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New insulation to keep Annie Besant Close residents warmer this Christmas

Annie Besant Close residents in Bow will be feeling less of the cold this winter, after their block received insulation work as well as new windows.

The £75,000 work involved replacing windows in 11 properties and a full insulation of the block's external wall.

Tower Hamlets Homes Chief Executive, Gavin Cansfield, said the funding for the insulation work was from the £2.07million secured from the Government to target 'hard to insulate' properties.

"The Government funding will see 1,900 council properties insulated over the next 18 months. The next council homes to benefit will be at nearby Armagh and Old Ford Roads, with work starting in mid-January 2010.

He added: "Improving wall insulation will reduce residents' energy bills and cut CO2 emissions."

Annie Besant Resident, Terry Willets said he noticed a big difference to his flat after the insulation and is thrilled with his new windows.

Terry said: "Ice would get inside our windows and we used to freeze because of the condensation.

"I am a builder and decorator by trade and I think the windows are just excellent."

He added: "We noticed a difference to our flats just a day after the insulation was done. It was much warmer."

Tower Hamlets Council's Lead Member for Housing and Development, Cllr Marc Francis said: "I'm glad we've been able to help Annie Besant Close residents stay warm this winter. These simple improvements make a real difference to people's lives and it's good to know that residents are happy with the help they've received."

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Notes to editor:

1. Tower Hamlets Homes (THH) is an arm's-length management organisation (ALMO) managing approximately 22,000 tenants and leasehold properties on behalf of the Tower Hamlets council. www.towerhamletshomes.org.uk

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