

Futures Fire Risk Assessment

Futures Homeway, Henry Smith House:
NN11 9BP, - UPRN: 1979990 / 171955 /
QA Approved / Piotr Iwan

Complete

Flagged items	2	Actions	23
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SITE NAME:

Futures Homeway, Henry Smith
House: NN11 9BP, - UPRN:
1979990, Fire Risk Assessments,
Futures Homeway

PROPERTY IMAGE



Photo 1

UPRN:	1979990
JOB NUMBER:	171955
FRA COMPLETED BY:	Pennington Choices Limited
FIRE RISK ASSESSOR NAME:	Lee Grint
INSPECTION DATE:	7 Dec 2023
REPORT STATUS:	QA Approved
REASSESSMENT PRIORITY	High - 1 Year
VALID TO: (QA Use Only)	16 Jan 2025
VALIDATION DATE: (QA Use Only)	16 Jan 2024
VALIDATED BY: (QA Use Only)	Piotr Iwan
VALIDATOR'S SIGNATURE: (QA Use Only)	



Photo 2

Flagged items & Actions

2 flagged, 23 actions

Flagged items

2 flagged, 0 actions

Assessment Risk Ratings / Premises Risk Rating

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

MODERATE

Assessment Risk Ratings

On satisfactory completion of all remedial works the risk rating of this building may be reduced to

TOLERABLE

Other actions

23 actions

Detailed Risk Assessment Part 2 / E - Cooking / E1

Are reasonable measures in place to prevent fires as a result of cooking, including replacing filter(where necessary)?

No

A communal kitchen is located on the ground floor via the communal lounge.

Heat detection noted to be installed to the communal kitchen.

The kitchen was installed with 2no electric ovens, 1no electric hob, 2no microwaves and a toaster. No open flame methods of cooking were noted at the time of the assessment.

A commercial extraction and filtration unit was installed above the ovens. A visual inspection found this to be clean in the drip trays and filters. There was no evidence at the time of the assessment to suggest that the extraction unit is adequately serviced.

The kitchen was noted to be installed with manual fire extinguishers and a fire blanket. See R1.

The kitchen was installed with automatic smoke/heat detection.



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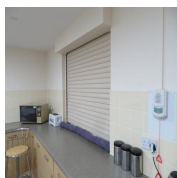


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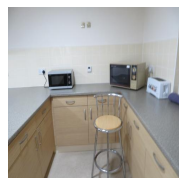


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E1

To prevent fire from spreading within the duct work it is recommended that the duct work is inspected regularly to identify the level of grease built up within the duct work and when there is an excessive build up the duct work is to be cleaned to reduce the risk of ignition and rapid fire spread. It is recommended that the client ensure regular inspections of filters and ductwork are conducted to check for build ups of combustible materials and annual deep clean are completed.

Are combustible materials kept away from any sources of ignition, including gas and electrical intake cupboards?

Unknown

There were multiple non-accessible locations at the time of the assessment. These were noted to be all store cupboards on all floors.

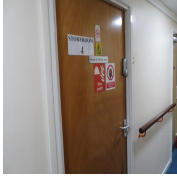


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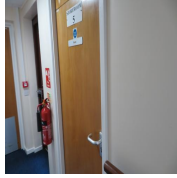


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G1

The locked stores noted should be checked for the presence of combustible materials in the presence of sources of ignition.

Are doors on escape routes easily opened? (and are sliding or revolving doors avoided?)

No

The front entrance doors are installed with lever handles to override the magnetic locking mechanisms.

Emergency exit doors located around the block on the ground floor were all noted to be installed with REDLAM bolts. These are not recommended for locations that are accessed by members of the public.



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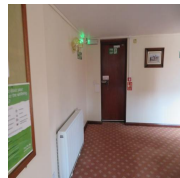


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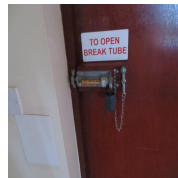


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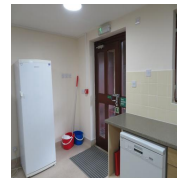


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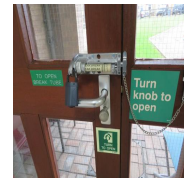


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K4

It is recommended that the REDLAM bolts installed to the final exit doors should be removed and replaced with quick release, non-lockable mechanisms such as push pads/bars or thumb turn mechanisms.

Are there any other issues that could affect the means of escape, for example plastic conduit/loose cables not secured by fire rated fastening?

Unknown

Plastic conduit was noted directly above the front entrance door to the block. It could not be confirmed if

wiring within was adequately supported to prevent premature collapse in the event of a fire situation.



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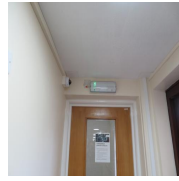


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The client should ensure that all surface mounted wiring is adequately secured with non-combustible means to prevent premature collapse and cable entanglement scenarios in the event of a fire situation.

Detailed Risk Assessment Part 2 / L - Flat Entrance Doors / L1

Are the sample inspection flat entrance door or doors in good condition and appropriately fire rated?

Unknown

Flat entrance doors were seen to be notional timber fire doors. (NB. - from limited visual inspection, certification not seen; adequacy of installation not confirmed).

No flats available for sample inspection at the time of the assessment.

The fire rated flat entrance doors appear to be in good condition.

There is no glazing present to any flat entrance doors in this property.

Glazed side panels were installed to each flat entrance door. These were seen to be Georgian wired glazing or certified fire rated glass.



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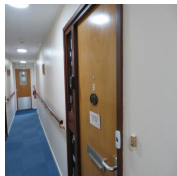


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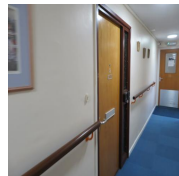


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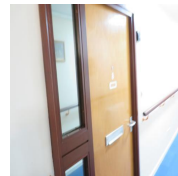


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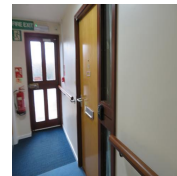


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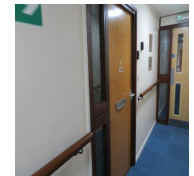


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L1

Management to confirm that all flat entrance doors are certified FD30 fitted with intumescent strips and seals, fire rated hinges and self-closing devices. If primary test evidence / certification for fire doors is unavailable, management are to complete a comprehensive fire door survey of all residential front doors. FD30s fire door sets to BS 476-22 are required as a minimum. This should be undertaken by a competent, 3rd party accredited company.

