Fire Risk Assessment Albert Street Princess End Tipton



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Current Risk Rating = Tolerable



Subsequent reviews

Review date	<u>Officer</u>	<u>Comments</u>

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Section

Introduction

The <u>Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 (RR(FS)O)</u> places a legal duty on landlords to complete a fire risk assessment (FRA). Specifically, RR(FS)O article 9. — (1) "The responsible person must make a suitable and sufficient assessment of the risks to which relevant persons are exposed for the purpose of identifying the general fire precautions he needs to take to comply with the requirements and prohibitions imposed on him by or under this Order".

This fire risk assessment has been written to comply fully with the above legislation which is enforced locally by West Midlands Fire Service. If required, complaints can be made to them by telephone on 0121 380 7500 or electronically on <u>https://www.wmfs.net/our-services/fire-safety/#reportfiresafety</u>. In the first instance however, we would be grateful if you could contact us directly via <u>https://www.sandwell.gov.uk/info/200195/contact_the_council/283/feedb</u> ack_and_complaints or by phone on 0121 569 6000.

The date of the fire risk assessment is on the front page, followed by any subsequent reviews. A recurring time frame is not set in legislation, but the Council will as a minimum review:

- High Risk Residential Buildings annually
- Other Buildings every 3 years

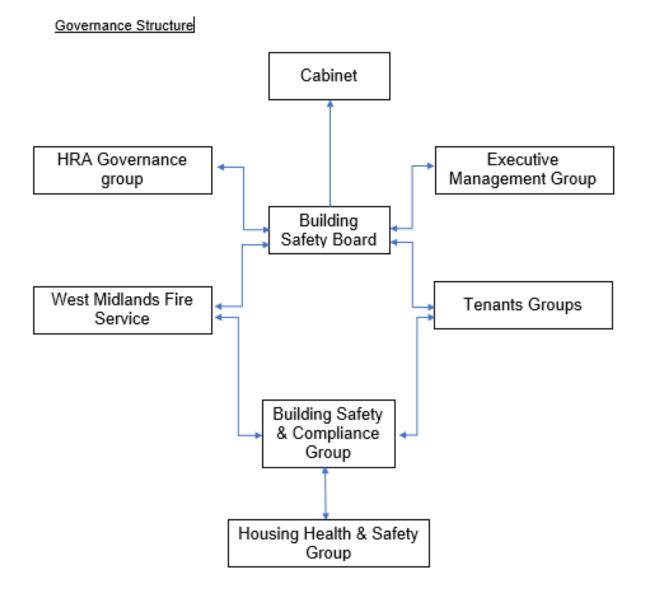
The council has procedures and policies in place that will trigger a review of the fire risk assessment. This then is recorded on the fire risk assessment. If the review suggests the fire risk assessment is not currently suitable and sufficient, then a new fire risk assessment will be undertaken and become the current fire risk assessment. The previous fire risk assessment will be retained in the building safety case for that building.

The following diagrams illustrate those procedures and persons that support the effective planning, organisation, control, monitoring and review of the preventive and protective measures. This information is provided as required under the RR(FS)O.



The above processes and procedures are overseen by the Fire Safety, Manager who reports to the Head of Building Safety

These managers attend the Building Safety and Compliance Group for scrutiny which is part of the governance structure below.



To summarise the fire risk assessment, in this scenario the RR(FS)O requires the prescribed information to be recorded. The prescribed information is the significant findings of the fire risk assessment and those groups or persons especially at risk from fire. This is recorded here in <u>section 1</u>. Also required to be recorded under article 11, are the fire safety arrangements for the planning, organisation, control, monitoring and review of the preventative and protective measures. The information shown above is part of this requirement.



Significant findings

The significant findings (executive summary) of the fire risk assessment include those measures that have been or will be undertaken by the responsible person in order to comply with the RR(FS)O 2005. Groups of people especially at risk of fire include such people as remote or lone workers, at risk due to layout of the building, visitors and contractors unfamiliar with the building layout as well as those with physical, sensory or mental health issues.

A third requirement that under the order must be recorded is the fire safety arrangements. This is the effective planning, organisation, control, monitoring and review of the preventive and protective measures. These are shown in the introduction.

Significant findings

Include a brief summary of protective and preventative measures where relevant along with any issues found;

The escape strategy is '**Stay Put Unless'**. This means in the event of a fire in your flat you should evacuate. If there is a fire elsewhere in the building you should stay put unless you are affected by fire, smoke or you have been advised by the emergency services to leave.

Section number	Section Area	Individual Risk Level
Section 6	 External Envelope The original construction of the blocks was a concrete masonry construction, and the external envelope reflects this. Netting present on communal balconies and combustibles left on balcony. 	Tolerable
Section 7	Means of Escape from Fire the means of escape are protected to prevent the spread of fire and smoke, there is a single staircase leading to final exit doors on the ground floor of each block.	Tolerable

	Combustible items/ rubbish has been left within communal areas.	
Section 8	Fire Detection and Alarm Systems Early warning is limited to hard wire or battery smoke alarms within each of the resident's flats, smoke alarms within resident's flats are installed to a minimum of an LD3 Standard.	Trivial
Section 9	Emergency Lighting Emergency lighting is present within the blocks.	Trivial
Section 10	Compartmentation The building is designed to provide as a minimum 1-hour vertical fire resistance and 30 minutes horizontal fire resistance around flats. All doors from dwellings are 30-minute fire resistant with cold smoke seals and self- closing devices, including those in 1-hour rated walls.	Trivial
Section 11	Fire Fighting Equipment The premises have no provisions for firefighting equipment.	Trivial
Section 12	Fire Signage Appropriate signage is displayed where necessary.	Trivial
Section 13	Employee Training All staff receive basic fire safety awareness training.	Trivial
Section 14	Sources of Ignition The fixed electrical installation shall be tested every 5 years. It was noted that the last inspection was last completed within the last 5 years	Trivial

