Fire Risk Assessment Rutland Road



Flats 1 – 7 & 9 – 15, Rutland Road, Wednesbury, WS10 0SR.

Date Completed: 16/08/2024. Review Period: 3 years. Officer: A Jones Fire Risk Assessor Checked By: C. Hill Fire Risk Assessor

Current Risk Rating = Trivial



Subsequent reviews.

| Review date | <u>Officer</u> | <u>Comments</u> |
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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 electronically https://www.wmfs.net/our-services/fireor on safety/#reportfiresafety. In the first instance however, we would be you contact grateful if could 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, but the Council will as a minimum review:

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

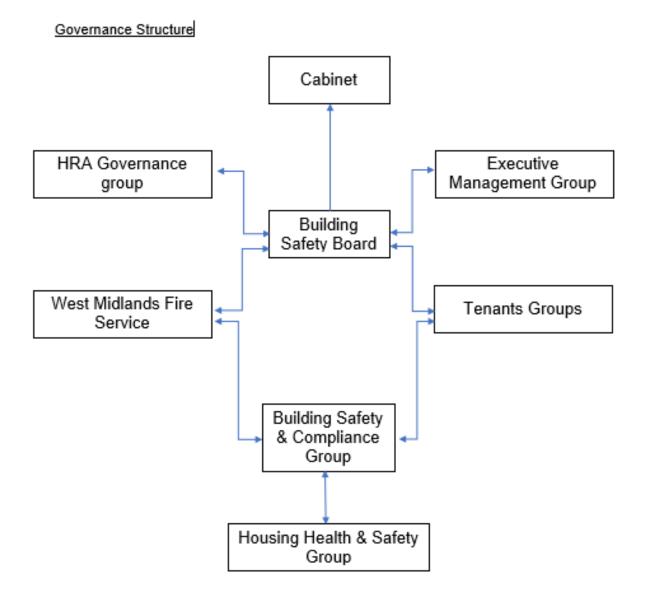
The council has procedures and policies in place that will trigger a review of the fire risk assessment. This then is recorded on the fire risk assessment. If the review suggests the fire risk assessment is not currently suitable and sufficient, then a new fire risk assessment will be undertaken and 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 exterior of the buildings is predominantly traditional brick, concrete construction with pitched, tiled roof and a rendered finish. Individual flat windows are UPVC double glazed units. Staircase windows are a combination of UPVC double (openable) glazed units and timber single glazed (fixed) Georgian wired glass. | Trivial |

| Section 7 | Means of Escape from Fire The means of escape staircase incorporates a final exit. | Trivial |
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| Section 8 | Fire Detection and Alarm Systems Early warning is limited to hard wired or battery smoke alarms within each of the resident's flats. | Trivial |
| Section 9 | Emergency Lighting Emergency lighting is provided in the staircase. Servicing & maintenance is carried out at regular intervals in accordance with BS5266. | Trivial |
| Section 10 | Compartmentation 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. | Trivial |
| Section 11 | Fire Fighting Equipment No firefighting provisions are provided within the premise. | Trivial |
| Section 12 | Fire Signage Appropriate signage is in place, no further action required. | Trivial |
| Section 13 | Employee Training All staff receive basic fire safety awareness training. | Trivial |
| Section 14 | Sources of Ignition The fixed electrical installation should be tested every 5 years. At the time of the assessment, it was determined that the last EICR inspection of electrical equipment was conducted; Block $1 - 7$, $16/08/2024$ & Block 9 - 15, $06/07/2020$. | Trivial |
| Section 15 | Waste Control Regular cleaning services take place at the block and regular checks from caretakers help with waste control at the block. | Trivial |

| Section 16 | Control and Supervision of Contractors and Visitors Contractors are controlled centrally, and hot works permits are required where necessary. | Trivial |
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| Section 17 | tion 17 Arson Prevention A secure door entry system is provided to the premise at the front elevation to restrict unwanted access. | |
| Section 18 | Storage Arrangements Residents should not store fuel or LPG Cylinders in their home or storage facilities. This documented in the tenancy agreement. | 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 | 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 \boxtimes Medium \square High \square

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. |
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| 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 \boxtimes 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 |
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| | 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 🗆 |
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Comments:

In conclusion, the likelihood of a fire is at a low level of risk prior to the implementation of the action plan because of the unusually low likelihood of fire because of negligible potential sources of ignition that have been highlighted within the risk assessment.