Detailed Risk Assessment Part 2 / M - Common Area Fire Doors / M1

Are all common area fire door and frames in good condition and appropriately fire rated?

Yes

All common area fire doors and/or frames appear to be notional upgraded FD30/S solid core or glazed timber fire doors and frames. (N.B. - From limited visual inspection; certification not seen; adequacy of installation not confirmed).

All common area fire rated fire doors and frames appear to be in good condition.

All glazing to common area fire doors appears to be appropriately fire rated, either EI30 or Georgian wired.

Side panels to common area fire doors appear to be appropriately fire rated.

Common area fire doors are fitted with adequate self-closing devices where required. The door between the communal lounge and the stairwell was not closing fully under the power of its self closing device.

Common area fire doors are provided with adequate intumescent strips and smoke seals.

Common area fire doors are considered adequate (subject to any issues noted elsewhere in this report).



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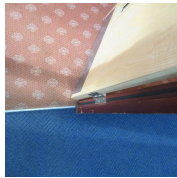


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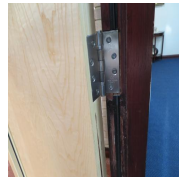


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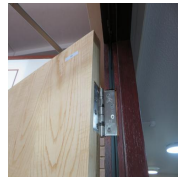


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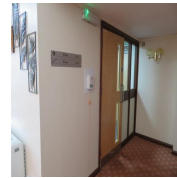


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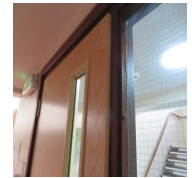


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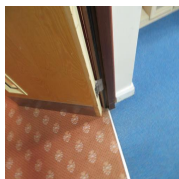


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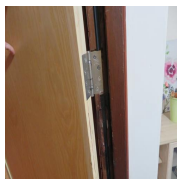


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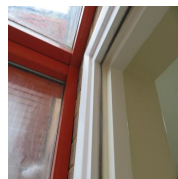


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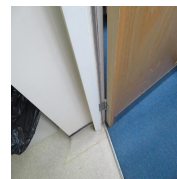


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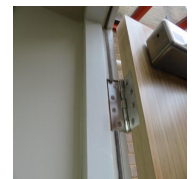


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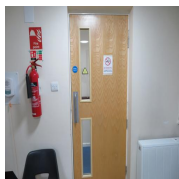


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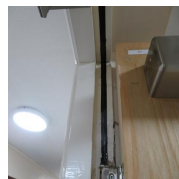


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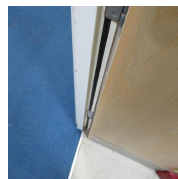


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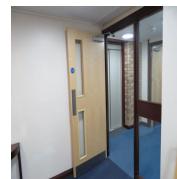


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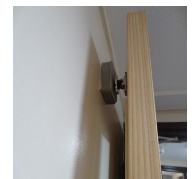


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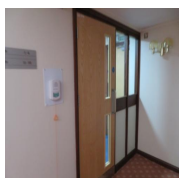


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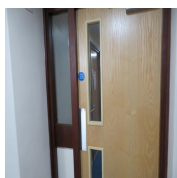


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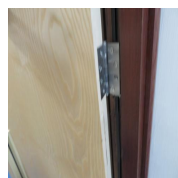


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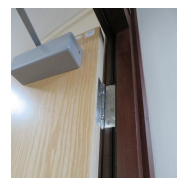


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M1

The self closing door noted between the lounge and the stairs should be repaired to ensure it closes fully from all angles against the rebate.

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M1

Management to confirm that certificate of performance for doors is available. If primary test evidence / certification for fire doors is unavailable, management are to request suitable supporting information from the door installer, that the fire doors were adequately installed / upgraded in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. If this information is not available, management are to appoint a competent, 3rd party accredited person to complete a survey of all common area fire doors.

Is there adequate provision of visible fire safety signs and notices? (Consider directional, exits, stairs, fire action notices, Fire door keep shut, fire equipment and 'do not use lift' signage)

No

A Fire Action Notice was located at the front entrance of the block detailing a stay put evacuation strategy for residents within their flats.

Fire Action Notices were located in regular places throughout the common area detailing a simultaneous evacuation from the common areas only.

Mandatory fire door signage was installed throughout the building.

Directional signage was installed throughout.

Fire safety signage was seen to be installed to passenger lifts on all floors.

External fire doors were seen to be missing 'Fire Exit - Keep Clear' signage.



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Photo 83



Photo 84



Photo 85



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O1

All final exit doors should be installed with 'Fire Exit - Keep Clear' signage.

Detailed Risk Assessment Part 2 / P - Means of Giving Warning in Case of Fire / P4

If there is a communal fire detection and fire alarm system, does it extend into the dwellings?

Yes

Although flats were not available for sample inspection at the time of the assessment, the zone map installed at the entrance lobby indicates that detection extends into the individual flats.



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P4

Management should confirm the configuration of the fire alarm system to ensure it adequately supports the evacuation strategy. This would involve ensuring that the sound pressure of the alarm in the common areas does not exceed 45dB (A) within the flats. The intention is to warn people in the common areas to leave the building i.e use simultaneous evacuation, but not those persons within their flats.

Detailed Risk Assessment Part 2 / P - Means of Giving Warning in Case of Fire / P6

Where appropriate, are there adequate arrangements for

Unknown

silencing and resetting an alarm condition?

It is not known what provisions are in place for silencing and resetting the fire alarm panel.

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P6

Management should confirm the provisions in place for silencing and resetting the fire alarm panel. It is likely not acceptable or appropriate for residents to silence and reset the alarm panel, therefore other provisions should be confirmed as in place.

Detailed Risk Assessment Part 2 / P - Means of Giving Warning in Case of Fire / P7

If applicable, is a separate domestic hard-wired smoke/heat alarm within the flats installed to a suitable standard?

Unknown

Flats not available for sample inspection at the time of the assessment.