Section 15	Waste Control Cleaning and caretaking Provisions operate at the blocks, bins are stored away from the premises and are emptied regularly.	Trivial
Section 16	Control and Supervision of Contractors and Visitors Contractors are controlled centrally, and hot works permits are required where necessary.	Trivial
Section 17	Arson Prevention There have been no reported fire incidents since the last FRA.	Trivial
Section 18	Storage Arrangements Blocks 6-16, 18-28 & 30-40 have communal storage cupboards located on the ground floor protected/secured with timber doors.	Trivial

Risk Level Indicator

The following simple risk level estimator is based on commonly used risk level estimator:

Likelihood of fire	Po	Potential consequences of fire		
	Slight harm	Moderate harm	Extreme harm	
Low	Trivial risk	Tolerable risk	Moderate risk	
Medium	Tolerable risk	Moderate risk	Substantial risk	
High	Moderate risk	Substantial risk	Intolerable risk	

Considering the fire prevention measures observed at the time of this risk assessment, it is considered that the hazard from fire (likelihood of fire) at these premises is:

Low \Box Medium \boxtimes High \Box

In this context, a definition of the above terms is as follows:

Low	Unusually low likelihood of fire because of negligible potential sources of ignition.
Medium	Normal fire hazards (e.g. potential ignition sources) for this type of occupancy, with fire hazards generally subject to appropriate controls (other than minor shortcomings).
High	Lack of adequate controls applied to one or more significant fire hazards, such as to result in significant increase in likelihood of fire.

Considering the nature of the premises and the occupants, as well as the fire protection and procedural arrangements observed at the time of this fire risk assessment, it is considered that the consequences for life safety in the event of fire would be:

Slight Harm \square Moderate Harm \square Extreme Harm \square

In this context, a definition of the above terms is as follows:

Slight harm	Outbreak of fire unlikely to result in serious injury or death of any occupant (other than an occupant sleeping in a room in which a fire occurs).
Moderate harm	Outbreak of fire could foreseeably result in injury including serious injury) of one or more occupants, but it is unlikely to involve multiple fatalities.
Extreme harm	Significant potential for serious injury or death of one or more occupants.

Accordingly, it is considered that the risk to life from fire at these premises is:

Trivial \Box Tolerable \boxtimes Moderate \Box Substantial \Box Intolerable \Box

Comments

In conclusion, the likelihood of a fire is at a medium level of risk prior to the implementation of the action plan because of the normal fire hazards that have been highlighted within the risk assessment such as residents leaving combustible items within the communal areas and netting being present on balconies.

After considering the use of the premise and the occupants within the blocks, the consequences for life safety in the event of a fire would be slight harm due to the simplicity in the layout and a Stay Put Unless policy being in place with adequate detection within flats.

A suitable risk-based control plan should involve effort and urgency that is proportional to risk. The following risk- based control plan is based on one that has been advocated for general health and safety risks:

Risk level	Action and timescale
Trivial	No action is required, and no detailed records need to be kept.
Tolerable	No major additional fire precautions required. However, there might be a need for reasonably practicable improvements that involve minor or limited cost.
Moderate	It is essential that efforts are made to reduce the risk. Risk reduction measures, which should take cost into account, should be implemented within a defined time period. Where moderate risk is associated with consequences that constitute extreme harm, further assessment might be required to establish more precisely the likelihood of harm as a basis for determining the priority for improved control measures.
Substantial	Considerable resources might have to be allocated to reduce the risk. If the premises are unoccupied, it should not be occupied until the risk has been reduced. If the premises are occupied, urgent action should be taken.
Intolerable	Premises (or relevant area) should not be occupied until the risk is reduced.

(Note that, although the purpose of this section is to place the fire risk in context, the above approach to fire risk assessment is subjective and for guidance only. All hazards and deficiencies identified in this report should be addressed by implementing all recommendations contained in the following action plan. The fire risk assessment should be reviewed regularly.)

Section

People at Significant Risk of Fire

Persons at significant risk of fire does not just refer to those people with physical, sensory or mental health issues. It also includes those at risk due to the layout or features of the building such as inner rooms or dead-end conditions. Persons may also be at risk due to remote or lone working.

The RR(FS)O requires that these people are identified in any fire risk assessment.

Sandwell Council takes the health, safety and wellbeing of its colleagues, contractors, residents and leaseholders seriously. It is our policy to exceed, where possible, the minimum health and safety requirements of the law.

Residents are responsible for letting us know whether they might need a Personal Emergency Evacuation Plan (PEEP). The Resident Engagement Officers (Fire Safety) will conduct an assessment visit upon request. Any risk-reduction measures that are found where a PEEP is necessary and completed will be documented and taken quickly. With the consent of the resident, we will make a referral for West Midlands Fire Service to conduct a Safe and Well visit.



Contact Details

The Chief Executive of Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council has ultimate responsibility for the site as the responsible person identified by the RR(FS)O 2005.

The Chief Executive has put a structure in place to support the management of the site.

This includes the role of Building Safety Manager who has duties as defined within the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005.

The contact names to support the management of the site are as follows:

Chief Executive Shokat Lal

Executive Director of Place Alan Lunt

Assistant Director Building Compliance Phil Deery

Fire Safety Manager Tony Thompson

Team Lead Fire Safety Jason Blewitt

Fire Risk Assessor(s)

Carl Hill Louis Conway Anthony Smith Adrian Jones

Resident Engagement Officer - Fire Safety

Lee Mlilo Abdul Monim Khan

Housing Office Manager Rushpal Dhaliwal

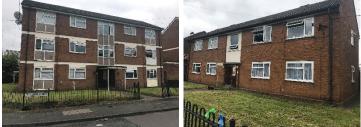
Please note, the above details are correct at the time of the production of the risk assessment and may be subject to change.



Albert Street, 6-16, 17-23, 18-28, 25-31, 30-40, 42-52, 61-67, 77-83 Princes End, Tipton, DY4 9JY

Description of the Property

The Low-rise Blocks were constructed in approx. 1968-1969 of predominantly traditional concrete brick construction with a pitched roof, with blocks displaying the same internal layout and single staircase.



The blocks consist of three stories (Ground, 1st & 2nd) to blocks -16, 18-28, 30-40, 42-52.

Blocks 61-67, 77-83 17-23, 25-31 contain just two stories. Each floor containing two number dwellings off a singular staircase.