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 low 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:

| 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. 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.)

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 deadend 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.

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

Directorate 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

Abdul Monim Khan Lee Mlilo

Housing Office Manager

Lennox Thompson

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



Description of Premises

Flats 1 - 7 & 9 - 15, Rutland Road, Wednesbury, WS10 0SR.

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 of flats constitutes two storeys (inclusive of the ground floor), each of the floors contain two dwellings. The building was constructed circa 1961.

The buildings are of traditional brick, concrete construction, double glazed UPVC window frames surmounted by a pitched, tiled roof. It appears that insulation has been added to the external face and finished with render.



All residential windows are UPVC double glazed units.



The blocks have a main entrance to the front elevation and further exit doors located on the rear elevation. The front entrances have door entry system with a fob reader installed, there is a fire service drop key for emergency/trade access. The rear entrances in each block have two UPVC doors that have thumb turns to lock the doors.



The buildings have a single staircase that serves dwellings on both floors.



Communal staircase windows are a combination of UPVC double glazed and single glazed timber frames with Georgian wired glass.



There are store cupboards located on the ground floor.



The rear gardens are secured by fencing, the access point for the rear gardens is either timber side gate(s), which were unlocked at the time of the assessment or access through the main building using the rear door.



It is understood that the main incoming electrical supply providing electricity to all flats in block 1 - 7 is located in flat 7. It is not known where the incoming supply is located in blocks 9 15.

With regard to waste, residents use wheely bins, these were located at the side of the premise away from the access and egress doors.



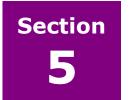
There are two driveways set out on the front elevation for the use of residents.



| High/Low Rise | Low Rise |
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| Number of Floors | 2 |
| Date of Construction | 1961 |
| Construction Type | Wimpey |
| Last Refurbished | 2016 |
| External Cladding | External Wall Insulation |
| Number of Lifts | None |
| Number of Staircases | One |
| Automatic Smoke Ventilation to | None |
| communal area | |
| Fire Alarm System | None |
| Refuse Chute | None |
| Access to Roof | Loft hatch on first floor |
| Equipment on roof (e.g. mobile | None |
| phone station etc) | |

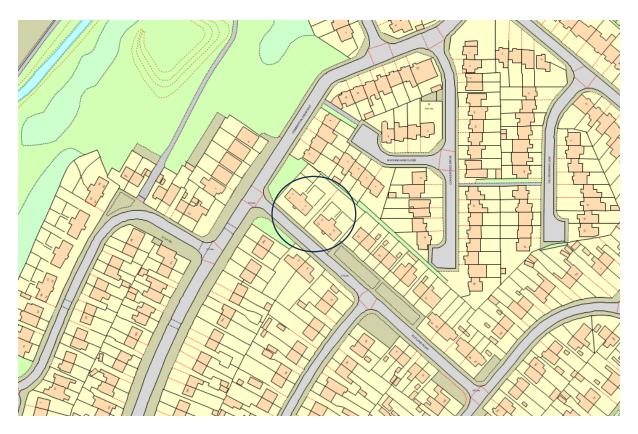
Persons at Risk

Residents / Occupants of 8 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)



Building Plan

A general plan showing the building location.



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 premises is predominantly traditional brick, concrete construction, surmounted by a pitched tiled roof. All elevations are covered in render.



2) Individual flat windows are UPVC double glazed window frames.



