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# Fire Risk Assessment

## Grace Road



**Flats 33 - 55.  
Grace Road.  
Tipton,  
DY4 0PG.**

**Date Completed: 03/06/2024.**

**Review Period: 3 years.**

**Officer: A Jones Fire Risk Assessor.**

**Checked By: J Blewitt Team Lead Fire Safety & Facilities.**

**Current Risk Rating = Tolerable**

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**Subsequent reviews.**

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

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## Section

# 0

## Introduction

The [Regulatory Reform \(Fire Safety\) Order 2005 \(RR\(FS\)O\)](#) 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 <https://www.wmfs.net/our-services/fire-safety/#reportfiresafety>. In the first instance however, we would be grateful if you could contact us directly via [https://www.sandwell.gov.uk/info/200195/contact\\_the\\_council/283/feedb ack\\_and\\_complaints](https://www.sandwell.gov.uk/info/200195/contact_the_council/283/feedback_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:

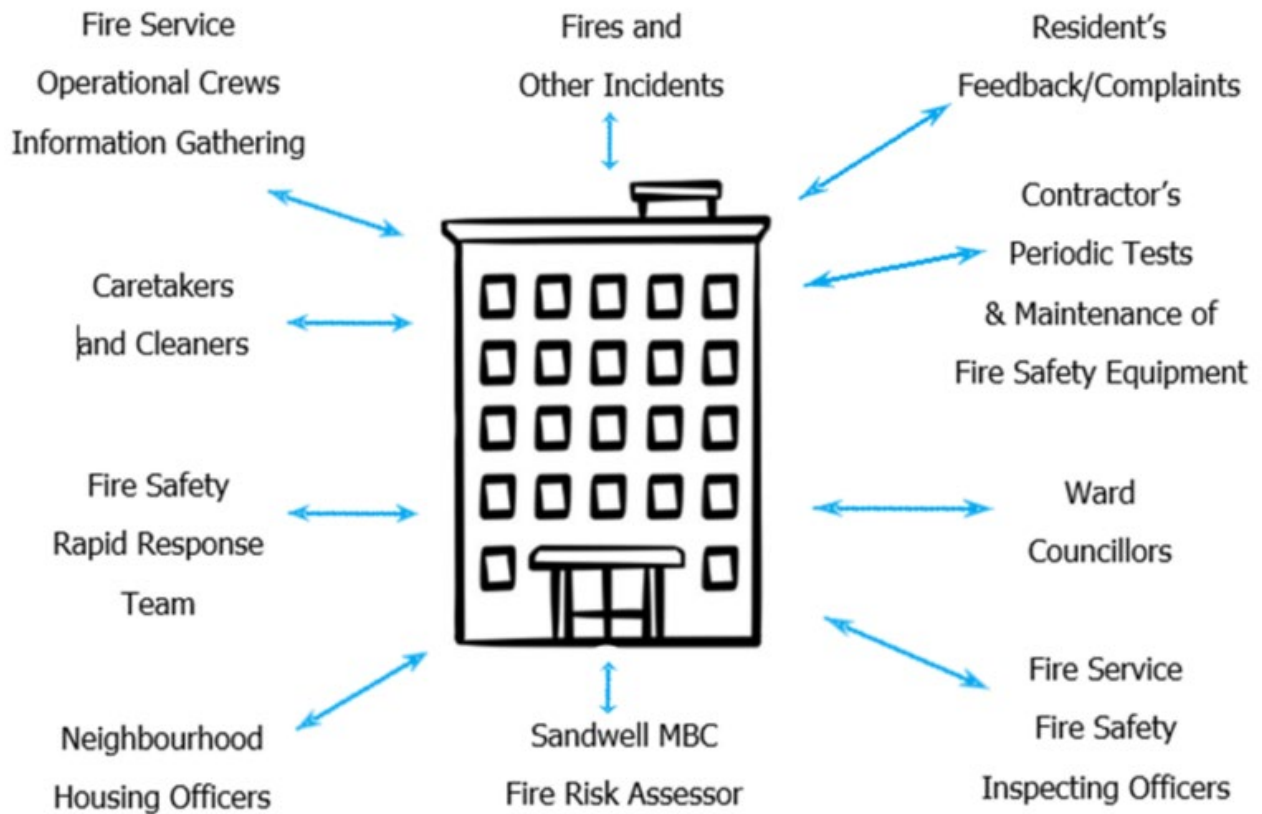
- High Risk Residential Buildings annually
- Other Buildings every 3 years

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.

