

Fire Risk Assessment

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Applewood Grove



Cradley Heath, B64 6EW.

Date Completed: 01/07/2024.

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

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Current Risk Rating = Trivial

Subsequent reviews

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

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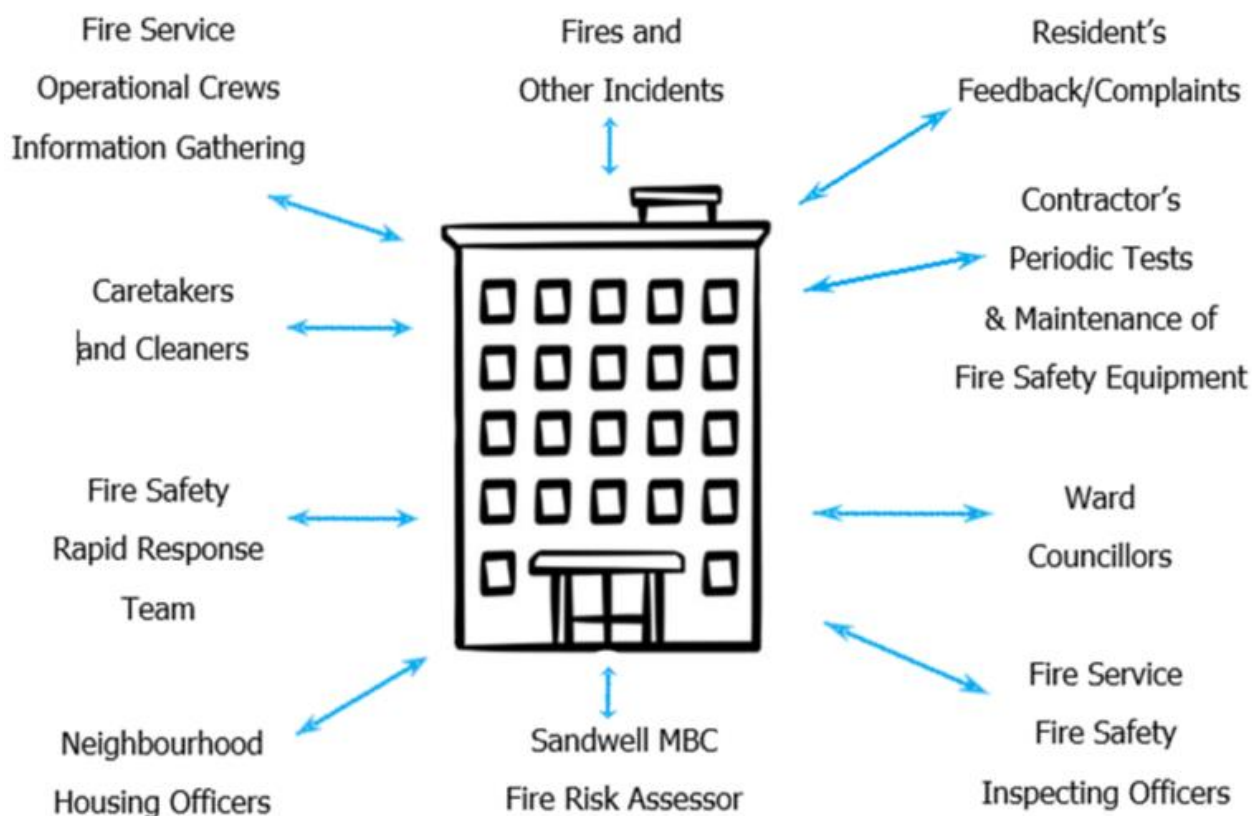
Introduction

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 or by phone on 0121 569 6000.