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P7

The extent of automatic fire detection in each flat should comply with the recommendations of BS 5839-6: 2013 for a Category LD1 system. Smoke alarms should be provided in all circulation spaces, and in all rooms, within each flat, other than kitchens, toilets, shower rooms and bathrooms. In kitchens, heat alarms should be provided. No fire detection need be provided in toilets, shower rooms and bathrooms or, normally, in cupboards.

Detailed Risk Assessment Part 2 / P - Means of Giving Warning in Case of Fire / P8

If applicable (Sheltered scheme) is the smoke detection within the flats monitored by an alarm receiving centre/on site scheme manager via a telecare system?

Unknown

Smoke detection within individual flats could not be confirmed as connected to an ARC or telecare (Tunstall system).

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P8

The early summoning of the Fire and Rescue Service should be achieved by monitoring of the domestic smoke and heat alarms (or communal smoke and heat detectors) within each flat, so enabling fire alarm signals to be transmitted to any on-site scheme manager (or care staff in extra care housing) or, when no staff are available to respond to alarm signals, to an alarm receiving centre (ARC). The client should confirm the monitoring arrangements of the domestic alarm systems within individual flats

Detailed Risk Assessment Part 2 / Q - Measures to Limit Fire Spread and Development / Q3

Is there adequately fire protected service risers and/or ducts in common areas, that will restrict the spread of fire and smoke?

Unknown

Service risers, plant rooms and cupboards were not accessible at the time of the assessment due to non-standard locks being installed.

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Q3

The non-accessible areas that could not be accessed should be checked to ensure that there is an adequate level of compartmentation including the fire stopping of penetrating services.

Detailed Risk Assessment Part 2 / Q - Measures to Limit Fire Spread and Development / Q4

Is compartmentation maintained in the roof space?

Unknown

Roof space not inspected due to non-standard locks being installed.



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Q4

The client should inspect accessible roof space voids to ensure that an adequate standard of compartmentation exists to support the 'Stay Put' part of the evacuation strategy. It is recommended that the inspection is conducted by a competent third party accredited contractor.

Detailed Risk Assessment Part 2 / Q - Measures to Limit Fire Spread and Development / Q5

Are electrics, including embedded meters, enclosed in fire rated construction?

No

Electric consumer units were noted in multiple locations of the common escape route on all floors throughout the building. These were not found to be enclosed within fire resisting construction.



Photo 101



Photo 102



Photo 103

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Q5

All consumer units located on escape routes should be enclosed within 30 minute fire resisting construction including 30 minute fire rated door sets installed with combined intumescent strips/cold smoke seals. Remedial works must be completed by a third party accredited contractor.

Detailed Risk Assessment Part 2 / Q - Measures to Limit Fire Spread and Development / Q7

Is there reasonable limitation of linings to escape routes that might promote fire spread?

Unknown

The ceiling above the communal lounge and entrance lobby were noted to be heavily clad in an unknown timber material.



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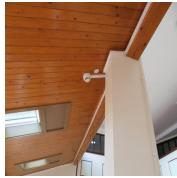


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Q7

Management should confirm/ensure that the wall/ceiling linings noted will achieve a surface lining classification of European Class B-s3, d2 (National Class 0 cited in Building Regulations guidance prior to 2019).

Detailed Risk Assessment Part 2 / Q - Measures to Limit Fire Spread and Development / Q9

Does the premises have any external balconies, cladding or materials which may promote external fire spread?

Unknown

No external attachments (such as balconies, sun shading or wall-mounted solar panels) were noted to the building façade.

A large section of the 1st and 2nd floor external walls were covered in what appears to be clay or slate tiles above an unknown substrate.



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Q9

It is recommended that the client commission an FRAEW of the building to determine the combustibility and potential for external fire spread of the external wall system noted.

Detailed Risk Assessment Part 2 / R - Fire Extinguishing Appliances / R1

If required, is there reasonable provision of accessible portable fire extinguishers?

No

Manual fire extinguishing appliances were installed to the common areas. It is not considered necessary to provide fire extinguishers in the common parts of sheltered or extra care housing. Such equipment should only be used by those trained in its use, and it is not considered appropriate, or advisable, for older or frail residents to use fire-fighting equipment. In addition, if a fire occurs in a flat, the provision of fire extinguishing appliances in the common parts might encourage some residents to enter the common parts to obtain an appliance to fight the fire.



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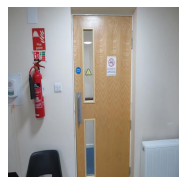


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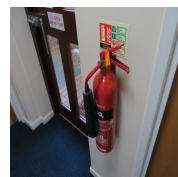


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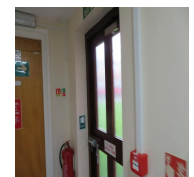


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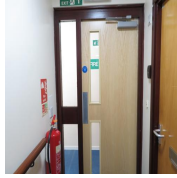


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R1

Management should review the current policy surrounding the presence of manual fire extinguishing appliances within the building. Based upon NFCC guidance as stated in R1, if there are no trained staff members present to use extinguishers, then consideration should be given to the removal of the manual fire extinguishing devices from the common areas.

Detailed Risk Assessment Part 2 / T - Procedures and Arrangements / T6

Are there adequate procedures in place for the evacuation of disabled people who are likely to be present?

Unknown

This sheltered housing block is low risk and thought to house residents capable of independent living capable of self evacuation. A PIB is available in the common area designed to house information pertaining to at risk residents where required.

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T6

The NFCC Specialised Housing Guide advocates that a Person-Centred Fire Risk Assessment be completed for vulnerable residents and appropriate additional fire safety measures be put in place depending on the findings.

Detailed Risk Assessment Part 2 / T - Procedures and Arrangements / T7

Are staff nominated and trained on the use of fire extinguishing appliances?

Unknown

Staff not permanently present. Extinguishers are recommended for review and removal in R1.

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T7

The client should ensure that if staff are appointed to use extinguishers, and they are to remain in place, then adequate training in their use is provided.

Detailed Risk Assessment Part 2 / W - Records / W1

Is all routine testing and staff training including fire drills suitably recorded and available for inspection?

Unknown

Records were not available at the time of the assessment.

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W1

The client should ensure they are keeping accurate records of testing, maintenance and staff training in relation to fire training and other relevant sections of this report. Records can be kept

on site in paper format or held centrally by electronic means.