Flats 16, 28, and 40 have there own entrances separate from the main entrance to the block, these entrances are located on the front elevation to the side of the block



entrance/exit to the front and rear of the blocks. Access is gained via a fob system or via a firefighters drop latch.



1st and 2nd floors contain drying areas for the dwellings on this area is protected by the use of nominal fire doors with self closing devices attached.



The blocks have access to a rear yard area (per block)



Electical service cupbards/ residents meter cupbaords are locacated on the ground floor stored within a dedicated cupbaord nearest the main entarnces to each block.

The blocks have a pitched roof with each section of the block having access within the communal area via a loft hatch on the 2nd floor

The communal, any workplace areas and the external envelope of the building are subject to the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 as confirmed by the Fire Safety Act 2021. the enforcing authority is West Midlands Fire Service

High/Low Rise	Low Rise Flats: 6-16, 18-28, 30-40, 42-52
Number of Floors	3
Date of Construction	1969
Construction Type	Traditional Brick Cavity
Last Refurbished	Unknown
External Cladding	None
Number of Lifts	None
Number of Staircases	One
Automatic Smoke Ventilation to	No
communal area	
Fire Alarm System	No
Refuse Chute	No
Access to Roof	Loft Hatch 2nd Floor
Equipment on roof (e.g. mobile phone station etc)	No

High/Low Rise	Low Rise Flats: 61-67, 77-83
	17-23, 25-31
Number of Floors	2
Date of Construction	1968
Construction Type	Traditional Brick Cavity
Last Refurbished	Unknown
External Cladding	None
Number of Lifts	None
Number of Staircases	One
Automatic Smoke Ventilation to	No
communal area	
Fire Alarm System	No
Refuse Chute	No
Access to Roof Space	First Floor
Equipment on roof (e.g. mobile	No
phone station etc)	

Persons at Risk

Residents / Occupants of the blocks Visitors, Sandwell MBC employees, Contractors, Service providers (e.g. meter readers, delivery people etc) Statutory bodies (e.g. W.M.F.S, Police, and Ambulance)



Typical orientation of the blocks





External envelope

Following the introduction of the Fire Safety Act 2021, consideration needs to be given to the external envelope of the building for any fire risk. This predominantly means the external wall construction including any insulation filler. It also includes balconies and any other fixtures as well as doors and windows.

Below is a breakdown of the materials used within the external envelope and, as part of the external wall system.

It is deemed that the combination and application of these materials present an acceptable level of fire risk.

1) The original construction of the blocks was a concrete masonry construction, and the external envelope reflects this.



2) The blocks have a tiled Pitched roof (access is internal).



3) Flats 16, 28, and 40 have there own entrances separate from the main entrance to the block, these entrances are located on the front elevation to the side of the block.



4) Double Glazed UPVC units are used along the communal stairs and residents' flat windows.



5) Access to shared drying areas on an open balcony that contains netting. Normally, this would not be permitted due to the risk of potential spread of fire and is believed that the netting should be removed. However, removing the netting could pose an additional health risk due of the accumulation of birds on the balconies which has been a case within surrounding area. Mitigating factors are in place such as balconies being located in a communal area protected behind nominal fire doors, cleaner/caretaking team who regularly visit the blocks and check on the areas to ensure there is no buildup of fire loading and a stay put unless policy. As such, the netting will remain in place and as a temporary measure will be recommended to be enhanced to fire rated netting until future upgrade works take place at the blocks enclosing the balconies. This is deemed a tolerable short-term solution.



(Balcony with netting)



(Balcony without netting Block 17-23)

 Residents have access to store cupboards within the communal areas blocks 6-16, 18-28 & 30-40



7) Block 77-83 items left on the communal drying area/balcony



 Each section to each block has a single staircase that provides a means of escape and is between 900mm & 920mm in width providing a sufficient escape route.



2) Flats 16, 28, and 40 have there own entrances/exit separate from the main entrance to the block, these flats can exit directly into a place of ultimate.



- 3) All corridors are of adequate width and will be maintained clear to that width as a minimum.
- 4) There are no corridors within the means of escape that form part of a dead end.

5) The means of escape are protected to prevent the spread of fire and smoke using nominal doors off dwellings and drying areas.



6) All communal doors are fitted with automatic closing devices that are checked on a regular basis by Caretaking Teams as part of their checks. Defective closing devices are replaced either by the Caretaking Team(s) or the in-house repairs team(s).



- 7) All communal fire doors are subject to an annual check by the Fire Safety Rapid Response Team.
- 8) The final exit doors have door entry systems installed. These systems are designed to fail safe i.e. door unlocked in the event of a power failure. This prevents residents being locked in or out of the building.



9) Natural ventilation is available within the communal area via the use of openable windows.



- 10)Communal areas Should be kept free of flammable items. The communal areas are checked on a regular basis by Caretaking / Cleaning teams 365 days per year and all items of rubbish are immediately removed. There is also an out of hour's service that allows combustible items of furniture / rubbish to be removed
- 11)Emergency lighting is installed within the communal areas along the means of escape.



12)Electric meter cupboards are constructed of 44mm timber nominal doors, Where the nominal timber door is used access is gained via <u>a 138 key.</u>



13)The surface coatings to the communal areas are Class 0 rated.

- 14)The building has sufficient passive controls that provide effective compartmentation to support a Stay Put-Unless Policy. Therefore, residents are advised to remain in their flat unless the fire directly affects them.
- 15)Individual flat doors are Nominal fire door sets with a combination of timber and composite doors within each block.



- 16)access was granted to a sample of flats within the blocks and found no faults with flat entrance doors, flats where access was not granted a visual inspection was conducted on the external leaf of the door. reasonable measures should be put in place to gain access in the future.
- 17) Combustible items have been left within communal areas of Block 6-16 the communal areas should remain a sterile environment.



good housekeeping is fundamental to reducing risk in blocks of flats. Controlling the presence of combustible materials and ignition sources not only reduces the potential for accidental fires to start and develop in the common parts, it also significantly reduces the scope for deliberate fires. It also ensures escape routes are free of obstructions that might hinder the evacuation of people from the building and access for fire-fighters.