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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.

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Governance Structure



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 [section 1](#). 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.

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**Section**

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**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
<a href="#">Section 6</a>	<p><b>External Envelope</b>                      The exterior of the buildings is predominantly traditional brick, concrete construction with pitched, tiled roof. Individual flat windows are UPVC double glazed units.                      The rear gardens are secured by palisade fencing and secured by padlock.</p>	Trivial

<a href="#">Section 7</a>	<p><b>Means of Escape from Fire</b> The means of escape staircase incorporates a final exit.</p>	Tolerable
<a href="#">Section 8</a>	<p><b>Fire Detection and Alarm Systems</b> Early warning is limited to hard wired or battery smoke alarms within each of the resident's flats.</p>	Trivial
<a href="#">Section 9</a>	<p><b>Emergency Lighting</b> Emergency lighting is not provided in the staircase. Additional lighting is provided and works from a pir sensor.</p>	Trivial
<a href="#">Section 10</a>	<p><b>Compartmentation</b> The building is designed to provide as a minimum 1-hour vertical fire resistance and 1-hour horizontal fire resistance around flats. Doors are 30-minute nominal fire doors, including those in 1-hour rated walls.</p>	Tolerable
<a href="#">Section 11</a>	<p><b>Fire Fighting Equipment</b> No firefighting provisions within the premises.</p>	Trivial
<a href="#">Section 12</a>	<p><b>Fire Signage</b> Appropriate signage is in place, no further action required.</p>	Trivial
<a href="#">Section 13</a>	<p><b>Employee Training</b> All staff receive basic fire safety awareness training.</p>	Trivial
<a href="#">Section 14</a>	<p><b>Sources of Ignition</b> The fixed electrical installation should be tested every 5 years. It could not be confirmed when the last electrical inspection had been carried out.</p>	Tolerable
<a href="#">Section 15</a>	<p><b>Waste Control</b> Regular cleaning services take place at the block and regular checks from caretakers help with waste control at the block.</p>	Trivial



<a href="#">Section 16</a>	<b>Control and Supervision of Contractors and Visitors</b> Contractors are controlled centrally, and hot works permits are required where necessary.	Trivial
<a href="#">Section 17</a>	<b>Arson Prevention</b> A door entry system is provided to the premise at the front elevation. All doors were operating correctly at the time of the assessment. The rear gardens & bin area is secured by padlock and palisade fencing.	Trivial
<a href="#">Section 18</a>	<b>Storage Arrangements</b> Residents should not store fuel or LPG Cylinders in their home or storage facilities.	Tolerable

## Risk Level Indicator

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

Likelihood of fire	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  Medium  High

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  Moderate Harm  Extreme Harm

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

<b>Slight harm</b>	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).
<b>Moderate harm</b>	Outbreak of fire could foreseeably result in injury including serious injury) of one or more occupants, but it is unlikely to involve multiple fatalities.
<b>Extreme harm</b>	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  Tolerable  Moderate  Substantial  Intolerable

**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. Surreptitious smoking was taking place on the staircase and the first-floor deck area. This should cease immediately and be monitored by the caretaking/cleaning team. Residents should be reminded that smoking should not take place within the building.

After considering the use of the premise and the occupants within the block, the consequences for life safety in the event of a fire would be slight harm.

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:

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Risk level	Action and timescale
<b>Trivial</b>	No action is required, and no detailed records need to be kept.
<b>Tolerable</b>	No major additional fire precautions required. However, there might be a need for reasonably practicable improvements that involve minor or limited cost.
<b>Moderate</b>	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.
<b>Substantial</b>	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.
<b>Intolerable</b>	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.)***

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## People at Significant Risk of Fire

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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.