Detailed Risk Assessment Part 2 / X - Premises Information Box / X1

Is a Premises Information Box located at the premises accessible to the Fire and Rescue Service, secure from unauthorised access and kept up to date?

Unknown

A PIB is located at the main entrance. It is not known if this is kept up to date with relevant information.



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X1

A premises information box has been installed, but the information could not be confirmed as meeting the requirements of the Fire Safety (England) Regulations 2022. The Building Manager is to ensure the information contained within the premises information box is relevant and meets the requirements of the Fire Safety (England) Regulations 2022.

Detailed Risk Assessment Part 2 / Y - Engagement with Residents / Y1

Has all Fire Safety information & procedures been disseminated to the residents?

Unknown

It could not be confirmed if the fire safety information and procedures have been disseminated to the residents of the block.

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Y1

The client should ensure that residents are provided with a copy of the fire safety instruction notice for the premises (when moving in and annually thereafter). The client should also ensure that information regarding Fire Door is provided to new residents when they move in and re-issued to all residents as required by the Fire Safety (England) Regulations 2022.

Detailed Risk Assessment Part 1

1. General Information

1.1 FRA Type:	Type 1 (Non-Destructive)
1.2 Property Type:	Purpose Built Sheltered Accommodation
1.3 Property Designation:	Sheltered Living
1.4 Responsible Person:	Lindsey Williams - CEO Futures Housing Group
1.5 No of Floors:	3
1.6 No of Flats (if applicable):	27
1.7 Ground Floor Area (m2):	1070m2
1.8 Total Area of all Floors (m2)	Information not available

1.9 Building Description:

Henry Smith House is a purpose built block of 27 self contained flats used as sheltered accommodation for adults over 55 years old. The building is set across 2 and 3 storeys. Flats are accessed via corridors which are adequately sub divided with fire resisting construction.

The ground floor consists of a communal lounge and kitchen, flats 1-4, conservatory, office, Flats 5-10, communal laundry room and ancillary store rooms, meter rooms and bin store. The first floor consists of flats 11-23, an assisted bathroom, a salon, quiet communal area and store cupboards. The second floor consists of flats 24-27 only.

Means of escape from the building is via stairwells that all terminate to final exit doors which lead to places of ultimate safety. Final exits are also located in ground floor corridors and in the communal lounge.

The block operates a 'Dual Policy' evacuation strategy. An automatic addressable fire detection and warning system was seen to be installed to the block. Sample inspection of flats found this to extend into flats in the form of heat detection. Emergency escape lighting was installed throughout.

1.10 Building Construction:

The building is constructed from traditional brick and block construction under a pitched and tiled roof. The internal walls separating the common areas from the flats is brick and block. Internal floors are constructed from concrete.

Floors above ground were noted to have clay tile external wall system installed.

1.11 Extent of common areas:

Lobbies, lounge, kitchen, corridors, stairs, risers, cupboards, laundry room.

1.12 Areas of the building to which access was not available:

Guest bedroom, managers office, stores, plant areas.

1.13 If applicable, state which flats were sample inspected:

None - residents not available at the time of the assessment.

2. The Occupants

2.1 Management Extent

Partially Managed Building -
Manager or Senior Staff Not
Onsite Regularly

2.2 Details of any onsite Management

Occasional staff attendance expected - low numbers anticipated.

2.3 Person managing fire safety in the premises

Lindsey Williams - CEO Futures Housing Group.

2.4 Person consulted during the fire risk assessment

None

2.5 Number of occupants (maximum estimated)

Assumed to be two residents per flat - Exact numbers not known.

2.6 Approximate maximum number of employees at any one time

Occasional staff attendance expected - low numbers anticipated.

2.7 Number of members of the public (maximum estimated)

Residential block - low number of visitors expected at any one time.

2.8 Identify any people who are especially at risk (Sleeping Occupants, Disabled Occupants, Occupants in remote areas and Lone Workers, Young Persons, Others)

Sheltered Housing scheme premises so occupants are elderly but otherwise typical of the general population.

3. Fire Safety Legislation

3.1 The following fire safety legislation applies to these premises

Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety)
Order 2005

3.2 The above legislation is enforced by

Northamptonshire Fire and
Rescue Service

3.3 Other key fire safety legislation (other than Building Regs 2000)

Housing Act 2004

3.4 The other legislation referred to above is enforced by

The local Housing Authority.

3.5 Guidance used as applicable to premises and occupation

NFCC - Specialised Housing
Guidance

3.6 Is there an alteration or enforcement notice in force?

Unknown

No evidence of an alterations or enforcement notice in place.

3.7 Fire loss experience (since last FRA)

Unknown

None known or reported.

Detailed Risk Assessment Part 2

23 actions

A - Electrical Ignition Sources

A1

Is the fixed electrical installation periodically inspected and tested, (include dates if known)?

Yes

A sticker affixed to the electrical consumer unit showed a last test date of February 2020.
See Policy Principle.



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Policy Principle: FHG complete Fixed wire testing in line with current regulations every 5 years and complete an annual visual inspection on all properties.

A2

Is PAT testing in common areas carried out?

Yes

Portable appliances were noted to be adequately PAT tested.

PAT testing was last conducted in April 2023.

See Policy Principle.



Photo 4



Photo 5



Photo 6

Policy Principle: PAT testing is complete at the time of the visual inspection as mentioned above. All items in the communal areas will be tested.

A3

Is there a policy for personal electrical appliances (consider restrictions of communal supply points such as outlets and T pin outlets)?

Yes

No personal electrical items seen within the communal areas at the time of the assessment.

See Policy Principle.

Policy Principle: PAT testing is complete at the time of the visual inspection as mentioned above. All items in the communal areas will be tested.

A4

Is the use of adapters and leads limited?

Yes

Multiway adapters seen under the communal computer desk and in the hairdressers room. Adapters were seen to be responsibly used and not overloaded at the time of the assessment.

A5

Are there any PV cells installed and do they have the appropriate isolation systems and signage to assist the fire and rescue service?

N/A

No PV cells noted.

B - Smoking Policies

B1

Are there suitable arrangements to prevent fire as a result from smoking?

Yes

See policy principle.

Policy Principle: No smoking policy in all communal areas- signage displayed.

B2

Is the policy being adhered to and are "No smoking" signs provided in the common areas?