3) The staircase windows in the communal area are a combination of UPVC double glazed windows and timber single glazed window frames. The UPVC double glazed window is openable and could be used to ventilate the communal area in an emergency.

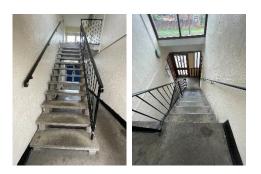


4) There are no balconies on any elevation of these buildings.



Means of Escape from Fire

1) The building has a single staircase that provides the means of escape. The staircase is of adequate width (at least 900mm) and must be maintained clear to that width as a minimum.



2) The final exit doors from staircases have door entry systems installed for the purpose of entry to the building. On exit, the mechanism is designed to allow free access to outside areas.



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



4) An automatic smoke ventilation system is not commissioned; however, staircase windows are openable and could be used to ventilate the communal area in an emergency.



- 5) Surface coatings to the walls in the communal areas appear to be Class 0 rated.
- 6) The building has sufficient passive controls that provide effective compartmentation in order to support a Stay Put Policy Therefore residents are advised to remain in their flat unless the fire directly affects them.
- 7) The means of escape are protected to prevent the spread of fire and smoke with nominal type composite type entrance doors.



8) At the time of the fire risk assessment, the assessor spoke with resident from Flat 1 who provided information on their flat entrance door. This was to establish whether or not the doors have not been tampered with by residents etc. The door performed well having a self-closer & intumescent strip.



9) The premises have emergency lighting installed.



- 10) Any communal fire doors are subject to an annual check by the Fire Safety Rapid Response Team.
- 11) The fire rating of individual door mats outside flat entrance doors is unknown.





Fire Detection and Alarm Systems

- 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 of flat number 1 who confirmed that smoke detection was located in the Hallway, Living room & Kitchen.
- 3) Therefore, based on the above point, it should be assumed that smoke detection in resident's flats is installed to a 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 other 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.



- 1. The premises do have emergency lighting installed.
- 2. Servicing, maintenance, and an annual test of the system has been carried out in August 2024; this is in accordance with BS5266.

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) Generally, the means of escape is protected from flats with the use of nominal rated composite doors. These doors should either be upgraded to certified FD30's when any future upgrades of the building are carried out or, FD30s certifiaction of the current doors should be provided.



 All front entrance doors appear to be nominal composite fire rated FD 30's. Refer to the sheet below.

| Block Name | . T | Place-Re 🔻 | Address | Ŧ | Front Door Type | - | Glazed / Not Glazed |
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| Rutland Road 1-7 (O) | | BL42120RU07 | 1-7 Rutland Road;Wednesbury;West Midlands;; | | Intentionally Bla | ank | |
| Rutland Road 1-7 (O) | | BL42120RU07 | 1 Rutland Road;Wednesbury;West Midlands;; | | Composite door | - I | Partially glazed |
| Rutland Road 1-7 (O) | | BL42120RU07 | 3 Rutland Road;Wednesbury;West Midlands;; | | Composite door | - I | Partially glazed |
| Rutland Road 1-7 (O) | | BL42120RU07 | 5 Rutland Road;Wednesbury;West Midlands;; | | Composite door | - I | Partially glazed |
| Rutland Road 1-7 (O) | | BL42120RU07 | 7 Rutland Road;Wednesbury;West Midlands;; | | Composite door | - 1 | Partially glazed |
| Rutland Road 9-15 (O) | | BL42120RU10 | 9-15 Rutland Road;Wednesbury;West Midlands;; | Intentionally Blank | | | |
| Rutland Road 9-15 (O) | | BL42120RU10 | 9 Rutland Road;Wednesbury;West Midlands;; | | Composite Door | r I | Not glazed |
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| Rutland Road 9-15 (O) | | BL42120RU10 | 15 Rutland Road;Wednesbury;West Midlands;; | | Composite Door | r I | Not glazed |