When a PEEP is in place, the relevant information will be kept in the secure Premise Information Box (High Rise Buildings only), which is set up to help WMFS in an emergency. The data is classified as level 1, which means it complies with the General Data Protection Regulations.

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## Contact Details

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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)**

Adrian Jones

Anthony Smith

Carl Hill

Louis Conway

**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.*

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## Section 4

# Description of Premises

Flats 33 - 55  
Grace Road,  
Tipton,  
DY4 0PG.

### Description of the Property:

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.

This low-rise block constitutes two storeys (inclusive of the ground floor), each of the floors contains 6 dwellings. They were constructed circa 1964.

They are of traditional brick, concrete construction, double glazed UPVC window frames surmounted by a pitched roof.

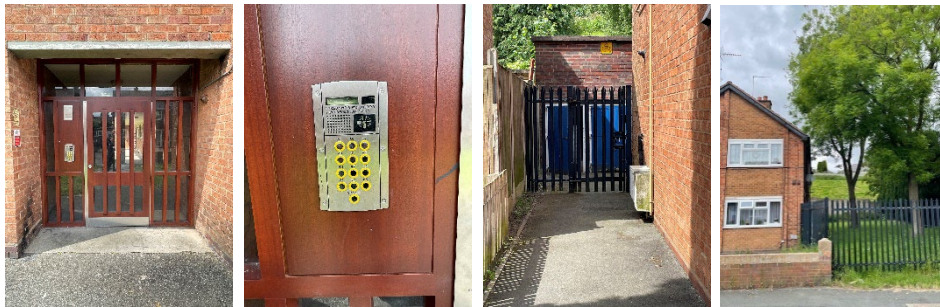


A loft hatch can be found on the first floor landing, access to the roof void could not be gained, it is thought that this hatch has been secured from the inside. The assessor will meet with the trades team at a later date to inspect the void.





The building has a single staircase with access gained at the front elevation. The site is secured by palisade fencing, access to the rear of the building is gained via the front entrance door or by a suited padlock to the bin area at the side of the building. The main front access is controlled via a door entry system and rear access is via an electronic fob to prevent unauthorised access.



At the time of the assessment front doors to flats appeared to be in good condition. However, it was noted that several front entrance doors were timber doors and two doors appeared to be UPVC doors.



To dispose of rubbish, residents utilise a refuse bin store located on the ground floor at the rear of the building.





There are several external store cupboards for use of residents, these appeared to be in good condition.



It was observed from the front elevation that the side of the building was secured by palisade fencing and padlocked shut.



High/Low Rise	Low Rise
Number of Floors	2
Date of Construction	1964
Construction Type	Traditional Brick Cavity
Last Refurbished	Unknown
External Cladding	None
Number of Lifts	None
Number of Staircases	One
Automatic Smoke Ventilation to communal area	No
Fire Alarm System	No
Refuse Chute	External and detached.
Access to Roof Space	Loft Hatch First Floor (Unlocked).
Equipment on roof (e.g. mobile phone station etc)	No

### **Persons at Risk**

Residents / Occupants of 12 flats, six per floor.

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)

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**Building Plan**

A general plan showing the building location.



## Section 6

### 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.

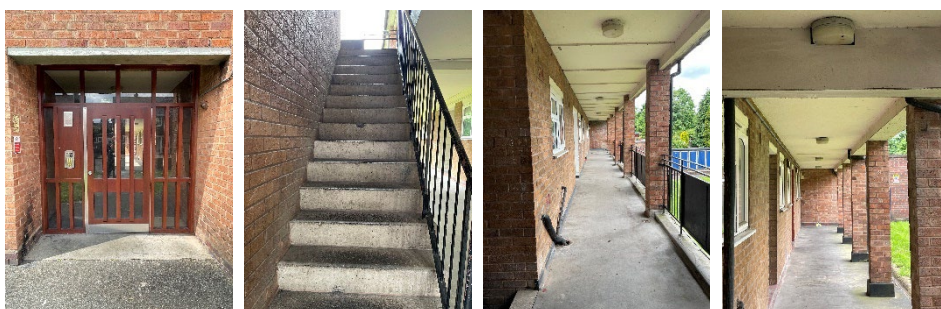
Below is a breakdown of the materials used within the external envelope and, as part of the external wall system.