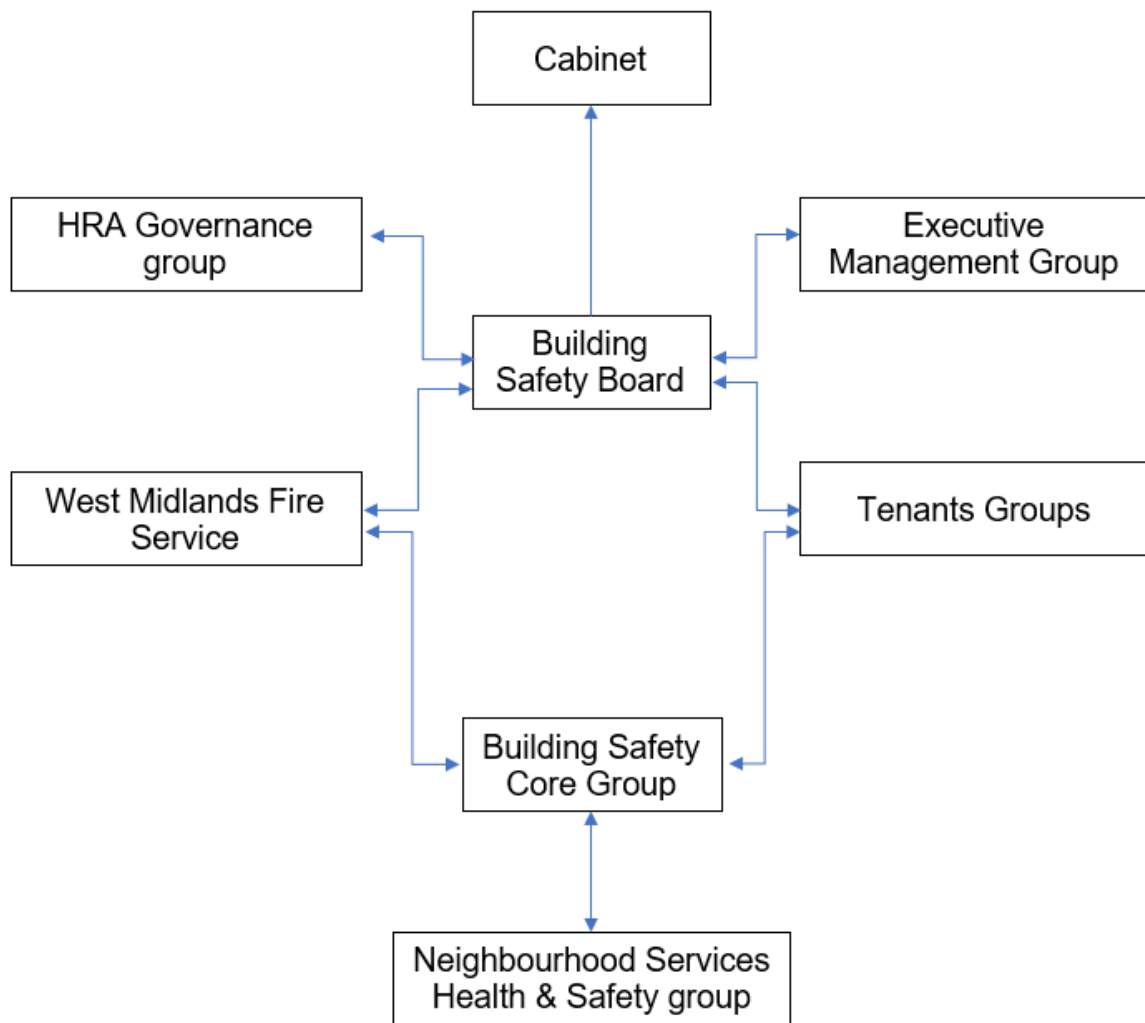
The date of the fire risk assessment is on the front page, followed by any subsequent reviews. A recurring time frame is not set in legislation. The council has procedures and policies in place that will trigger a review of the fire risk assessment. This then is recorded on the fire risk assessment. 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, Facilities and Premises Manager who reports to the Business Manager - Surveying and Fire Safety.

These managers attend the Fire Safety Core 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 [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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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 or smoke.

Section number	Section Area	Individual Risk Level
Section 6	<p>External Envelope</p> <p>Each elevation of the building comprises of traditional brick masonry.</p> <p>Externally three sides of the building have bay windows from the 1st floor. Constructed with a timber frame clad with UPVC cladding.</p> <p>Exterior doors to lift motor room are timber.</p> <p>Individual flat windows and those to communal areas are UPVC double glazed units.</p>	<p>Trivial</p>

