

If you are a tenant, please pass this on to your landlord or landlady.

A Meeting (AGM) has been called and it is an opportunity for owners who are members of the RTM company to have their say on the management of the Hicking Building. ***If you are concerned about delays in addressing issues in the building, poor communication and escalating costs please help us address these issues by giving us your vote!***

The meeting is at 6pm Tuesday 22nd February, at the De Vere Jubilee Conference Centre, Triumph Road, Nottingham NG7 2TU. You will need to notify Stoneyard Block Management if you wish to attend virtually.

Alternatively, we would encourage you to complete the **Form of Proxy** you will have received from Stoneyard and return it by Registered Post or by reaching out to us using the contact details below. You can use this form to appoint Adam New as your Proxy if you wish, ensuring your vote is counted even if you cannot attend on the day.

What is the AGM about?

We are a group of leaseholders concerned with the management of the building. The Board of Directors of the RTM Company overseeing the management this building have failed to hold public meetings for years, running the building with a complete lack of transparency or accountability, systematically rejecting applications from other leaseholders who wanted to become Directors. They unilaterally dismissed the only Director who questioned their decisions.

The Board agreed for **£420k** (nearly half a million pounds) to be paid directly to Stoneyard (the managing agent) for fire safety work, without competitive quotations, professional surveys or a written contract. Crucially, without ever consulting the leaseholders. As Stoneyard have failed to publish the required yearly accounts it is almost impossible to know how our money is being spent.

Two recent Tribunal determinations confirmed Stoneyard has a conflict of interest, which the Board has not managed. To quote from one of the Tribunal determinations: ***“What the proceedings exposed was a significant failure on the part of the First Respondent’s board and/or its managing agent to discharge their responsibilities in the best interest of the service charge payers.”*** (details here: <https://hickingbuildingnottingham.netlify.app/>) This information is in the public domain and speaks for itself.

We have sought a dialogue with the current Directors and asked specific questions but have never received adequate answers. We propose the three current Directors who were complicit in the decisions criticised by the court are removed from the Board and new volunteers are appointed to reinvigorate the RTM and improve transparency. We want the building to be managed more efficiently and more cost effectively. We are asking that you take part in the AGM, listen to our case, and exercise your right to vote.

Please get in touch with us now and we will answer any questions you may have.

If your tenancy is managed by Walton and Allen, and you do not have your landlord/landlady’s contact details, please contact us (see address below).

If you are an owner, please get in touch with us by email for more information. We are also very happy to speak by ‘phone or meet for coffee.

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