Fire Detection and Alarm Systems

- 1) Early warning is limited to hard wire or battery smoke alarms within each of the resident's flats. The equipment is subjected to a cyclical test.
- Access was granted into a sample of resident's flats. Based on the samples taken and previous risk assessments the smoke alarms within resident's flats are installed to a minimum of an LD3 Standard.

Flat 18 – LD2, Hallway Living room and kitchen.
Flat 24 – LD2, Hallway, Living room and kitchen.
Flat 31 - LD2, Hallway Living room and kitchen.
Flat 65 – LD2 Hallway Living room and Kitchen.

For information LD1 all rooms except wet rooms LD2 all-risk rooms e.g. Living Room, Kitchens and Hallway. LD3 Hallway only

- 3) There is no effective means for detecting an outbreak of fire to communal areas. The reason for this are:
 - I. Such systems may get vandalised.
 - II. False alarms would occur.
 - III. A Stay Put Unless policy is in place

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Emergency Lighting

1) Emergency lighting is installed within each block to the communal areas along the means of escape.



2) Emergency lighting tests are conducted monthly.



Section **10**

Compartmentation

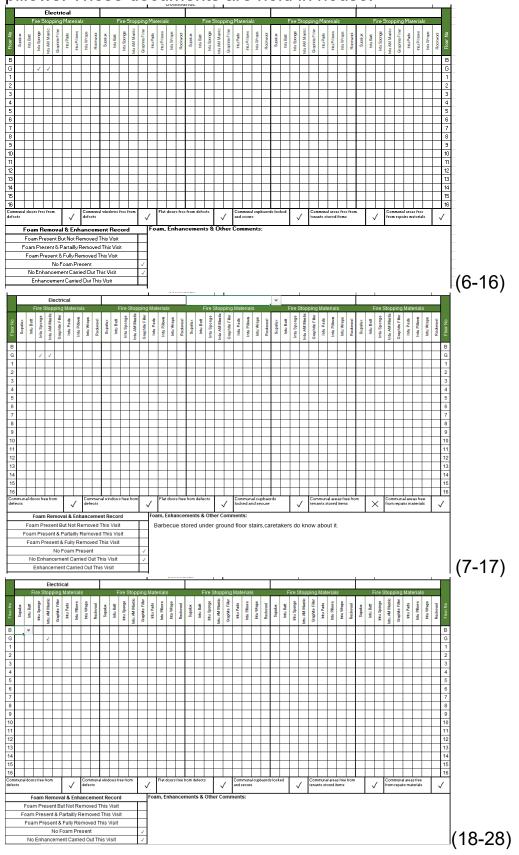
The high degree of fire separation between flats and the common parts is achieved by making each flat a fire-resisting enclosure. This is known as compartmentation. A compartment is simply a part of a building bounded by walls and floors that will resist the passage of fire for a specified period of time. The fire resistance of this construction is such that, normally, a fire will burn itself out before spreading to other parts of the building

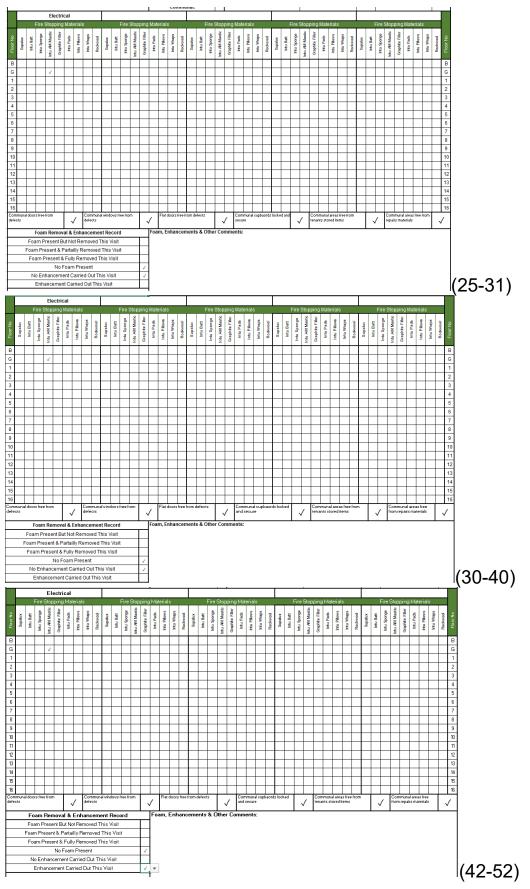
- The building is designed to provide as a minimum 1-hour vertical fire resistance and 30 minutes horizontal fire resistance around flats. All doors from dwellings are 30-minute fire resistant with cold smoke seals and self-closing devices, including those in 1-hour rated walls.
- 2) The premise has sufficient compartmentation to limit the travel and effect of smoke and flame in event of a fire between dwellings. Whilst the existing fire stopping is fit for purpose, there is a cyclical programme to ensure fire stopping as not been compromised by third parties and where applicable enhance the fire stopping.
- 3) Communal fire doors are fitted with automatic closing devices that are checked on a regular basis by Caretaking Teams as part of their checks. Defective closing devices are replaced either by the <u>Caretaking Team(s)</u> or the in-house repairs team(s).

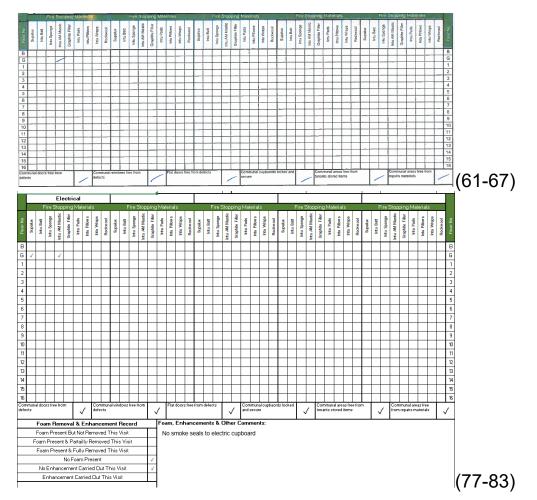


4) There are no service cupboards located at the block communal cupboards are to electrical intake/meter cupboards and residents' storage cupboards.

