

MEDIA RELEASE

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Carlsen Field Resident informed of Unit's need for electricity

The Trinidad and Tobago Housing Development Corporation is aware of the concerns raised by Ms. Ameena Bramble who has taken up residence without electricity at Cashew Gardens, Carlsen Field, an HDC community.

Before a planned key distribution ceremony, the HDC's Allocations team advised the potential residents of the need for electrification of the units as well as offered the recipients relocation to the other Developments. However, most chose to await placement at Carlsen Field, including Ms Bramble.

In July 2023, the HDC held its key distribution ceremony for the Carlsen Field Development and reiterated to residents the need to have the units electrified. All of the other recipients decided to stay in their current residences until the units were electrified. However, Ms. Bramble convinced the HDC that she was willing to occupy the dwelling, without electricity, and moved into the unit using a portable generator. Ms Bramble was offered alternative lodging at Cypress Hills and Oasis Greens but chose to remain at the residence in Carlsen Field without electricity. During this time, the HDC continued to provide regular status updates to the recipients.

On Tuesday, March 12, 2024, the Electrical Inspectorate completed and passed inspection at the site. HDC's contractor is currently awaiting the approval certificate from the Inspectorate, which will be submitted to the Trinidad and Tobago Electricity Commission (T&TEC) to start the electricity connection. The HDC was informed that the connection is expected to be completed by Friday, March 22, 2024.

The HDC will maintain communication with T&TEC to ensure the electricity connection is completed by the agreed deadline and will continue to update residents on the status of the units.

The HDC stands ready to assist Ms Bramble should she agree to be relocated to another Development.

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