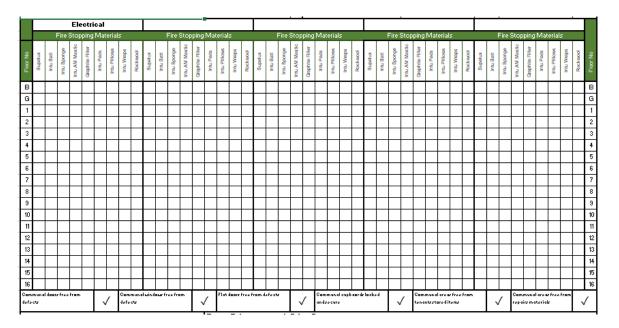
It is accepted that, in older blocks, fire doors, particularly flat entrance doors, do not meet current test standards for FD30S doors. However, these doors may still be acceptable if the doors remain in good condition, and they met the relevant standards at the time of construction of the block.

- 4) The fire stopping / compartmentation of the premises is subject to an annual inspection by the Fire Safety Rapid Response Team.
- 5) 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.
- 6) Access to the roof space could not be gained at the time of the assessment. A future date will be agreed where the Assessor will meet the trades team at the premise to conduct a survey of the Roof void.



7) A variety of methods / materials have been used to achieve firestopping, refer to table(s) below.

Building 1 - 7.



Building 9 -15.

| | | | | Ele | ectri | ical | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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Fire Fighting Equipment

- 1) No firefighting provisions are provided within the premise.
- 2) The closest firefighting hydrant is located close to the junction of Rutland Road & Pemberton Crescent.



- 1) 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.



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.
- 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.





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 conducted. 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. At the time of the assessment, it was confirmed that the last electrical installation conditioning report (EICR) was carried out on:

Block 1 - 7, EICR conditioning report was carried out on 16/08/2024. Block 9 - 15, EICR conditioning report was conducted on 06/07/2020.

- 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 inhouse Gas Team.
- 7) As per tenancy agreements, flammable liquids or gas cylinders should not be stored on site.



Waste Control

- 1) Refuse containers are emptied at regular intervals.
- 2) With regard to waste, residents utilise wheely bins, these are located at the side of the premise away from access and egress doors. However, it was noted that both blocks had refuse bins outside either the main entrance or rear entrance doors. Therefore, all refuse bins should be relocated and stored away from the main access doors. (Email sent to Housing).



3) There is an 'Out of Hours' service in place to remove bulk items.

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) 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 local housing office. 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.



Arson Prevention

- 1) Regular checks are undertaken by Caretakers / Cleaning Team(s) 365 days per year which helps reduce the risk of arson.
- 2) There is restricted access to the premises by means of an electronic door entry system.
- 3) There have been no reported fire incidents since the last FRA.

Storage Arrangements

- 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) Most store/service cupboards are kept locked, these doors were in good condition at the time of the assessment.
- 5) As per tenancy agreements, flammable liquids or gas cylinders should not be stored on site.

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

Significant Findings

Action Plan.

Section

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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 Level 2 Action Plan



Name of Premises or Location:

Flats 1 – 7 & 9 – 15, Rutland Road, Wednesbury.

Date of Action Plan:

21/08/2024

Review Date:

<Insert date>

| Question/ Ref No | Required Action | Supporting photograph | Priority | Timescale and Person Responsible | Date Completed |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|--------------|--|-------------------|
| | | No Actions | s to record. | | |

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 | |
|---|--|
| Internal store cupboards doors should be upgraded to FD30s as part of next improvement works programme. | |
| Access to the roof space could not be gained at the time of the assessment. A future date will be agreed where the Assessor will meet the trades team at the premise to carry out a survey of the Roof void. | |
| Waste bins were located in close proximity to the main access and egress doors. Email has been sent to the Housing Manager to address this point. | |

| Flat entrance doors should either be upgraded to certified FD30's when any future upgrades of the building are carried out or, FD30s certification of the current doors should be provided. | |
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Signed

| Xel Ademi Jowes | Fire Risk Assessor | Date: 27/08/2024 |
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| Chill | Quality Assurance Check | Date: 28/08/2024 |

Appendix 1

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

Name of property: Flats 1 - 7 & 9 - 15, Rutland Road, Wednesbury.