5) A variety of methods / materials have been used to achieve firestopping including Rockwool, fire rated sponge and intumescent pillows. These documents are held in house.







- 6) The fire stopping / compartmentation is subject to a annual check by the Fire Safety Rapid Response Team
- 7) Any remedial works arising from the fire stopping / compartmentation check(s) will be actioned immediately by the Fire Safety Rapid Response Team.
- 8) Individual flat doors are a mixture of nominal Timber & composite door sets.



Refer to door sheet below.

6 Albert Street;Princes End;Tipton;West Midlands;	Timber Door FD30s
8 Albert Street;Princes End;Tipton;West Midlands;	Timber Door FD30s
10 Albert Street;Princes End;Tipton;West Midlands;	Timber Door FD30s
12 Albert Street;Princes End;Tipton;West Midlands;	Timber Door FD30s
14 Albert Street;Princes End;Tipton;West Midlands;	Timber Door FD30s
16 Albert Street;Princes End;Tipton;West Midlands;	UPVC
17 Albert Street;Princes End;Tipton;West Midlands;	Timber Door FD30s
19 Albert Street;Princes End;Tipton;West Midlands;	Timber Door FD30s
21 Albert Street;Princes End;Tipton;West Midlands;	Timber Door FD30s
23 Albert Street;Princes End;Tipton;West Midlands;	Timber Door FD30s
18 Albert Street;Princes End;Tipton;West Midlands;	Timber Door FD30s
20 Albert Street;Princes End;Tipton;West Midlands;	Timber Door FD30s
22 Albert Street;Princes End;Tipton;West Midlands;	Timber Door FD30s
24 Albert Street;Princes End;Tipton;West Midlands;	Timber Door FD30s
26 Albert Street;Princes End;Tipton;West Midlands;	Timber non fire doo
28 Albert Street;Princes End;Tipton;West Midlands;	UPVC
25 Albert Street;Princes End;Tipton;West Midlands;	Timber non fire doo
27 Albert Street;Princes End;Tipton;West Midlands;	Timber non fire doo
29 Albert Street;Princes End;Tipton;West Midlands;	Nationwide
31 Albert Street;Princes End;Tipton;West Midlands;	Timber Door FD30s
30 Albert Street;Princes End;Tipton;West Midlands;	Timber Door FD30s
32 Albert Street;Princes End;Tipton;West Midlands;	Timber Door FD30s
34 Albert Street;Princes End;Tipton;West Midlands;	Timber Door FD30s
38 Albert Street;Princes End;Tipton;West Midlands;	Timber Door FD30s
40 Albert Street;Princes End;Tipton;West Midlands;	UPVC
42 Albert Street;Princes End;Tipton;West Midlands;	Timber Door FD30s
44 Albert Street;Princes End;Tipton;West Midlands;	Hurst
46 Albert Street;Princes End;Tipton;West Midlands;	Timber Door FD30s
48 Albert Street;Princes End;Tipton;West Midlands;	Timber Door FD30s
50 Albert Street;Princes End;Tipton;West Midlands;	Timber Door FD30s
52 Albert Street;Princes End;Tipton;West Midlands;	Nationwide
61 Albert Street;Princes End;Tipton;West Midlands;	Nationwide
63 Albert Street;Princes End;Tipton;West Midlands;	IG Doors
65 Albert Street;Princes End;Tipton;West Midlands;	Timber Door FD30s
67 Albert Street;Princes End;Tipton;West Midlands;	IG Doors
77 Albert Street;Princes End;Tipton;West Midlands;	Timber Door FD30s
79 Albert Street;Princes End;Tipton;West Midlands;	Timber Door FD30s
81 Albert Street;Princes End;Tipton;West Midlands;	Timber non fire doo
83 Albert Street;Princes End;Tipton;West Midlands;	Timber Door FD30s

The UPVC doors present within the blocks are to flats opening directing into an ultimate place of safety and do not impede on the means of escape.

It is accepted that, in older blocks, fire doors, particularly flat entrance doors, do not meet current test standards for FD30S doors. However, these doors may still be acceptable if the doors remain in good condition, and they met the relevant standards at the time of construction of the block.



1) The premise has no firefighting provisions.



1) All fire doors display "Fire Door Keep Shut" where appropriate.



- 2) No fire action notices are not present within the buildings.
- 3) Yellow LPG warning signs are not displayed.
- 4) No Smoking signs are displayed within the blocks.



5) The fire escape routes generally do not use directional fire signage in accordance due to simplicity of layout.

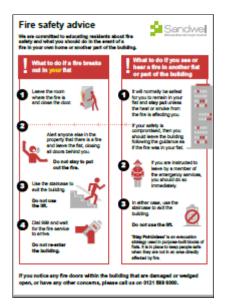
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Employee & Resident Training/Provision of Information

- All Caretaking / Cleaning Employees have undertaken fire safety training. This includes use of bespoke 'Fire Safety in High / Low Rise Flatted Accommodation' Video.
- All employees are encouraged to complete 'In the line of fire' training on an annual basis.
- Caretaking Teams are not currently trained in the effective use of fire extinguishers. There are no provisions to combat fires within the blocks. Caretaking Teams are not expected to tackle fires in this area.
- Housing Directorate employees assigned to undertake Fire Safety Inspections have received IFE approved training via West Midlands Fire Service.
- 5) Staff undertaking fire risk assessments are qualified to or working towards Level 4 Diploma in Fire Risk Assessment.
- 6) Fire safety information has been provided as part of tenancy pack.
- 7) Building safety and evacuation notices are not displayed within the blocks.
- 8) Information regarding use of fire doors is provided to residents



9) Information regarding the Stay Put unless fire evacuation strategy is provided to residents





Sources of Ignition

1) Smoking is prohibited within any communal parts of the building in line with Smoke Free England legislation.



- 2) Hot working is not normally carried out. If essential maintenance requires the use of hot work processes, then corporate policies and procedures are to be followed.
- 3) Portable electrical equipment used as part of the Caretaking / Cleaning regime is subject to annual PAT Testing. This information is held by the Estate Services Manager Bryan Low.
- 4) The fixed electrical installation shall be tested every 5 years. It was noted that the last inspection for each block varies however all have had a test conducted within the last 5 years.



