



## Residents call for action as rats rampage through The Meadows

One resident woke to find a mouse scratching at her back in bed

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**Susan Chester and Maggie Newton from Arkwright Walk.**

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Residents living in The Meadows say their homes are rife with rats and mice – with one mother waking to find a rodent in her bed.

People living in Arkwright Walk said the problem arose after 146 houses were **demolished on the estate** to make way for a new multi-million pound regeneration project, which will include 111 new homes.



**Arkwright Walk, where the new development will be built.**

The development is part of **Nottingham City Council's** £18m project in Arkwright Walk, Blackstone Walk and Manifold Gardens.

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Council cleaner Susan Chester, 54, who lives in **Arkwright Walk** with her 34-year-old daughter and three grandchildren says the problem is getting worse.

She woke up in bed to find a mouse scratching at her back, and has even heard them running across her laminated bedroom floor.



**A rodent caught at a home in Arkwright Walk.**

She told the Post: "Since they knocked down the houses last year we have just been covered in mice and rats.

"We are getting two or three a day and have traps all over. I got into bed one evening and felt something scratching at my back – and it was a mouse. I screamed and jumped out of bed.

"I have found them in the kitchen, the living room. It is horrible. It is a nightmare. Once I get into bed I can hear them running across the laminated floor.

"You can be sitting at the kitchen table and you can see them running from the fridge, the washer and dryer.

"If there is a way for them to get in they will. I pay £91 rent a week for this house and no one is doing anything about it."



**Mouse and rat droppings in a cupboard at a home in Arkwright Walk.**

Her next door neighbour, Maggie Newton, 52, who is a cleaner at the University of Nottingham, has also found her home riddled with rats.

She said: "They demolished all the houses around us and since then there have been rats coming in. I get up at 4am to go to work and I stood on one at the front door.

"There are rat droppings in my cupboards and I dare not move around my house. I do not go into the bathroom in the morning because they have been running around my feet."



**Rodent caught in Arkwright Walk.**

A spokeswoman at Nottingham City Homes, which manages the residents' homes, said: "We have been alerted to an issue at two properties on Arkwright Walk, which we haven't previously been made aware of.

"Now that we are aware, we have been in contact with the tenants and we will provide them with the support they need to resolve the issue."