Property Factor respectively we write to provide some details of the steps we are taking to address the increasing more frequent reports of rats across the Anderston neighbourhood, and the impact it has on the wellbeing of local residents.

Glasgow City Council provide pest control treatment as a free of charge service, however the current demand across the city is impacting on their ability to attend to reports of rats in common areas of buildings / back courts, with their priority focus attending to the first reports of rats within homes. As a consequence we recognise the problem is only getting worse with for example; ineffective rat baiting, and incomplete treatments. As this is a Public Health concern we have been engaging with GCC to establish enhanced communication, and access to the GCC treatment plans for both residents, and landlords like GWA. While these conversations are gaining traction we recognise that does not provide a short term solution to the issues we currently have, and the impact on you.

There are a number of reasons GCC attribute to the current problem which includes previous mild winters, and accessibility to domestic and commercial waste; which is the primary food source for the rat population. We have made clear to GCC that while there are many factors which contribute to the problem, in our opinion it has been made worse by the underlying GCC waste collection strategies, and service reliability issues. It is accepted that as a consequence this can result in overflowing bins, fly tipping, and in contaminated recycling which further adds to the food source.

We will continue to raise strategic and specific concerns with GCC however, at this time recognise that more needs to be done now. Our planned approach, specifically with the addresses noted above is seek an onsite review with GCC Pest Control area managers to establish a treatment plan. Recognising however that the back courts are not the highest GCC priority at this time, we have arranged for contractors to visit the areas next week and provide a quotation for the initial treatment, and for a full treatment plan. Thereafter, our proposed action plan is to instruct the required treatment to take proactive control of this Public Health concern. The cost for these services will be recharged to private homeowners in line with routine factoring invoices.

Please help us with managing this problem by utilising the Total Homes Bulk Uplift Service, and disposing of your household waste correctly. **Please report rat issues direct to GCC Pest Control Team by calling 0141 287 1059**, and speak to your local councillors for support in access the GCC services. Further communication and advice will be circulated in due course, in the interim, if you have any questions or concerns in relation to this notice please contact the Glasgow West Team on 0141 331 6652.

Daniel Wedge, Technical Director

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