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 <u>Tel:-</u> 0121 569 5077). |

| Asbestos Survey | / | Property Address | 1-7 Rutlar | nd Ro | ad, Wednesbury | WS10 0TR. | | | | √ Office use |
|--|--------|---|---------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|--|--------------|------|----------------|--|
| Surveyed by Gary Car | ringto | on Date | 18/03/14 | | Checked by | DEREK STILL | Desktop Chec | * 🗸 | Site Che | eck |
| Reason for request | | HSG 264 - Su | vey Report Ty | /pe | Date | 21/05/2020 | | | 1 | |
| Investment Void | | Refurbishment S | urvey | | Prope | erty Description | 1000 | | | |
| Investment Tenanted | | Management Su | rvey | 1 | | | | | - | |
| R & M Void | | SHAPE Interroga | ited. | \checkmark | | | | | | THI |
| R & M Tenanted | | No Existing SHA | PE Data. | | 2 | Storey Block | | | | |
| Medical / Emergency - Heating Works | | Existing SHAPE | Data. | \checkmark | | | | | | a contraction of the second se |
| Communal Areas | 1 | Refurb Surveys I | nterrogated ? | | | | Year B | uilt | 19 | 961 |
| Control and Process Control Proces Control Process Control Process | | | | | No access to | ding details of similar ground floor store sh tARRISON – 09/08/2022. | eds. | _ | | |
| ACB OPBIGARD ANK SC DECCT CHE EX BAINN/ CHE R0 ROOFC CHE R15 LINSUL CHC Deale Updale Deale | | GODD NONE GODD NONE GODD NONE GODD NONE GODD NONE | | | Building Surveyo 0121 569 5077 | Metropoliton B | dwell | | velopme Rov | Division nt Centre way Lane Oldbury B69 3ES |

| Sample Locations | | Prope Addre | | 7 Rutlan | nd Road, Wed | nesbury, WS1 | 10 0TR. | | | |
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| LOCATION | | MAT | ERIAL | QTY | SURFACE TREATMEN | SAMPLE REF | RESULT | HSE NOTIF Y | Labeled ? | ACTION TAKEN ON CONTRACT |
| IF DURING THE COURSE OF WOR | K SUSF | PECTED A | CM'S ARE I | ENTIFIE | D THAT ARE NO | | WITHIN THIS REP | ORT ST | OP W | ORK & SEEK ADVICE |
| STORE SHED CEILINGS | | CE | MENT | - | UNSEALED | DS360 | CHRYSOTILE | NO | - | - |
| COMMUNAL WALLS | | TEXTURE | D COATING | - | SEALED | GC470 / 1 | NO ASBESTOS DETECTED | - | - | - |
| COMMUNAL CEILINGS | | TEXTURE | D COATING | - | SEALED | GC470 / 2 | NO ASBESTOS DETECTED | - | - | - |
| REAR CEILING ADJACENT TO STORE SHE | DS | BC | ARD | 3 m² | SEALED | GC470 / 3 | CHRYSOTILE | YES | - | - |
| MAIN ROOF SOFFITS | | 80 | ARD | - | SEALED | - | - | | | NOW PVC |
| No. 3 - FRONT DOOR FRAME SEALANT | | MA | STIC | - | SEALED | SH662/001 | NO ASBESTOS DETECTED | - | - | - |
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| LOCATION DESCRIPTION | MAT | FERIAL | LOCAT | TION DES | CRIPTION | MATERIAL | LOCATIO | N DESC | RIPTI | ON MATERIAL |
| REAR STORE SHEDS ROOF | MINE | RAL FELT | | | | | | | | |
| REAR STORE SHEDS -FRAMES | NO S | EALANT | | | | | | | | |
| REAR DOOR FRAMES - SEALANT | SIL | ICONE | | | | | | | | |
| DOOR ENTRY - FRAME SEALANT | SIL | LICONE | | | | | | | | |
| ALL FRONT DOOR FRAMES EXCEPT No.3 - SEALANT | ICONE | | | | | | | | | |