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

- 1) The external envelope of the premise is predominantly traditional brick, concrete construction, UPVC double glazed window frames surmounted by a pitched tiled roof.



- 2) Access is gained to all flats from the ground floor using the access door leading to the staircase. The rear of the building is open plan with deck access on the first floor.





- 3) There is no provision for off road car parking facilities for residents.
- 4) External store cupboards and Bin stores are located at the rear of the premise.
- 5) The rear gardens are secured by palisade fencing and locked shut. There is a small grassed area provided for residents.



- 6) It was noted that a number of comms cables at the front elevation had become detached from the building. These cables should be refixed to the wall of the main building to prevent any further damage or incidents involving the public. (Email sent to Electrical).

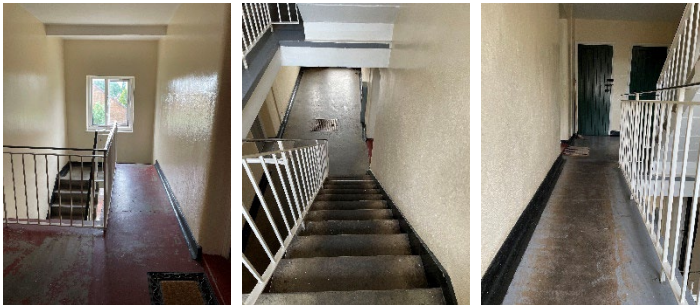


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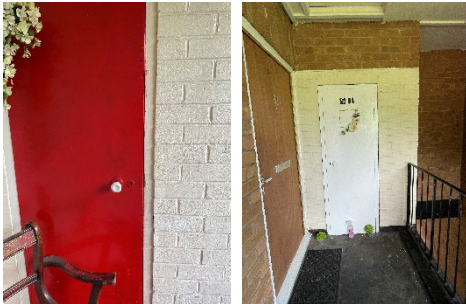
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## Means of Escape from Fire

- 1) The building has a staircase that provides the means of escape. All open deck corridors are of adequate width (at least 1400mm) and should be maintained clear to that width as a minimum. The staircase provides a 980mm width as a minimum.

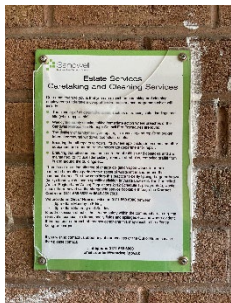


- 2) Internal store cupboard doors should be upgraded as part of any refurbishments, these should be upgraded to certified to FD30's fire rated as part of future works.



- 3) The only communal door within the block is the final exit door, this is fitted with automatic closing devices that are checked on a regular basis by caretaker teams as part of their daily checks. Defective closing devices are reported to an external contractor.
- 4) 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.

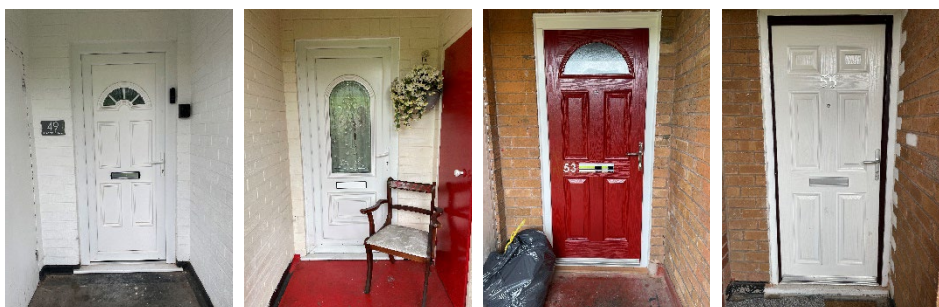
- 5) Communal areas are kept free of flammable items. The communal areas should be checked on a regular basis by Caretaking / Cleaning teams and all items of rubbish removed.