Yes

Residents who wish to smoke can do so within their private accommodation only.

No evidence of illicit smoking was seen in the common area at the time of inspection.

'No Smoking' signage is provided in the common area as required by the Smoke-free (Premises and Enforcement) Regulations 2006.

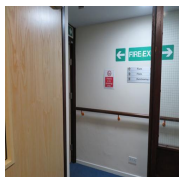


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C - Arson

C1

Are premises secure against arson by outsiders? (Please state how)

Yes

The block is installed with an access control system.
The front entrance door was noted to be self closing to prevent unauthorised access.



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C2

Are bins secured or fire loading stored in a suitable location? (Please state bin type, location, if and how it is secured)

Yes

An attached bin store is located on the ground floor of the block. This was noted to be adequately secured to prevent unauthorised access.

The bin store is suitably maintained.

The bin store was noted to be installed with adequate ventilation and automatic smoke detection.



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Photo 11



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D - Portable Heaters and Installations

D1

If used, is the use of portable heaters regarded as safe?

N/A

No portable heaters were noted within the common area at the time of inspection.

D2

Are fixed heating systems maintained annually?

Yes

The communal areas are installed with wall & floor mounted fixed electric radiators. These are noted to be adequately tested as part of 5 yearly EICR tests.

All heaters appeared to be in good condition and away from combustible materials at the time of the assessment.

See Policy Principle.

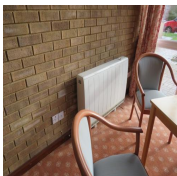


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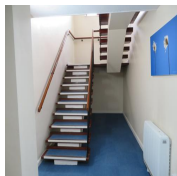


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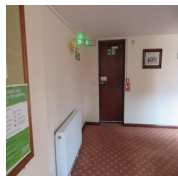


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Policy Principle: All Safety inspections carried out annually by qualified persons.

E - Cooking

1 action

E1

1 action

Are reasonable measures in place to prevent fires as a result of cooking, including replacing filter(where necessary)?

No

A communal kitchen is located on the ground floor via the communal lounge.

Heat detection noted to be installed to the communal kitchen.

The kitchen was installed with 2no electric ovens, 1no electric hob, 2no microwaves and a toaster. No open flame methods of cooking were noted at the time of the assessment.

A commercial extraction and filtration unit was installed above the ovens. A visual inspection found this to be clean in the drip trays and filters. There was no evidence at the time of the assessment to suggest that the extraction unit is adequately serviced.

The kitchen was noted to be installed with manual fire extinguishers and a fire blanket. See R1.

The kitchen was installed with automatic smoke/heat detection.



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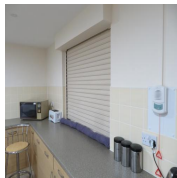


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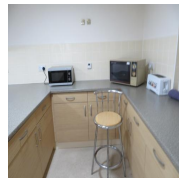


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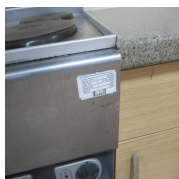


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E1

To prevent fire from spreading within the duct work it is recommended that the duct work is inspected regularly to identify the level of grease built up within the duct work and when there is an excessive build up the duct work is to be cleaned to reduce the risk of ignition and rapid fire spread. It is recommended that the client ensure regular inspections of filters and ductwork are conducted to check for build ups of combustible materials and annual deep clean are completed.

Action/Recommendation Required?

Yes

Action Priority:

Low - 12 Months

F - Lightning

F1

Does the building have a lightning protection system?

Yes

An LPS was noted to be installed to the building. Stickers affixed to the conductors noted a testing date of

09/2023.

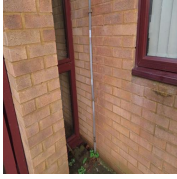


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Photo 27

Policy Principle: No lightning protection policy in place

G - Housekeeping

1 action

G1

1 action

Are combustible materials kept away from any sources of ignition, including gas and electrical intake cupboards?

Unknown

There were multiple non-accessible locations at the time of the assessment. These were noted to be all store cupboards on all floors.

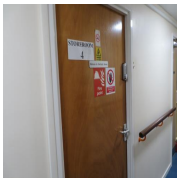


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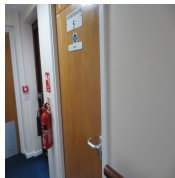


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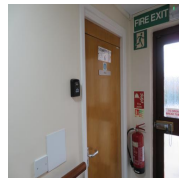


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G1

The locked stores noted should be checked for the presence of combustible materials in the presence of sources of ignition.

Action/Recommendation Required?

Yes

Action Priority:

Low - 12 Months

G2

Are the escape routes kept clear of items combustible materials or waste and free of any trip hazards?

Yes

The common escape routes were clear of combustible materials, trip hazards and waste at the time of inspection.

G3

Are mobility scooters or electric vehicles stored in the means of escape? If yes has an assessment been undertaken in line with the NFCC "Mobility Scooter Guidance for Residential Buildings"?

No

Mobility scooters were stored within a dedicated charging room located in a location which avoids it being a

passing risk to residents escaping in the event of a fire situation.

The charging room is separated from the means of escape via fire resisting construction and a fire resisting door.



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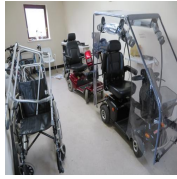


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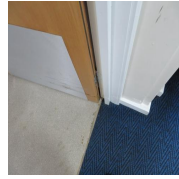


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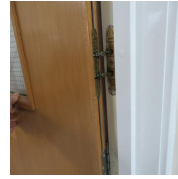


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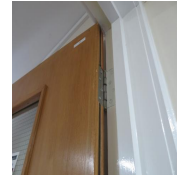


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H - Hazards Introduced by Contractors

H1

Is there satisfactory control over works carried out in the building by contractors (e.g. hot work permits)?

N/A

No hot works noted at the time of the assessment.
See policy principle.

Policy Principle: All contractors must submit RAMS for procurement processes, and these are reviewed annually by FHG. A specific risk assessment is to be completed for each job.

I - Dangerous Substances

I1

If dangerous substances are used, has a risk assessment been carried out as required by the Dangerous Substances and Explosives Atmospheres Regulations 2002 and are they stored correctly?