| Asbestos Survey | F | Property Address | 9-15 Rutla | nd R | oad, Wednesbur | y, WS10 0TR. | | | | √ Office use |
|---|---------|---|--------------|--------------|-------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Surveyed by Gary Carr | ingto | n Date 1 | 8/03/14 | | Checked by | Derek still | Desktop Check | \checkmark | Site Che | ck |
| Reason for request | | HSG 264 - Surve | ey Report Ty | pe | Date | 21/05/2020 | | 1 | 2.4 | |
| Investment Void | | Refurbishment Sur | vey | | Prope | erty Description | | | 1 | |
| Investment Tenanted | | Management Surve | еу | \checkmark | | | | | | Toronto a |
| R & M Void | | SHAPE Interrogate | ed. | \checkmark | | | | H | | - |
| R & M Tenanted | | No Existing SHAPE | E Data. | | 2 | Storey Block | Sec. | | - | |
| Medical / Emergency - Heating Works | | Existing SHAPE Da | ata. | \checkmark | | | | - | | AU GALERY |
| Communal Areas | < | Refurb Surveys Inte | errogated ? | | | | Year Bu | ilt | 19 |)6 <mark>1</mark> |
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| Sample Locations | | Prope Addre | | -15 Rutla | nd Road, Wed | inesbury, WS | 10 0TR. | | | |
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| LOCATION | | MAT | ERIAL | QTY | SURFACE TREATMENT | SAMPLE | RESULT | HSE NOTIF Y | Labeled ? | ACTION TAKEN ON CONTRACT |
| IF DURING THE COURSE OF WOR | K SUSF | PECTED A | CM'S ARE | IDENTIFIE | D THAT ARE NO | | WITHIN THIS REP | ORT ST | OP W (| ORK & SEEK ADVICE |
| STORE SHED CEILINGS | | CEI | MENT | - | UNSEALED | DS360 | CHRYSOTILE | NO - | | - |
| COMMUNAL WALLS | | TEXTURE | D COATING | - | SEALED | GC471 / 1 | NO ASBESTOS DETECTED | - | - | - |
| COMMUNAL CEILINGS | | TEXTURE | D COATING | - | SEALED | GC471/2 | NO ASBESTOS DETECTED | - | - | - |
| REAR CEILING ADJACENT TO STORE SHE | DS | BC | ARD | 3 m² | SEALED | GC471/3 | CHRYSOTILE | YES | - | - |
| MAIN ROOF SOFFITS | | 80 | ARD | - | SEALED | - | - | - | - | NOW PVC |
| No. 9 - FRONT DOOR FRAME SEALANT | | МА | STIC | - | SEALED | SH663/001 | NO ASBESTOS DETECTED | - | - | - |
| No.11 - FRONT DOOR FRAME SEALANT | | МА | STIC | - | SEALED | SH664/001 | NO ASBESTOS DETECTED | - | - | - |
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| ITEMS SHOWN BELO | W HAV | E BEEN A | SSESSED | ON SITE B | Y THE ASBESTO | S SURVEYOR | & ARE CONFIRME | ED NOT | то ве | ACM's. |
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| REAR STORE SHEDS -FRAMES | NO S | EALANT | | | | | | | | |
| REAR DOOR FROMES - SEALANT | SIL | ICONE | | | | | | | | |
| DOOR ENTRY - FRAME SEALANT | SIL | ICONE | | | | | | | | |
| ALL FRONT DOOR FRAMES EXCEPT No.9 AND 11- SEALANT | SIL | ICONE | | | | | | | | |