- 6) There is also an out of hour's service that allows combustible items of furniture / rubbish to be removed.
- 7) It was noted that surreptitious smoking was taking place on the staircase and the first-floor deck area. This should cease immediately. (Email sent to housing).



- 8) Automatic smoke ventilation is not employed.
- 9) The means of escape are protected to prevent the spread of fire and smoke with a combination of nominal FD30s doors consisting of composite, timber & UPVC front doors. No internal access to flats was gained during the fire risk assessment. Where applicable, sub-standard doors should be replaced when the fire door replacement programme commences.



- 10) A leaseholder occupies flat number 47, the front door appears to be a UPVC door. When the new door replacement programme commences, this door should be upgraded to Fire Doors FD30.



- 11) No internal access to flats was gained during the fire risk assessment to ensure the doors have not been tampered with by residents etc. The resident at flat number 39 did allow an inspection of the flat entrance door, the self-closer was defective.



- 12) The front door of flat 39 also had partially missing strips/seals. These should be replaced at the earliest opportunity.





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## Fire Detection and Alarm Systems

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- 1) Early warning is limited to hard wired or battery smoke alarms within each of the resident's flats. The equipment is subjected to a cyclical test.
- 2) During the assessment, the assessor spoke with the resident at number 39 who confirmed that smoke alarms are installed in the Hallway, Landing, Living room & Kitchen.
- 3) Based on the sample of properties accessed during the fire risk assessment, the smoke alarms within resident's flats are installed to a minimum of LD2 Standard.

*For information*

*LD1 all rooms except wet rooms.*

*LD2 all-risk rooms e.g., Living Room, Kitchens and Hallway.*

*LD3 Hallway only.*

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

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**Emergency Lighting**

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- 1) Emergency lighting is not provided in communal landings/staircases. This is deemed acceptable due to the height of the building.
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## 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.*

- 1) The building is designed to provide as a minimum 1-hour vertical fire resistance and 1-hour horizontal fire resistance around flats. All flat entrance doors are 30-minute notional/nominal doors, including those in 1-hour rated walls.
- 2) Access to the roof void could not be gained at the time of the assessment. It is thought that the loft hatch on the first-floor landing has been secured from the inside. This space will be assessed at a later date with the trades team, the fire risk assessment will be updated at that time.
- 3) The premises do not have sufficient compartmentation to limit the travel and effect of smoke and flame in event of a fire in communal areas due to the open plan staircase & deck access area.
- 4) The fire stopping / compartmentation of the premises is subject to an annual inspection by the Fire Safety Rapid Response Team.
- 5) Generally, the means of escape is protected from flats with the use of nominal FD30s doors.



- 6) There are store cupboard doors on the first floor that require updating to fire doors when future upgrades take place. No other communal doors to the blocks other than final exit doors.

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- 7) 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 or if they are advised to evacuate by the emergency services.
- 8) A variety of methods / materials have been used to achieve fire-stopping, refer to table(s) below.

Floor No	Fire Stopping Materials					Fire Stopping Materials					Fire Stopping Materials					Fire Stopping Materials					Fire Stopping Materials					Floor No											
	Supalux	Intu Batt	Intu Sponge	Intu AM Mastic	Graphite Filler	Intu Pads	Intu Pillows	Intu Wraps	Rockwool	Supalux	Intu Batt	Intu Sponge	Intu AM Mastic	Graphite Filler	Intu Pads	Intu Pillows	Intu Wraps	Rockwool	Supalux	Intu Batt	Intu Sponge	Intu AM Mastic	Graphite Filler	Intu Pads	Intu Pillows		Intu Wraps	Rockwool	Supalux	Intu Batt	Intu Sponge	Intu AM Mastic	Graphite Filler	Intu Pads	Intu Pillows	Intu Wraps	Rockwool
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<b>Foam Removal &amp; Enhancement Record</b>										<b>Foam, Enhancements &amp; Other Comments:</b>																											
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Foam Present & Partially Removed This Visit																																					
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- 9) All front doors appear to be nominal fire door rated FD 30's. Refer to the sheet below.