Section 7	<p>Means of Escape from Fire</p> <p>The premise has one staircase.</p> <p>The office and ground floor flats have independent final exits.</p>	<p>Trivial</p>
Section 8	<p>Fire Detection and Alarm Systems</p> <p>LD1 detection to flats</p>	<p>Trivial</p>
Section 9	<p>Emergency Lighting</p> <p>The premise has sufficient emergency/escape lighting system in accordance with BS 5266</p>	<p>Trivial</p>
Section 10	<p>Compartmentation</p> <p>The block has sufficient compartmentation between dwellings and office.</p>	<p>Trivial</p>
Section 11	<p>Fire Fighting Equipment</p> <p>Extinguishers are located within office area and lift motor room.</p>	<p>Trivial</p>
Section 12	<p>Fire Signage</p> <p>Appropriate signage is in place.</p>	<p>Trivial</p>
Section 13	<p>Employee Training</p> <p>All staff receive basic fire safety awareness training.</p>	<p>Trivial</p>
Section 14	<p>Sources of Ignition</p> <p>The fixed electric tests should be completed every 10 years and was last completed on 30/11/2020.</p>	<p>Trivial</p>

Section 15	Waste Control Regular checks by Caretakers minimise risk of waste accumulation.	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 A door entry system prevents unauthorised access & perimeter lighting is in place. There are no signs of arson within the building or grounds.	Trivial
Section 18	Storage Arrangements Residents instructed not to bring L.P.G cylinders into block. There are no storage facilities for residents within the communal areas.	Trivial

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:

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 Tolerable Moderate Substantial Intolerable

Comments

In conclusion, the likelihood of a fire is at a low level of risk based on findings of the fire risk assessment.

After considering the use of the premise and the occupants within the building, the consequences for life safety in the event of a fire would be slight harm. This is due to there being a Stay Put Unless policy and sufficient compartmentation to include FD30s fire rated doors to flat entrances & FD30s to communal doors, combined with suitable smoke / heat detection to LD1 standard within flats. The office area has an L1 fire alarm system which is tested weekly and regular fire drills are being conducted.

Overall, the level of risk at the time of this FRA is trivial.

A suitable risk-based control plan (where applicable) 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 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

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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 is currently writing a policy and procedures for Personal Emergency Evacuation Plans (PEEPs). This is based on tenants identifying themselves as requiring a PEEP. This will be reliant on the outcomes of the government consultation which is yet to be published.

Where this is known and PEEPs have been completed, it will be captured in this fire risk assessment along with any building layout or working practices placing people at significant risk of fire.

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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

Director of Place

Alan Lunt.

**Assistant Director - Compliance
(Building Safety Manager)**

Phil Deery

Fire Safety, Facilities and Premises Manager

Tony Thompson

Team Lead Fire Safety and Facilities

Jason Blewitt

Fire Risk Assessor(s)

Carl Hill

Louis Conway

Anthony Smith

Adrian Jones.

Resident Engagement Officer - Fire Safety

Lee Mlilo

Abdul Monim Khan

Office Manager

Glyn Parton

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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Description of Premises

14-35 Applewood Grove
Cradley Heath
B64 6EW

Description of the Property

The property is for the provision of emergency housing. The occupancy figure will therefore be variable and mostly unfamiliar with the building.

The low-rise block appears to have been constructed in the late 1960s or early 1970s. Construction is of traditional masonry cavity with timber joists covered with Stramit board and pitched roofs.

The block consists of 4 storeys (inclusive of the ground floor) with 21 flats in total. Each of the floors from the first floor upwards contains 6 number single bed dwellings. The ground floor only has 3 number 3 bed dwellings, an office, a service cupboard and a toilet/shower room.

A single protected staircase serves each floor and there is one lift car also serving all floors.



The lift motor room is accessed from outside the left of the main entrance in a cupboard with a suited padlock.



The block has a main entrance to the front elevation, rear exits from each ground floor flat and a further exit at the rear of the office. The main entrance has an entry control system with firefighter override. Each lobby door to each floor also has a fob access, but each floor is different allowing residents access to their floor only.



There is a central atrium around which the flats are positioned. The atrium is separated by 30-minutes fire resistance with two diagrammatically opposite vents for the corridors to vent into. There is then sufficient venting at the atrium roof to almost match the atrium horizontal cross-sectional area.



Access to the roof is via the 3rd floor electric cupboard where a further small door provides access out on to the roof.



The electrical sub-station is located at the front of the block via the driveway to the right-hand side of the front elevation.

Externally three sides of the building have bay windows from the 1st floor. It is a timber frame clad construction with UPVC cladding. It is understood that there is a superlux board under the plasterboard at the head of each window. Any future works programme should consider replacing with non-combustible cladding.



