



# ALLAN, COURSINGTON & DRAFFEN TOWERS, MOTHERWELL

## Newsletter: August 2025

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

While progress has taken longer than originally anticipated, we are now on track to target the demolition for late 2025.

We would like to thank all surrounding residents and businesses once again for your continued patience, understanding and cooperation throughout this complex process.

### What's happening on site?

Our contractor, Thompsons of Prudhoe, are in the final stages of removing non-structural elements from inside the towers, including window panes, internal walls, and fittings.

They have also started carefully drilling into key parts of the building where specialist equipment will be placed to prepare for the controlled demolition.

These works are essential to prepare the buildings for a safe and controlled demolition. Although there may be little visible activity from the outside, significant progress is being made inside the buildings.



## Behind the scenes

Specialist structural and environmental surveys completed earlier this year confirmed that the most appropriate method is to take down the blocks in a single controlled blowdown.

Our project team are holding regular planning meetings with emergency services and relevant council departments to coordinate all aspects of the demolition.

During these meetings, the contractor provides updates on how the buildings will be brought down and shares key details of the demolition design. These sessions allow everyone involved to agree on any key actions and support needed to ensure the process is safe and well managed.

The contractor is also sharing detailed plans with utility providers to ensure all necessary protective measures are in place for existing services such as gas and electricity.

## How will the demolition be carried out?

Details of the demolition process were shared with local residents during information sessions held at the end of April. The information sessions provided an opportunity for residents to hear directly from the project team and demolition specialists about the process, ask questions and share feedback.

We appreciate the strong turnout, and the constructive input received.

Many residents shared that they were eagerly looking forward to the removal of the blocks and the positive impact the proposed regeneration of the site would have on the area.

## Exclusion zone

To ensure public safety during the demolition, a temporary exclusion zone will be in place around the towers. This zone includes 313 properties, including 11 commercial businesses. A draft map of the zone is available on the council's demolition webpage, and full details will be shared closer to the time to help everyone prepare.

Although the exclusion zone will be closed to the public on the day, emergency services will retain access right up until the moment of demolition, as their access is top priority.

More detailed advice will be provided to residents and businesses as we approach the day of the demolition. However, in general, we will advise residents to:

- close all windows, doors and vents before leaving their homes
- avoid leaving washing out
- move vehicles away from the immediate area around the towers

A dedicated parking area will be provided for relocated vehicles, and transport will be available for those who need it to reach a respite area - currently planned to be located at Ravenscraig Regional Sports Facility.

We are already in contact with residents who have additional needs and encourage anyone with mobility issues or other requirements to get in touch.

Please contact Nicola Carmichael (Programme Liaison Officer) on 07853 045618 or email [Carmichaelnic@northlan.gov.uk](mailto:Carmichaelnic@northlan.gov.uk)

We will discuss your individual needs directly with you to ensure the right support is in place.



## When will the demolition take place

Timings for the blowdown have still to be confirmed but we anticipate it will be in the last quarter of 2025. We will provide adequate notice and clear communication well in advance of this date.



## Where to find more information

You can find the most up to date information on our website: [northlanarkshire.gov.uk/motherwell-towers-demolition](http://northlanarkshire.gov.uk/motherwell-towers-demolition)

If you have specific questions and want to discuss your individual circumstances, email: [investment@northlan.gov.uk](mailto:investment@northlan.gov.uk) or call **0800 953 025**.