N/A

No dangerous substances were noted being stored or in use at the time of inspection.

J - Other Significant Hazards

J1

Are all issues deemed satisfactory? [1]

Yes

There were no other fire hazard issues noted at the time of inspection.

J2

Are all issues deemed satisfactory? [2]

Yes

There were no other fire hazard issues noted at the time of inspection.

K - Means of Escape

2 actions

K1

Is the escape route design deemed satisfactory? (Consider current design codes)

Yes

The means of escape design is broadly in accordance with current design codes and is deemed satisfactory.

K2

Is the fire-resisting construction (including any glazing) protecting escape routes and staircases of a suitable standard and maintained in sound condition?

Yes

The escape routes are considered to be adequately protected (subject to recommendations which may be noted elsewhere in this report).

K3

Is there adequate provision of exits (including exit Widths) for the numbers who may be present?

Yes

The provision of exits is considered adequate for the number of people expected to be present.

The exit widths provided appear adequate for the numbers expected to be present.

K4

1 action

Are doors on escape routes easily opened? (and are sliding or revolving doors avoided?)

No

The front entrance doors are installed with lever handles to override the magnetic locking mechanisms.

Emergency exit doors located around the block on the ground floor were all noted to be installed with REDLAM bolts. These are not recommended for locations that are accessed by members of the public.



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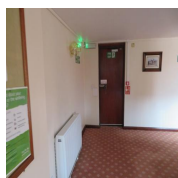


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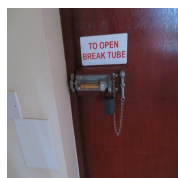


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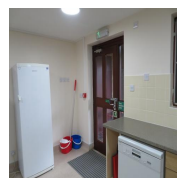


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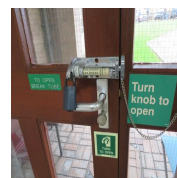


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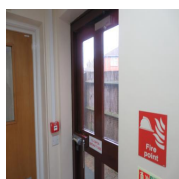


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K4

It is recommended that the REDLAM bolts installed to the final exit doors should be removed and replaced with quick release, non-lockable mechanisms such as push pads/bars or thumb turn mechanisms.

Action/Recommendation Required?

Yes

Action Priority:

Low - 12 Months

K5

Do final exits open in the direction of escape where necessary?

Yes

Final exit doors were seen to open outwards.

K6

Are travel distances satisfactory? (consider single direction and more than one direction, property risk profile and occupancy characteristics)

Yes

Travel distances appear to be in line with that allowed in NFCC - Fire Safety in Specialised Housing Guidance.

K7

Are there suitable precautions for all inner rooms?

N/A

No inner rooms noted at the time of the assessment.

K8

Are escape routes separated where appropriate?

Yes

Escape routes are adequately separated with fire resisting construction and fire doors sets.

K9

Are corridors sub-divided where appropriate?

Yes

Cross corridor fire doors are installed at regular intervals where required.

These are installed with magnetic hold open devices where required in line with NFCC guidance. The devices are interlinked with the communal fire detection and warning system.

K10

Do escape routes lead to a place of safety?

Yes

Escape routes lead to a place of safety.

K11

Are the stairs and/or lobbies provided with adequate ventilation? (If considered satisfactory, please state provision)

Yes

The communal areas are adequately ventilated via a combination of manually opening doors and windows to corridors, stairs and landings.

K12

1 action

Are there any other issues that could affect the means of escape, for example plastic conduit/loose cables not secured by fire rated fastening?

Unknown

Plastic conduit was noted directly above the front entrance door to the block. It could not be confirmed if wiring within was adequately supported to prevent premature collapse in the event of a fire situation.



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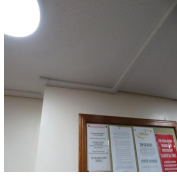


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K12

The client should ensure that all surface mounted wiring is adequately secured with non-combustible means to prevent premature collapse and cable entanglement scenarios in the event of a fire situation.

Action/Recommendation Required?

Yes

Action Priority:

Low - 12 Months

L - Flat Entrance Doors

1 action

L1

1 action

Are the sample inspection flat entrance door or doors in good condition and appropriately fire rated?

Unknown

Flat entrance doors were seen to be notional timber fire doors. (NB. - from limited visual inspection, certification not seen; adequacy of installation not confirmed).

No flats available for sample inspection at the time of the assessment.

The fire rated flat entrance doors appear to be in good condition.

There is no glazing present to any flat entrance doors in this property.

Glazed side panels were installed to each flat entrance door. These were seen to be Georgian wired glazing or certified fire rated glass.

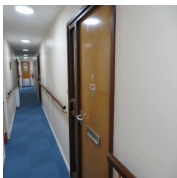


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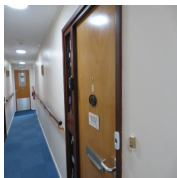


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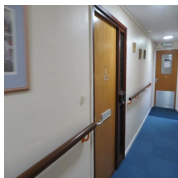


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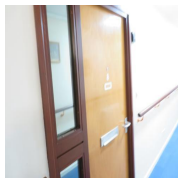


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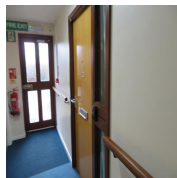


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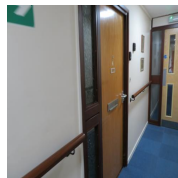


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Management to confirm that all flat entrance doors are certified FD30 fitted with intumescent

strips and seals, fire rated hinges and self-closing devices. If primary test evidence / certification for fire doors is unavailable, management are to complete a comprehensive fire door survey of all residential front doors. FD30s fire door sets to BS 476-22 are required as a minimum. This should be undertaken by a competent, 3rd party accredited company.

Action/Recommendation Required?	Yes
Action Priority:	Low - 12 Months
M - Common Area Fire Doors	2 actions
M1	2 actions

Are all common area fire door and frames in good condition and appropriately fire rated?

Yes

All common area fire doors and/or frames appear to be notional upgraded FD30/S solid core or glazed timber fire doors and frames. (N.B. - From limited visual inspection; certification not seen; adequacy of installation not confirmed).

All common area fire rated fire doors and frames appear to be in good condition.

All glazing to common area fire doors appears to be appropriately fire rated, either EI30 or Georgian wired.