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
Number of Floors	4
Date of Construction	
Construction Type	Traditional masonry cavity, timber joists covered with Stramit board.
Last Refurbished	2021
External Cladding	Yes- Partial
Number of Lifts	One
Number of Staircases	One
Automatic Smoke Ventilation to communal area	Yes
Fire Alarm System	Yes
Refuse Chute	No.
Access to Roof	Access from 3 rd floor electric cupboard then up vertical ladder to a short access door.
Equipment on roof (e.g. mobile phone station etc)	No

Persons at Risk

Residents / Occupants of 21 flats,

Visitors,

Sandwell MBC employees,

Contractors,

Service providers (e.g. meter readers, delivery people etc)

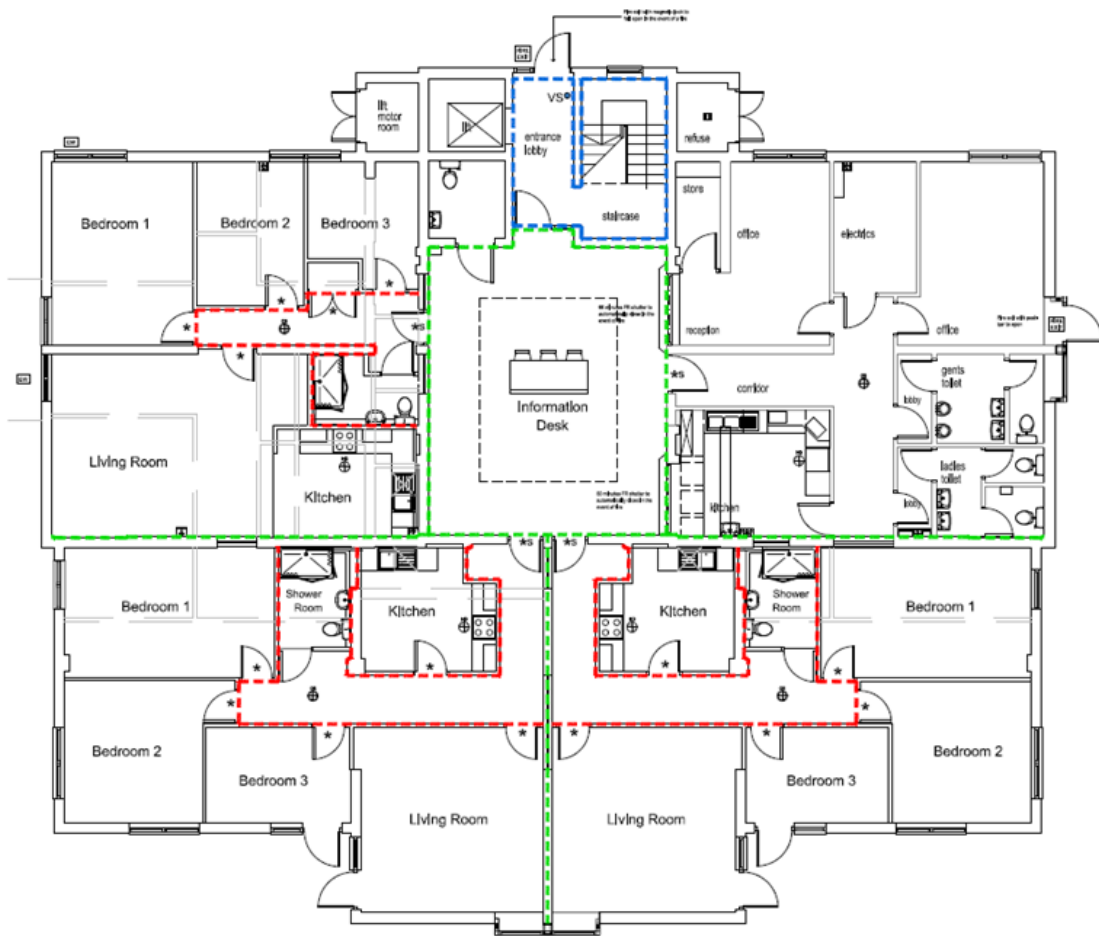
Statutory bodies (e.g. W.M.F.S, Police, and Ambulance)