Block Name	Place-Re	Place Ref	Address	Front Door Type	Glazed / Not Glazed
Grace Road 33-55 (O)	BL20040GR26	BL20040GR26	33-55 Grace Road;Tipton;West Midlands;;	Intentionally Blank	
Grace Road 33-55 (O)	BL20040GR26	DW2004000077	33 Grace Road;Tipton;West Midlands;;	IG Doors	Glazed
Grace Road 33-55 (O)	BL20040GR26	DW2004000079	35 Grace Road;Tipton;West Midlands;;	Timber non fire dc	Glazed
Grace Road 33-55 (O)	BL20040GR26	DW2004000081	37 Grace Road;Tipton;West Midlands;;	UPVC	Glazed
Grace Road 33-55 (O)	BL20040GR26	DW2004000083	39 Grace Road;Tipton;West Midlands;;	Timber Door FD30:	Not Glazed
Grace Road 33-55 (O)	BL20040GR26	DW2004000085	41 Grace Road;Tipton;West Midlands;;	Timber Door FD30:	Not Glazed
Grace Road 33-55 (O)	BL20040GR26	DW2004000087	43 Grace Road;Tipton;West Midlands;;	Timber Door FD30:	Not Glazed
Grace Road 33-55 (O)	BL20040GR26	DW2004000089	45 Grace Road;Tipton;West Midlands;;	Timber Door FD30:	Not Glazed
Grace Road 33-55 (O)	BL20040GR26	DW2004000091	47 Grace Road;Tipton;West Midlands;;	UPVC	Glazed
Grace Road 33-55 (O)	BL20040GR26	DW2004000092	49 Grace Road;Tipton;West Midlands;;	UPVC	Glazed
Grace Road 33-55 (O)	BL20040GR26	DW2004000094	51 Grace Road;Tipton;West Midlands;;	Timber Door FD30:	Not Glazed
Grace Road 33-55 (O)	BL20040GR26	DW2004000096	53 Grace Road;Tipton;West Midlands;;	Composite Door	Glazed
Grace Road 33-55 (O)	BL20040GR26	DW2004000098	55 Grace Road;Tipton;West Midlands;;	Composite Door	Not Glazed

*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.*

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## Section

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## Fire Fighting Equipment

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- 1) Currently, there is no fire-fighting equipment installed at these premises. Firefighting hydrants are located near to the junction of Grace Road and David Road.



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## Section

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## Fire Signage

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- 1) Any communal fire doors display “Fire Door Keep Shut” where appropriate.
- 2) The fire escape routes are self-evident and therefore additional fire action notices are not required.
- 3) No smoking (Smoke Free England) signage is displayed at the front entrance to the premises.



# Section 13

## Employee & Resident Training/Provision of Information

- 1) All Caretaking / Cleaning Employees have undertaken fire safety training. This includes use of bespoke 'Fire Safety in High / Low Rise Flatted Accommodation' Video.
- 2) All employees are encouraged to complete 'In the line of fire' training on an annual basis.
- 3) Caretaking Teams are not currently trained in the effective use of fire extinguishers. Caretaking Teams are not expected to tackle fires in this area.
- 4) Employees within the Neighbourhoods Directorate 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. Information regarding the Stay Put Unless fire evacuation strategy is provided to tenants.



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**Sources of Ignition**

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- 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) The fixed electrical installation should be tested every 5 years, the date of the last 5 yearly inspection could not be determined.
  - 4) 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.
  - 5) Portable heaters are not allowed in any common parts of the premises.
  - 6) Gas appliances and pipework (where installed) are subject to annual testing and certification. This cyclical contract is managed by the in-house Gas Team.
  - 7) As per tenancy agreements, flammable liquids or gas cylinders should not be stored on site.
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**Waste Control**

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- 1) Refuse containers are emptied at regular intervals.
- 2) 'Out of Hours' service in place to remove bulk items.