- 5) The electrical installation i.e. risers are contained within dedicated service cupboards that are secure and protected by means of secured timber doors.
- 6) Portable heaters are not allowed in any common parts of the premises.

7) Gas appliances and pipework (where installed) are subject to annual testing and certification. This cyclical contract is managed by the in-house Gas Team. gas supplies are internal except for block 42-52 where gas supplies are external.



1) <u>There is a regular Cleaning Service to the premises.</u>



- 2) Refuse containers emptied regularly and stored away from the block.
- 3) Regular checks by Caretakers minimise risk of waste accumulation.



4) 'Out of Hours' service in place to remove bulk items.

Section **16**

Control and Supervision of Contractors and Visitors

- Responsive Repairs service delivered by Sandwell MBC necessitates the production of an order via the computerised repairs system. Details of any known risks are documented on the repair order.
- 2) Hot works are not permitted unless authorisation is given via the approved officer. The hot works procedure is to be followed.
- 3) Utility companies are not allowed to access any service cupboard or secure area. They must request and collect maintenance keys from the Investments office @ Roway Lane. This allows scrutiny of what is the scope of any works such as installation of tenant's broadband / phone line etc.
- 4) Where contractors are appointed to undertake major refurbishment works, Sandwell MBC Urban Design team will put control measures in place. Such Measures include: -
 - a) Pre-Contract Meetings where contractor is made aware of all working arrangements and safe systems of work to be adopted. Issues covered in this meeting will include:
 - Health and Safety.
 - Site security.
 - Safety of working and impact on children/school business.
 - Fire risk, if any.
 - Site Emergency Plan.
 - b) Monthly Site Meetings in order to monitor, review and share any new information including any new risks.
 - c) Site monitored daily whilst work is in progress by Clerk of Works / Health and Safety Officers.
 - d) Final Contractor review on completion of works undertaken.



Arson Prevention

- 1) Regular checks are undertaken by Caretakers / Cleaning Team(s) 365 days per year which helps reduce the risk of arson.
- Restricted access to the premises by means of a door entry system. Front entrance door to block 61-67 is faulty and will not secure correctly CCTV have already been made aware of this and a job has been raised.



- 3) There are no CCTV provisions at the blocks.
- 4) Scorch marks can be found at block 30-40.



- 5) The perimeter of the premises is well illuminated.
- 6) There have been no reported fire incidents since the last FRA.

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Storage Arrangements

- 1) Residents instructed not to bring L.P.G cylinders into block.
- 2) The tenancy conditions, Section 7 Condition 5.6 stipulates "If you live in a flat or maisonette, you, people living with you and any visitors to your property must not keep or use paraffin oil, petrol, bottled gas appliances or any other explosive, FLAMMABLE or dangerous material in the property. This restriction also applies to any storage facility situated in or attached to the block, which has been provided for your use."
- 3) No Flammable liquids stored on site by Caretakers / cleaners.
- 4) 6-16, 18-28 & 30-40 have communal storage cupboards located on the ground floor protected/secured with timber doors.
- 5) There are no flammable liquids or gas cylinders stored on site.

Additional Control Measures; Fire Risk Assessment - Level 2 Action Plan

Significant Findings

Action Plan

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It is considered that the following recommendations should be implemented to reduce fire risk to, or maintain it at, the following level:

Trivial \boxtimes Tolerable \square

Definition of priorities (where applicable):

P1 Arrange and complete as urgent – Within 10 days

P2 Arrange and complete within 1-3 Months of assessment date

P3 Arrange and complete within 3-6 Months of assessment date

P4 Arrange and complete exceeding 6 months under programmed work

Fire Risk Assessment



Fire Risk Assessment Level 2 Action Plan



Name of Premises or Location:

Albert Street

Date of Action Plan:

24/05/2024

Review Date:

<Insert date>

Question/ Ref No	Required Action	Supporting photograph	Priority	Timescale and Person Responsible	Date Completed
06/05	Block 17-23 communal balcony organised a clean-up and installation of temporary measures		P2	1-3 Months Housing Management	

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06/07	Block 77-83 remove items from communal balcony	P2	1-3 Months Housing Management	
07/17	Block 6-16 remove items from ground floor communal area and balcony areas.	P2	1-3 Months Housing Management	

When undertaking future improvement program(s), it is advised that the observations listed below should be given consideration (noting that the safety of the residents is not jeopardised by these, and all steps to reduce any known risks have been taken).

Observations	
Communal service cupboard	Upgrade as part of next improvement works at the blocks
Communal doors off the means of escape to drying areas.	Upgrade as part of next improvement works at the blocks
Flat Entrance Doors	Upgrade as part of next improvement works at the blocks
Netting installed on communal balconies.	Short term look to install fire retardant netting, long term solution Enclose balcony areas when next improvement works take place at the block.

Signed

Hermany	Fire Risk Assessor	Date: 24/05/2024
Bleunet	Quality Assurance Check	Date: 24/05/2024

Appendix 1

Significant Hazards on Site and Information to be Provided for the Fire Service

Name of property: Albert Street, Princess end, Tipton

Updated: 22/05/2024

Premise Manager: Tony Thompson

Tel. No.: 0121 569 2975

Hazard	Information/Comments
Asbestos	An asbestos survey has been undertaken of the communal areas. Survey held by Sandwell Housing (Derek Still <u>Tel:-</u> 0121 569 5077). <i>Include survey</i>