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Building Plan

General typical floor layouts showing horizontal lines of compartmentation

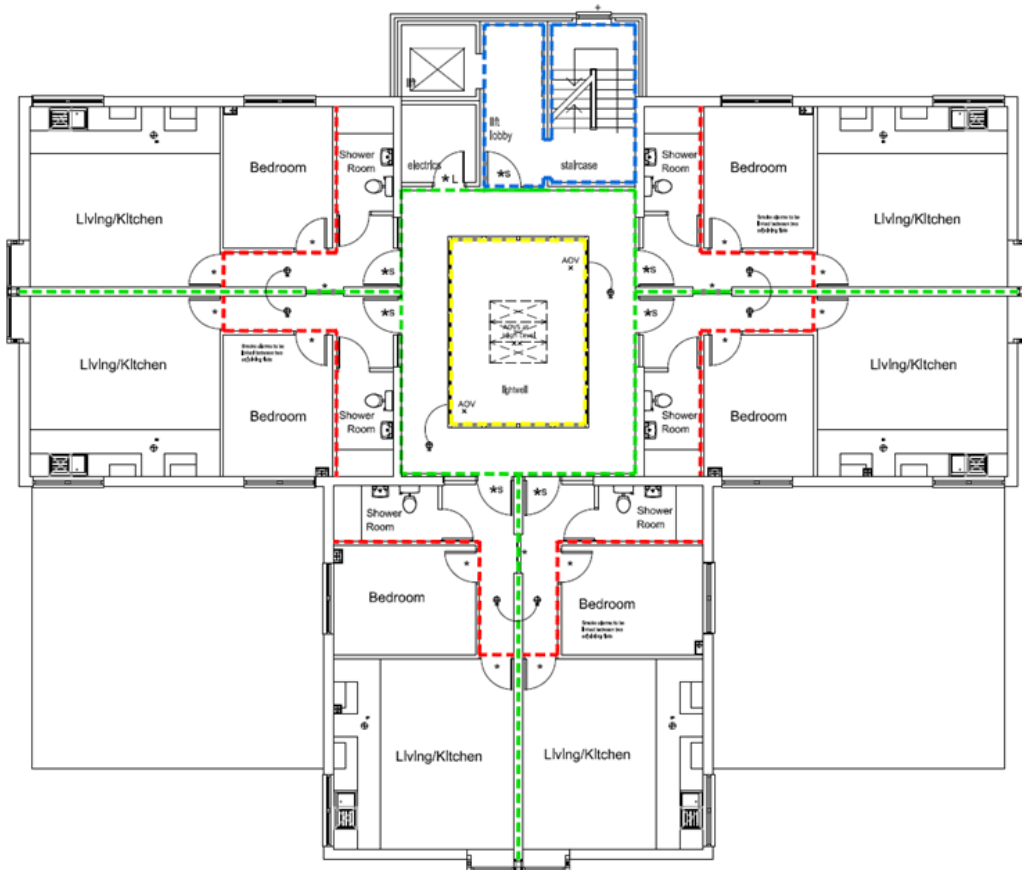
Ground Floor



Fire Risk Assessment

-  minimum 60 minutes fire resistance around staircase
-  minimum 60 minutes fire resistance around flats (excluding external walls)
-  minimum 30 minutes fire resistance within flat

Upper Floors



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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.

A breakdown of the materials present within the external envelope has been listed below. It is deemed that these materials or their combination of or application present an acceptable level of fire risk.

The exterior of the building is predominately traditional brick construction. Partial UPVC shiplap cladding is present.

At the time of writing the use of such cladding to residential building of less than 11m in height is compliant in accordance with Approved Document B Fire Safety, where a building is 1000mm or more from the relevant boundary.

1. The exterior of the building is predominately brick clad with partial UPVC cladding. As part of any future refurbishment programme consideration should be given to replacing the UPVC cladding with non-combustible cladding.



2. Windows to the individual flats are UPVC double glazed units.



3. Windows to the communal stairwells are UPVC double glazed units.



4. Doors to the lift motor room are of timber construction.



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Means of Escape from Fire

- 1) The premises has a single staircase of 930mm width that provides the means of escape.



- 2) All corridors are of adequate width (at least 1050mm) and will be maintained clear to that width as a minimum.



- 3) The furthest travel distance from a flat is just over 9 meters. However, there is the ability to go either side of the atrium. At ground floor the travel distance is just over 6 meters, but these flats also have an independent rear exit.
 - 4) None of the corridors that form part of the means of escape are dead ends.
 - 5) The means of escape are protected to prevent the spread of fire and smoke.
 - 6) The communal landing/staircases are protected by use of FD30s doors with vision panels.
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- 7) All communal doors are fitted with automatic closing devices that are checked on a regular basis by Caretaking Teams as part of their regular checks. Defective closing devices are replaced either by the Caretaking Team(s) or the in-house repairs team(s).
- 8) The main entrance door and each floor level lobby door 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) Automatic smoke ventilation is employed, both to the staircase and the flat lobbies. There are two automatic opening vents diagrammatically opposite in the flat corridor that vent into the atrium which vents from the roof. There is also an automatic opening vent at the head of the staircase. These are tested, inspected and maintained by a competent procured contractor in accordance with BS7346. The frequency for the maintenance checks are twice per year (April and October) of each calendar year.
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- 10) There are controls for the ventilation system for use by the fire service and a master reset key switch in the entrance lobby.