Side panels to common area fire doors appear to be appropriately fire rated.

Common area fire doors are fitted with adequate self-closing devices where required. The door between the communal lounge and the stairwell was not closing fully under the power of its self closing device.

Common area fire doors are provided with adequate intumescent strips and smoke seals.

Common area fire doors are considered adequate (subject to any issues noted elsewhere in this report).



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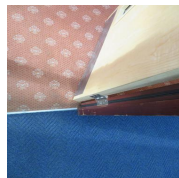


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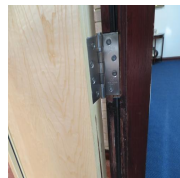


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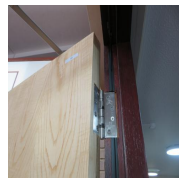


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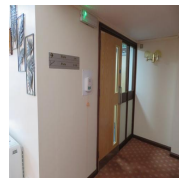


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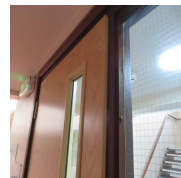


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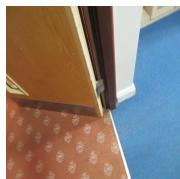


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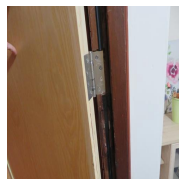


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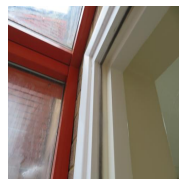


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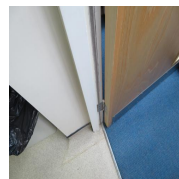


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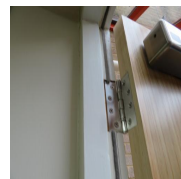


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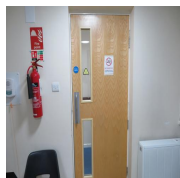


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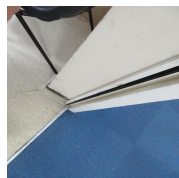


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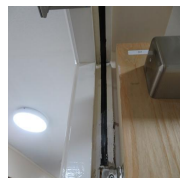


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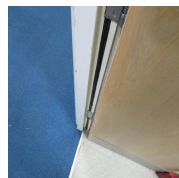


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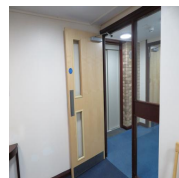


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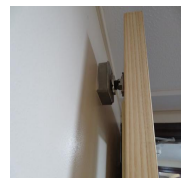


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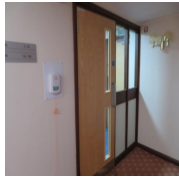


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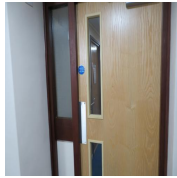


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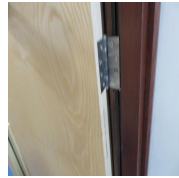


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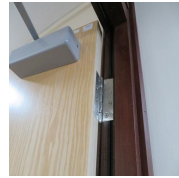


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M1

The self closing door noted between the lounge and the stairs should be repaired to ensure it closes fully from all angles against the rebate.

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M1

Management to confirm that certificate of performance for doors is available. If primary test evidence / certification for fire doors is unavailable, management are to request suitable supporting information from the door installer, that the fire doors were adequately installed / upgraded in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. If this information is not available, management are to appoint a competent, 3rd party accredited person to complete a survey of all common area fire doors.

Action/Recommendation Required?

Yes

Action Priority:

Medium - 3 Months

N - Emergency Lighting

N1

If emergency lighting is provided, is the coverage sufficient and in good repair? (Internal and external)

Yes

A visual inspection of the emergency lighting system installed to the client's premises confirmed that it appears to be in accordance with BS 5266.



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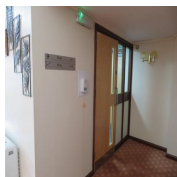


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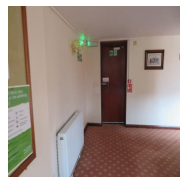


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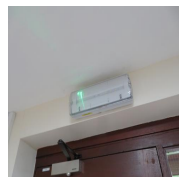


Photo 79



Photo 80



Photo 81

N2

If EL not provided, is borrowed/artificial lighting sufficient for escape? (Internal and external)

N/A

O - Fire Safety Signs and Notices

1 action

O1

1 action

Is there adequate provision of visible fire safety signs and notices? (Consider directional, exits, stairs, fire action notices, Fire door keep shut, fire equipment and 'do not use lift' signage)

No

A Fire Action Notice was located at the front entrance of the block detailing a stay put evacuation strategy for residents within their flats.

Fire Action Notices were located in regular places throughout the common area detailing a simultaneous evacuation from the common areas only.

Mandatory fire door signage was installed throughout the building.

Directional signage was installed throughout.

Fire safety signage was seen to be installed to passenger lifts on all floors.

External fire doors were seen to be missing 'Fire Exit - Keep Clear' signage.



Photo 82



Photo 83



Photo 84



Photo 85



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O1

All final exit doors should be installed with 'Fire Exit - Keep Clear' signage.

Action/Recommendation Required?

Yes

Action Priority:

Low - 12 Months

O2

Wayfinding Signage (buildings over 11 metres in height). Are there clear markings for flat and floor recognition provided?

N/A

The building is less than 11m in height.

P - Means of Giving Warning in Case of Fire

4 actions

P1

Is a reasonable fire detection and fire alarm system provided in the common areas, where necessary?

Yes

The building is a purpose built block of flats with an adequate standard of compartmentation (subject to recommendations made elsewhere in this report). As this block operates a 'dual policy' it is suitable for a fire detection and warning system to be installed to the communal areas to assist in evacuation from these areas. An automatic addressable fire detection and warning system was installed to the communal areas that appeared to be broadly compliant with BS5839:1/BS5839:6 Category M/L1/Grade A LD1.



Photo 87



Photo 88



Photo 89



Photo 90

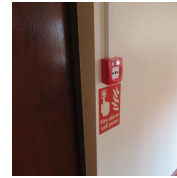


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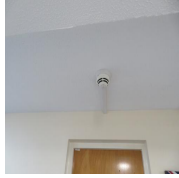


Photo 93



Photo 94



Photo 95



Photo 96

P2

If installed, is the common area AFD adequate for the occupancy and fire risk?

