

## Gospel Oak Neighbourhood Action Group

*Community Action Group for Sustaining  
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### And so the appraisal of Camden's housing stock begins anew...

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This just hot off the press! Camden is yet again commissioning another 'stock condition survey' to assess and evaluate Camden's housing stock, as well as hostels and commercial properties. And once again Savill's are carrying out the property surveys.

One cannot help but wonder what this implies about Camden's most recently agreed 'neighbourhood renewal strategy'? Below you will find the full text of the advance notice email from Paul Cansick ACIB ACMI, Team Leader – Asset Management and Business Planning (Camden):

Dear all,

I am writing to advise you that the Council has commissioned the consultancy **Savills** to carry out a stock condition survey. **They will be carrying out a 100% external survey and 15% internal survey of the Council's housing stock. Hostels and commercial properties are also being covered.**

For the **internal survey Savills will select 3,500 target properties and 3 back up properties. This means that a total of 14,000 residents will be written to advising them that they may receive a visit from a surveyor.** The letters are being sent on a targeted area basis so that tenants are advised shortly before any visits occur to ensure that the information is current for them. The letter will provide a contact number within Repairs and Improvement in the event of any queries or concerns over the authenticity of the surveyor. All surveyors will be wearing branded clothing, will carry photo ID and have a letter on Camden headed paper introducing them.

**The pilot survey is due to start within the next two weeks with the full survey following on.** The fieldwork should be completed by early 2012 and the **results available in March 2012.**

Running alongside the main stock condition survey is a smaller survey of mechanical and electrical assets (e.g. lifts, boiler houses) also being carried out by Savills.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact myself or Peter David on 020 7974 3431.

Kind regards

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