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# Control and Supervision of Contractors and Visitors

- 1) 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) Owing to the nature of low-rise flatted accommodation it is difficult to manage/control individual contractors/utility companies.
- 3) Hot works are not permitted unless authorisation is given via the approved officer. The hot works procedure is to be followed.
- 4) 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.
- 5) 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 – 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.

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**Arson Prevention**

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- 1) Regular checks are undertaken by Caretakers / Cleaning Team(s) 365 days per year which helps reduce the risk of arson.
  - 2) Access to the flats is restricted by a door entry system.
  - 3) There have been no reported fire incidents since the last FRA.
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## **Storage Arrangements**

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- 1) Residents are instructed not to bring L.P.G cylinders into block. This information is contained within the tenants' handbook.
  - 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) All store cupboards are kept locked, internal store cupboard doors should be upgraded to Fire Doors FD30's as part of any future refurbishment works.
  - 5) As per tenancy agreements, flammable liquids or gas cylinders should not be stored on site.
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**Additional Control Measures.**  
**Fire Risk Assessment - Level 2**  
**Action Plan**

Significant Findings

**Action Plan.**

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

Trivial       Tolerable

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 Level 2 Action Plan



Name of Premises or Location:


Grace Road, Tipton 33 - 55.

Date of Action Plan:

03/06/2024

Review Date:

<Insert date>

Question/ Ref No	Required Action	Supporting photograph	Priority	Timescale and Person Responsible	Date Completed
07/11	Repair or replace the self-closer to flat number 39.		P2	Rapid Response Team 1 – 3 months.	

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07/12	Replace the seals/strips in the front door to flat number 39.		P2	Rapid Response Team 1 – 3 months.	
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## Fire Risk Assessment

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

Smoking is taking place in the first-floor staircase area, this should be managed and monitored by the caretaker/cleaning team. Smoking should not take place in any communal areas of Local Authority Buildings. (Email sent to Housing and Caretakers team).



As part of any future door replacement programme replace timber & UPVC front entrance doors. This should be inclusive of Leaseholder properties. (Email sent to door replacement team).



As part of any future refurbishments internal store cupboard doors should be upgraded to fire doors. (FD30 doors) to provide adequate protection. (Email sent to door replacement team).

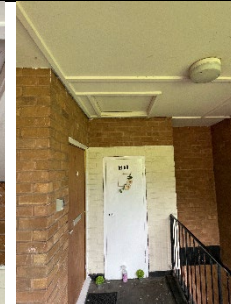






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An inspection of the roof void will be scheduled at a later date. The assessor will meet the trades team to gain access to the void, following the inspection the FRA will be updated. (Email sent to Rapid Response team).



**Signed**

 Adrian Jones	Fire Risk Assessor	Date: 03/06/2024
	Quality Assurance Check	Date: 06/06/2024

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

Name of property: 33 – 55 Grace Road, Tipton.

Updated:

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 <a href="tel:01215695077">Tel:- 0121 569 5077</a> ).

Asbestos Survey		Property Address		33-55 Grace Road, Tipton, DY4 0PG				✓ Office use
Surveyed by	Gary Carrington	Date	01/08/2022	Checked by	Derek still	Desktop Check	✓	Site Check
Reason for request		HSG 264 - Survey Report Type		Date				
Investment Void		Refurbishment Survey		Property Description				
Investment Tenanted		Management Survey	✓	LOW RISE FLATS				
R & M Void		SHAPE Interrogated.	✓					
R & M Tenanted		No Existing SHAPE Data.						
Medical / Emergency - Heating Works		Existing SHAPE Data.	✓					
Communal Areas	✓	Refurb Surveys <a href="#">Interrogated?</a>		Year Built	1964			
Notes / including details of similar property surveys completed.								
				Building Surveyors 0121 569 5077		<b>Asset Team – Investment Division</b> Operations & Development Centre Roway Lane Oldbury B69 3ES		
				