Sample Locations		Prope Addre		6-16	ô Alber	t Street, Tipt	on. DY4 9JZ.				
LOCATION		MATERIAL			QTY	SURFACE TREATMEN		RESULT	RESULT		ACTION TAKEN ON CONTRACT
IF DURING THE COURSE OF WOR	K SUSP	ECTED AG	CM'S AR	REIDE	ENTIFIEI	D THAT ARE NO		WITHIN THIS REP	ORT ST	OP W	ORK & SEEK ADVICE
MAIN ROOF VERGE CLOAKING (COVERED))	CEMENT			-	UNSEALED	PRESUMED	CHRYSOTILE	NO	-	-
FLAT 10 FRONT DOOR FRAME SEAL		MASTIC			-	SEALED	GC2276 / 1	NON-DETECTED	-		-
FLAT 14 FRONT DOOR FRAME SEAL		MASTIC			-	SEALED	GC2277 / 1	NON-DETECTED	-		-
ITEMS SHOWN BELC	W HAVE	E BEEN AS	SSESSE	DON	I SITE B	Y THE ASBEST	OS SURVEYOR	& ARE CONFIRME	ED NOT	то ве	ACM's.
LOCATION DESCRIPTION	MAT	ERIAL	LO	CATI	ON DES	CRIPTION	MATERIAL	LOCATIO	N DESC	RIPTI	ON MATERIAL
FRONT CANOPY ROOF	MINER	AL FELT	FLAT	6 FRO	NT DOOR	FRAME SEAL	NO VISIBLE SEALANT				
FRONT CANOPY SOFFIT	P	OVC									
SECOND FLOOR STAIRWELL WALL SERVICE DUCT	PLY	WOOD	DOD								
MAIN ROOF SOFFIT	P	PVC									
FLATS 8,12 FRONT DOOR FRAME SEAL	FLATS 8,12 FRONT DOOR FRAME SEAL SILICONE										

Sample Locations		Prope Addre		17-23 Albe	ert Street, Tip	ton. DY4 9JZ				
LOCATION		MATERIAL		QTY	SURFACE TREATMEN	T REF	RESULT	HSE NOTIF Y	Labelled ?	ACTION TAKEN ON CONTRACT
IF DURING THE COURSE OF WOR	K SUSF	PECTED A	CM'S ARE		D THAT ARE NO		WITHIN THIS REP	ORT ST	OP WO	ORK & SEEK ADVICE
MAIN ROOF SOFFIT		CEI	MENT	-	SEALED-PAINT	PRESUMED	CHRYSOTILE	NO	NO	
MAIN ROOF VERGE UNDERCLOAK		CE	MENT	-	UN-SEALED	PRESUMED	CHRYSOTILE	NO	NO	
MAIN ROOF COVERING		BITUMIN	OUS FELT	-	UN-SEALED	TE 982	NO ASBESTOS DETECTED	NO	NO	-
ITEMS SHOWN BELO	W HAV	E BEEN AS	SSESSED	ON SITE B	Y THE ASBEST	OS SURVEYOR	& ARE CONFIRM	ED NOT	TO BE	ACM's.
LOCATION DESCRIPTION	MAT	TERIAL	LOC	ATION DES	CRIPTION	MATERIAL	LOCATIO	N DESC	RIPTIC	ON MATERIAL
FIRST FLOOR BALCONY CEILING BLANK	SU	PALUX								
FLATS 17,23 FRONT DOOR FRAME SEAL		ICONE								
FLATS 19,21 FRONT DOOR FRAME SEAL		VISIBLE ALANT								

Sample Locations		Prope Addre		18-	28 Albe	ert Street, Tip	otor	n. DY4 9JT					
LOCATION		MATERIAL			QTY	SURFACE TREATMEN		SAMPLE REF	RESULT	HSE NOTIF Y	Labelled 7		TION TAKEN ON CONTRACT
IF DURING THE COURSE OF WOR	RK SUSF	PECTED AC	CM'S AF	RE ID	ENTIFIE	D THAT ARE NO	ото		WITHIN THIS REF	ORT ST	OP W	ORK & S	SEEK ADVICE
MAIN ROOF VERGE CLOAKING (COVERE	D)	CEMENT			-	UNSEALED		PRESUMED	CHRYSOTILE	NO	-		-
FLAT 18 FRONT DOOR FRAME SEAL		MASTIC			-	SEALED		GC2278 / 1	NONE DETECTED	-	-		-
FLAT 24 FRONT DOOR FRAME SEAL		MA	STIC		-	SEALED		GC2279 / 1	NONE DETECTED	-	-		-
ITEMS SHOWN BELC	OW HAV	E BEEN AS	SESSE	D OI	N SITE B	Y THE ASBEST	os	SURVEYOR	& ARE CONFIRM	ED NOT	то ве	ACM's	
LOCATION DESCRIPTION	MA	TERIAL	LO	CAT	ION DES	CRIPTION		MATERIAL	LOCATIO	N DESC	RIPTI	ON	MATERIAL
FRONT CANOPY ROOF	MINE	RAL FELT											
FRONT CANOPY SOFFIT		PVC											
FLAT 22 FRONT DOOR FRAME SEAL	SIL	ICONE											
FLATS 20, 26 FRONT DOOR FRAME SEAL		SULTS FOR 8 & 24											

Sample Locations		Prope Addre		25-3	31 Albe	ert Street, Tip	otor	n. DY4 9JY						
LOCATION		MATERIAL			QTY	SURFACE TREATMENT		SAMPLE REF	RE	SULT	HSE NOTIF Y	Labelled ?		TION TAKEN ON CONTRACT
IF DURING THE COURSE OF WOR	RK SUSF	PECTED A	CM'S AR	REIDE	ENTIFIEI	D THAT ARE N	ото	CONTAINED	WITHIN	THIS REP	ORT ST	OP W	ORK & S	SEEK ADVICE
MAIN ROOF SOFFIT	CE	MENT		-	SEALED-PAINT	Г	PRESUMED	CHR	YSOTILE	NO	NO		-	
MAIN ROOF VERGE UNDERCLOAK	CE	MENT		-	UN-SEALED		PRESUMED	CHR	YSOTILE	NO	NO		-	
ITEMS SHOWN BELC	OW HAV	E BEEN A	SSESSE	D ON	I SITE B	Y THE ASBEST	os	SURVEYOR	& ARE (CONFIRME	ED NOT	то в	E ACM's	
LOCATION DESCRIPTION	MA	TERIAL	LO	CATI	ON DES	CRIPTION		MATERIAL		LOCATIO	N DESC	RIPTI	ON	MATERIAL
FLATS 29,31 FRONT DOOR FRAME SEAL	SIL	ICONE												
FLATS 25,27 FRONT DOOR FRAME SEAL		VISIBLE ALANT												

