




ALLAN, COURSINGTON & DRAFFEN TOWERS, MOTHERWELL

Building a Better Future Regeneration Update: March 2025

Information for local residents and businesses

This short newsletter provides an update on the demolition proposals for Allan, Coursington and Draffen Towers and what this means for you.

We are delighted to now be able to move forward with our plans and want to thank all surrounding residents and businesses for their patience as we recognise this process has taken longer than anticipated and caused some disruption.



As you are aware, planned demolition works for these tower blocks were unexpectedly delayed due to technical issues.

Further detailed specialist surveys have since been carried out by expert demolition engineers and the safest and most appropriate method of demolition will be to take down the blocks by controlled blowdown.

Who will undertake the work?

Thompsons of Prudhoe will be the contractor.

Thompsons are specialists in this type of work and have provided North Lanarkshire Council and our specialist demolition consultants with detailed information on how the demolition will take place and how residents and businesses will be protected when the blocks come down. This will continue to be developed over the coming months

As experts in this process, Thompsons will install suitable measures to reduce the amount of dust and debris and protect the immediate area around the site. The demolition process is quite complex and will take a great deal of planning beforehand to ensure everything goes well on the day.

Already Thompsons have been carrying out preparatory works on site, including cladding removal and a final internal strip out of fixtures. These works should be complete by April 2025.



How will the demolition be carried out?

Demolition process

Extensive and specialist surveys have confirmed that the best method to demolish the three towers is to undertake a single blowdown event which will help minimise disruption to local residents and businesses.

Exclusion zone

As part of the safety procedures, an exclusion zone will be created to safeguard residents during the demolition of the towers. We will provide more information on this as plans progress.

Road and footpath closures

It will be necessary to close some of the roads and footpaths during the demolition of the towers. These will be at key points around the boundary line and will only be closed for several hours to ensure the safety of all residents in the area. Residents will be made aware of the road and path closures in advance of them taking place.

When will the demolition/blowdown take place?

Timings for the blowdown are still being explored and it will not be until later in the year. We will make sure you are kept up to date with plans and dates as these develop.

Once the controlled blowdown has taken place then the site will be cleared and prepared for redevelopment and new homes to be built.

Where can I get more information?

You can find the most up to date information on our website:

northlanarkshire.gov.uk/building-better-future

We will also hold information sessions locally in late April 2025 and you will have the opportunity to meet with officers who can answer all your questions.

Details of these sessions will be sent directly to you once dates and venues have been confirmed.

If you have specific questions and want to discuss your individual circumstances then you can e-mail:

investment@northlan.gov.uk or call **0800 953 0256**