- 11) Communal windows can be opened without the use of a key and have restrictor devices fitted.



- 12) The Communal areas are kept free of flammable items. The communal areas are checked on a daily basis by the cleaner and all items of rubbish are immediately removed.
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- 13) Emergency lighting is provided to communal landings and stairs. The system performs continual self-testing which is relayed to the installer.



- 14) Service cupboards are FD30s rated, secured with type 54 suited mortice lock.
- 15) The surface coatings to the communal areas are believed to be Class O rated.
- 16) The building has sufficient passive controls that provides effective compartmentation in order to support a Stay Safe Policy. Therefore, residents are advised to remain in their flat unless the fire directly affects them.
- 17) Individual flat doors are FD30s rated. The design is 'Neuma' an FDS 30 composite door set manufactured and installed by Nationwide Windows and Doors. A BM Trada Q-mark registered company.



- 18) The two fire shutters separating the communal ground floor area from the office area are not currently tested as constantly in the closed position. These should be tested every six months.
- 19) Documentation in relation to weekly fire alarm testing and annual fire drills was witnessed during the fire risk assessment.
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Fire Detection and Alarm Systems

- 1) Early warning is limited to hard wired detectors within each of the resident's flats. The equipment is subjected to a cyclical test.
- 2) Based on the previous fire risk assessment the smoke alarms within resident's flats are installed to an LD1 Standard.

Important note

Flats on floors 1 to 3 are in pairs with an interconnecting door so that two 1x bed flats can become 1x 3 bed flat. This means that as a single large flat the fire alarm needs to alert people of both parts as one zone. This is achieved by wireless link which is activated on a detector in each part where required. As a single zone, both flats should evacuate simultaneously. All other flats maintain the Stay put unless policy.

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 other than the office (aside from any smoke detection to activate AOVs). 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.
 - 4) There is also a fire alarm system to provide protection to the ground floor offices. This is separate to that for the flats. The main panel at the front entrance does though also display signals received from the activation of the heat detector at the flat front doors.
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Emergency Lighting

- 1) The premises have a sufficient emergency / escape lighting system in accordance with BS 5266 and has test points strategically located.
- 2) The combined and self-contained units are provided to the communal landings, office, stairs and lift motor room.



- 3) All installed lighting equipment is continually self-checked and connected by sim card to the installer. Any issues are highlighted to the installer who is contracted to make the necessary repairs.
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Section 10

Compartmentation

This section should be read in conjunction with Section 4

- 1) The building is designed to provide as a minimum 60 minutes vertical fire resistance and 60 minutes horizontal fire resistance (aside from the front door).
- 2) The premises have sufficient compartmentation to limit the travel and effect of smoke and flame in event of a fire. 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 fire stopping.
- 3) All communal doors fitted with automatic closing devices. These 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).
- 4) All service cupboards to communal landings are lockable.
- 5) A variety of methods / materials have been used to achieve fire-stopping, refer to the tables below.

Floor/No	Electrical					Lift Motor Room					Electric Meter Cupboard					Fire Stopping Materials					Floor/No										
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	Supalux	Intu Batt	Intu Spange	Intu AM Mastic	Graphite Filler	Intu Pads	Intu Pillow	Intu Wraps	Redkwool	Supalux	Intu Batt	Intu Spange	Intu AM Mastic	Graphite Filler	Intu Pads	Intu Pillow	Intu Wraps	Redkwool	Supalux	Intu Batt		Intu Spange	Intu AM Mastic	Graphite Filler	Intu Pads	Intu Pillow	Intu Wraps	Redkwool			
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- 6) The Individual flat entrance doors are FD30s rated composite fire door construction.

- 7) Each flat has a meter box fitted in the corridor. These are of metal construction and have been fire stopped where cables pass through.



- 8) There is a central atrium through the building which is enclosed in fire resisting construction. The glazing is marked identifying it as such.



- 9) The corridors / staircases are protected by use of FD30 fire doors with vision panels.