Sample Locations		Prope Addre		30-4	40 Albe	ert Street, Tip	oton	n. DY4 9JS					
LOCATION		MATERIAL			QTY	SURFACE TREATMENT		SAMPLE REF	RESULT	HSE NOTIF Y	Labelled 7		FION TAKEN ON CONTRACT
IF DURING THE COURSE OF WOR	RK SUSF	PECTED A	CM'S AR	RE IDE	ENTIFIE	D THAT ARE NO	от с		WITHIN THIS REP	ORT ST	OP W	ORK & S	SEEK ADVICE
MAIN ROOF VERGE CLOAKING (COVEREI	D)	CEI	MENT	-		UNSEALED		PRESUMED	CHRYSOTILE	NO	-		-
FLAT 30 FRONT DOOR FRAME SEAL		MA	STIC		-	SEALED		GC2280 / 1	NON-DETECTED	-			-
FLAT 32 FRONT DOOR FRAME SEAL		MA	STIC		-	SEALED		GC2281 / 1	NON-DETECTED	-			-
ITEMS SHOWN BELC	OW HAV	E BEEN A	SSESSE	D ON	I SITE B	Y THE ASBEST	OS :	SURVEYOR		ED NOT	то ве	E ACM's	
LOCATION DESCRIPTION	MAT	TERIAL	LO	CATI	ON DES	CRIPTION		MATERIAL	LOCATIO	N DESC	RIPTI	ON	MATERIAL
MAIN ROOF SOFFIT	1	PVC											
FLATS 34,38 FRONT DOOR FRAME SEAL	SIL	ICONE	CONE										
FLAT 36 FRONT DOOR FRAME SEAL		ric - See Result											

Sample Locations		Prope Addre		42-	-52 Albe	ert Street, Tip	tor	n. DY4 9JS.						
LOCATION		MAT	ERIAL		QTY	SURFACE TREATMEN		SAMPLE REF		RESULT	HSE NOTIF Y	Labelled ?		FION TAKEN ON CONTRACT
IF DURING THE COURSE OF WORK SUSPECTED ACM'S ARE IDENTIFIED THAT ARE NOT CONTAINED WITHIN THIS REPORT STOP WORK & SEEK A									SEEK ADVICE					
MAIN ROOF VERGE CLOAKING (COVERED	:D)	CEN	MENT		-	UNSEALED		PRESUMED	(CHRYSOTILE	NO	-		-
									_					
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		<u> </u>												
ITEMS SHOWN BELC	VAH WC	E BEEN AS	SSESSE	D OI	N SITE B	Y THE ASBEST	os	SURVEYOR 8	& AF		DNOT	то ве	ACM's	
LOCATION DESCRIPTION	MA	TERIAL	LO	CAT	ION DES	CRIPTION		MATERIAL		LOCATION		RIPTI	NC	MATERIAL
FRONT CANOPY ROOF	MINE	RAL FELT												
FRONT CANOPY SOFFIT		PVC												
MAIN ROOF SOFFIT		PVC												
FLATS 48,50,52 FRONT DOOR FRAME SEAL	SIL	ILICONE												
FLATS 42,44,46 FRONT DOOR FRAME SEAL		VISIBLE							Τ					

Sample Locations		Prope Addre	erty ess	61-6	7 Albe	rt Street, Tip	oton	n. DY4 9JT					
LOCATION		MATERIAL			QTY	SURFACE TREATMEN		SAMPLE REF	RESULT	HSE NOTIF Y	Labelled 7		TION TAKEN ON CONTRACT
IF DURING THE COURSE OF WOR	K SUSI	PECTED A	CM'S AR		NTIFIE	THAT ARE NO	от с		WITHIN THIS REI	PORT ST	OP W	ORK & S	SEEK ADVICE
MAIN ROOF SOFFIT		CEI	MENT	-		SEALED-PAINT		PRESUMED	CHRYSOTILE	NO	NO	-	
MAIN ROOF COVERING		BITUMIN	IOUS FELT	г	-	UN-SEALED		TE 983	NO ASBESTOS DETECTED	NO	NO		-
ITEMS SHOWN BELC	OW HAV	E BEEN A	SSESSE	D ON S	SITE B'	Y THE ASBEST	os :	SURVEYOR	& ARE CONFIRM	ED NOT	то ве	E ACM's	
LOCATION DESCRIPTION	MA	TERIAL	LO	CATIO	ON DES	CRIPTION	MATERIAL		LOCATIO		RIPTI	ON	MATERIAL
FLATS - FRONT DOOR FRAME SEAL	SIL	ICONE											

Sample Locations			Property Address 77-83 Albert Street, Tipton. DY4 9JS.							
LOCATION		MATERIAL		QTY	SURFACE TREATMEN	SAMPLE REF	RESULT	HSE NOTIF Y	Labelled ?	ACTION TAKEN ON CONTRACT
IF DURING THE COURSE OF WORK SUSPECTED ACM'S ARE IDENTIFIED THAT ARE NOT CONTAINED WITHIN THIS REPORT STOP WORK & SEEK ADVICE										
MAIN ROOF SOFFIT		CEMENT		-	SEALED-PAINT	PRESUMED	CHRYSOTILE	NO	NO	
MAIN ROOF VERGE UNDERCLOAK		CEMENT		-	UN-SEALED	PRESUMED	CHRYSOTILE	NO	NO	
MAIN ROOF COVERING		BITUMINOUS FELT		-	UN-SEALED	TE 984	NO ASBESTOS DETECTED	NO	NO	-
ITEMS SHOWN BELC	VAH W	E BEEN AS	SSESSED	ON SITE B	Y THE ASBEST	OS SURVEYOR		ED NOT	то ве	ACM's.
LOCATION DESCRIPTION	MAT	TERIAL	LOCATION DES		CRIPTION	MATERIAL	LOCATION DESCRIPTION		ON MATERIAL	
FLAT 83 FRONT DOOR FRAME SEAL	SIL	SILICONE								
FLATS 77-81 FRONT DOOR FRAME SEAL	NO VISIBLE SEALANT									