- 10) The office and kitchen each have fire shutters that will activate upon smoke (office) or heat(kitchen) detection



Section

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Fire Fighting Equipment

- 1) A portable fire extinguisher (CO2) is provided to the lift motor room.
A portable fire extinguisher (CO2 and Foam) is provided to the office. Contracts are in place for maintenance of the extinguisher. The frequency for the maintenance checks is once (October) of each calendar year.

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Fire Signage

- 1) All fire doors display “Fire Door Keep Shut” where appropriate.



- 2) Directional fire escape signage is installed.



- 3) Fire Action Notices are displayed throughout the building.



- 4) Yellow LPG sign displayed in lift.
 - 5) Floor indicator numbers are fitted to the wall opposite the lift car on each floor.
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- 6) No smoking signage fitted in-line with Smoke Free England regulations 2006.



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) Office staff are required to have nominated persons as fire wardens and be trained to use fire extinguishers.
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Sources of Ignition

- 1) Smoking is prohibited within any communal parts of the building. There are “no smoking” signage on the entrances to the block to satisfy the legislative requirements under “Smoke Free England
- 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 10 years. It was noted that the last inspection was completed on 30/11/2020 and next inspection due 29/11/2030.

APPROVED CONTRACTOR
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This certificate is not valid if the serial number has been defaced or altered. 201461 SCR18

ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION CERTIFICATE
Issued in accordance with BS 7671:2018 - Requirements for Electrical Installations

PART 1: DETAILS OF THE CONTRACTOR, CLIENT AND INSTALLATION

DETAILS OF THE CONTRACTOR Registration No: 98332 Branch No*: N/A Trading Title: Electrical Installations Ltd Address: Unit 7, Wharfedale Road, Wakefield, West Yorkshire Postcode: WF1 3TZ Tel No: (01924) 496201	DETAILS OF THE CLIENT Contractor Reference Number (CRN): N/A Name: Standard MRC Address: Project Management, Investment Division, Rensay Lane, Oldbury Postcode: BB3 3EJ Tel No: N/A	DETAILS OF THE INSTALLATION Occupier: Tenant Address: Flat 14, Old Commercial Area, Applemore Grove, Cradley Heath, West Midlands Postcode: B34 8EW Tel No: N/A
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PART 2: DETAILS OF THE ELECTRICAL WORK COVERED BY THIS INSTALLATION CERTIFICATE

Date works completed: 20/11/2020

The installation is:-
 New
 An addition
 An alteration
 Replacement of a distribution board

Description and extent of the installation covered by this certificate:
 Installation of new distribution board: 100/200 - 200 CP
 Re-wiring of office and communal area lighting and power
 Re-wiring external lights.

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PART 3: NEXT INSPECTION OF THE ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION

10 years

PART 4: DECLARATION FOR THE ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION WORK (this option may be used where the design, construction, inspection & testing have been the responsibility of one person)

DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, INSPECTION & TESTING (The extent of liability of the signatories is limited to the work detailed in PART 2)
 I, being the person responsible for the design, construction, inspection and testing of the electrical installation, particulars of which are described in PART 2, having exercised reasonable skill and care when carrying out the design and additionally where this certificate applies to an addition or alteration, having confirmed that the safety of the existing installation is not impaired, hereby CERTIFY that the design, construction, inspection and testing for which I have been responsible is to the best of my knowledge and belief in accordance with BS 7671:2018, amended to 2020 (where applicable) except for the departures, if any, detailed on attached page(s) 0/20/Regulations 533.3, 533.3.2 and 533.3.3
 Permitted exemption applied (531.3.2): N/A Risk assessment attached: Page No(s): 0/0 Where selectively required, details of the verification appended (528.4): Page No(s): 0/0

Name (capital): MR STEPHEN BANC Signature: [Signature] Date: 20/11/2020

REVIEWED BY QUALIFIED SUPERVISOR
 Name (capital): MR STEPHEN BANC Signature: [Signature] Date: 20/11/2020

Where applicable: The proposed date for the next inspection should take into consideration any legislative or statutory requirements and the frequency and quality of maintenance that the installation can reasonably be expected to receive during its intended life. The period should be agreed between relevant parties.

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- 5) The electrical installation i.e. risers are contained within dedicated service cupboards that are secure and protected by means of a FD30s door fitted with a suited 54 mortice lock.

- 6) Portable heaters are not allowed in any common parts of the premises.
- 7) There is no lighting protection to the premises.

Section 15

Waste Control

- 1) There is a regular Cleaning Service to the premises.



- 2) Refuse containers are emptied regularly.
- 3) Regular checks by Caretakers minimise risk of waste accumulation.
- 4) External refuse containers were secured in position.



**Section
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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) Hot works are not permitted unless authorisation is given via the approved officer. The hot works procedure is to be followed.
 - 3) Owing to the nature of Low-Rise flatted accommodation, it is difficult to manage / control individual contractors / utility companies.
 - 4) However, utility companies are not allowed to access any service cupboard or secure area. They must request and collect maintenance keys from the local housing team. 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 – 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
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Arson Prevention

- 1) Regular checks are undertaken by Caretakers / Cleaning Team(s) 365 days per year which helps reduce the risk of arson.
- 2) Restricted access to the premises by means of a door entry system.



- 3) There is CCTV system in place.



- 4) The perimeter of the premises is well illuminated.
 - 5) 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) All store cupboards are kept locked.
 - 5) There are no flammable liquids or gas cylinders stored on site.
 - 6) During the fire risk assessment, it was noted that items are being stored within the electric cupboards on several levels. These items should be stored within the external metal storage container.
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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:

14-35 Applewood Grove

Date of Action Plan:

02/07/2024

Review Date:

<Insert date>

Question/ Ref No	Required Action	Supporting photograph	Priority	Timescale and Person Responsible	Date Completed
	No Actions				





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	
External UPVC Cladding to be replaced with non-combustible board.	Upgrade as part of next improvement works

Signed


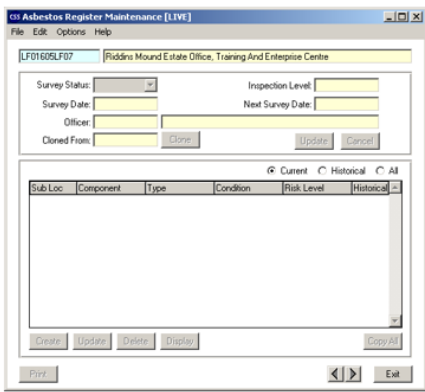

	Fire Risk Assessor	Date: 02/07/2024
	Premise Manager	Date: 02/07/2024

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

Name of property: **Applewood Grove 14-35**

Updated: **Premise Manager: Tony Thompson** Tel. No.: **0121 569 2975**

Hazard	Location	Information/Comments
An asbestos survey has been undertaken and no suspected A.C.M.'s were found to any of the communal areas. Survey held by S.M.B.C. Investment Division (Derek Still Tel:- 0121 569 5077).		

Asbestos Survey		Property Address		14-35, Applewood Grove, Cradley Heath, B64 6EW		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Office use
Prepared by	John Davis	Date	25/07/11	Checked by	Derek Still	
Sampled by		Date		Date	09/11/11	
Type of Work to be undertaken		HSG 264 - Survey Report Type		Property Description		
For Purpose of Lift Maintenance Contract	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Refurbishment Survey		Four Storey Low Rise Block		
R & M Void		Management Survey				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
R & M Tenanted		SHAPE Interrogated?				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
SHAPE – ASBESTOS REGISTER EXTRACT				YEAR BUILT	1967	
				Notes SURVEY OF LIFT AND LIFT MOTOR ROOM ONLY. Reviewed by Dave Jasper on 23/06/2022 This is now 14-35 Applewood Grove		
				Building Surveyors 0121 569 5077		Asset Team – Investment Division 5 – 14 South Road Smethwick B67 7BN
						

Fire Risk Assessment

Sample Locations	Property Address	Applewood Grove, Cradley Heath, B64 6EW.							✓
LOCATION	MATERIAL	S P	EXTENT <small>(approx)</small>	SURFACE TREATMENT	SAMPLE REF	RESULT	HSE NOTIFY	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									
NO SUSPECTED A.C.M.'S									
ITEMS SHOWN BELOW HAVE BEEN ASSESSED ON SITE BY THE ASBESTOS SURVEYOR & ARE CONFIRMED NOT TO BE ACM'S.									
LOCATION DESCRIPTION	MATERIAL	LOCATION DESCRIPTION	MATERIAL	LOCATION DESCRIPTION	MATERIAL				
LIFT MOTOR ROOM CEILING	SUPALUX								
LIFT MOTOR ROOM FLOOR	CONCRETE								
LIFT MOTOR ROOM DOORS	TIMBER								
LIFT MOTOR ROOM WALLS	BLOCK								