Yes

See P1.

P3

If not installed, are the premises deemed safe without a common area AFD system?

N/A

See P1.

P4

1 action

If there is a communal fire detection and fire alarm system, does it extend into the dwellings?

Yes

Although flats were not available for sample inspection at the time of the assessment, the zone map installed at the entrance lobby indicates that detection extends into the individual flats.



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P4

Management should confirm the configuration of the fire alarm system to ensure it adequately supports the evacuation strategy. This would involve ensuring that the sound pressure of the alarm in the common areas does not exceed 45dB (A) within the flats. The intention is to warn people in the common areas to leave the building i.e use simultaneous evacuation, but not those persons within their flats.

Action/Recommendation Required?

Yes

Action Priority:

Medium - 3 Months

P5

Where appropriate, has a fire alarm zone plan been provided?

Yes

Zone plan provided.



Photo 98



Photo 99

P6

1 action

Where appropriate, are there adequate arrangements for silencing and resetting an alarm condition?

Unknown

It is not known what provisions are in place for silencing and resetting the fire alarm panel.

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P6

Management should confirm the provisions in place for silencing and resetting the fire alarm panel. It is likely not acceptable or appropriate for residents to silence and reset the alarm panel, therefore other provisions should be confirmed as in place.

Action/Recommendation Required?

Yes

Action Priority:

Low - 12 Months

P7

1 action

If applicable, is a separate domestic hard-wired smoke/heat alarm within the flats installed to a suitable standard?

Unknown

Flats not available for sample inspection at the time of the assessment.

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P7

The extent of automatic fire detection in each flat should comply with the recommendations of BS 5839-6: 2013 for a Category LD1 system. Smoke alarms should be provided in all circulation spaces, and in all rooms, within each flat, other than kitchens, toilets, shower rooms and bathrooms. In kitchens, heat alarms should be provided. No fire detection need be provided in toilets, shower rooms and bathrooms or, normally, in cupboards.

Action/Recommendation Required?

Yes

Action Priority:

Medium - 3 Months

P8

1 action

If applicable (Sheltered scheme) is the smoke detection within the flats monitored by an alarm receiving centre/on site scheme manager via a telecare system?

Unknown

Smoke detection within individual flats could not be confirmed as connected to an ARC or telecare (Tunstall system).

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P8

The early summoning of the Fire and Rescue Service should be achieved by monitoring of the domestic smoke and heat alarms (or communal smoke and heat detectors) within each flat, so enabling fire alarm signals to be transmitted to any on-site scheme manager (or care staff in extra care housing) or, when no staff are available to respond to alarm signals, to an alarm receiving centre (ARC). The client should confirm the monitoring arrangements of the domestic alarm systems within individual flats

Action/Recommendation Required?

Yes

Action Priority:

Low - 12 Months

Q - Measures to Limit Fire Spread and Development

5 actions

Q1

Is there adequate levels of compartmentation between floors and between flats and the common escape routes?

Yes

The property is a purpose built block with what appears to be an adequate standard of compartmentation (subject to recommendations which may be noted elsewhere in this report).

Q2

Are hidden voids appropriately enclosed and/or fire-stopped? (consider above suspended ceilings)

N/A

No hidden voids noted at the time of the assessment.

No suspended ceilings noted.

Q3

1 action

Is there adequately fire protected service risers and/or ducts in common areas, that will restrict the spread of fire and smoke?

Unknown

Service risers, plant rooms and cupboards were not accessible at the time of the assessment due to non-standard locks being installed.

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Q3

The non-accessible areas that could not be accessed should be checked to ensure that there is an adequate level of compartmentation including the fire stopping of penetrating services.

Action/Recommendation Required?

Yes

Action Priority:

Low - 12 Months

Q4

1 action

Is compartmentation maintained in the roof space?

Unknown

Roof space not inspected due to non-standard locks being installed.



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Q4

The client should inspect accessible roof space voids to ensure that an adequate standard of compartmentation exists to support the 'Stay Put' part of the evacuation strategy. It is recommended that the inspection is conducted by a competent third party accredited contractor.

Action/Recommendation Required?

Yes

Action Priority:

Medium - 3 Months

Q5

1 action

Are electrics, including embedded meters, enclosed in fire rated construction?

No

Electric consumer units were noted in multiple locations of the common escape route on all floors throughout the building. These were not found to be enclosed within fire resisting construction.



Photo 101



Photo 102



Photo 103

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Q5

All consumer units located on escape routes should be enclosed within 30 minute fire resisting construction including 30 minute fire rated door sets installed with combined intumescent strips/cold smoke seals. Remedial works must be completed by a third party accredited contractor.

Action/Recommendation Required?

Yes

Action Priority:

Medium - 3 Months

Q6

As far as can reasonably be ascertained, are fire dampers provided as necessary to protect critical means of escape against passage of fire, smoke and products of combustion in the early stages of a fire?

N/A

There were no common ventilation systems or dampers noted within this property.

Q7

1 action

Is there reasonable limitation of linings to escape routes that might promote fire spread?

Unknown

The ceiling above the communal lounge and entrance lobby were noted to be heavily clad in an unknown timber material.



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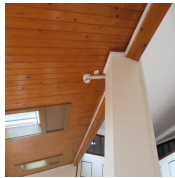


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Q7

Management should confirm/ensure that the wall/ceiling linings noted will achieve a surface lining classification of European Class B-s3, d2 (National Class 0 cited in Building Regulations guidance prior to 2019).

Action/Recommendation Required?

Yes

Action Priority:

Low - 12 Months

Q8

Are soft furnishings in common areas appropriate to limit fire spread/growth?

Yes

Sample inspection of soft furnishings found them to be compliant.

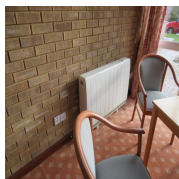


Photo 107



Photo 108

Q9

1 action

Does the premises have any external balconies, cladding or materials which may promote external fire spread?

Unknown

No external attachments (such as balconies, sun shading or wall-mounted solar panels) were noted to the building façade.

A large section of the 1st and 2nd floor external walls were covered in what appears to be clay or slate tiles above an unknown substrate.



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Q9

It is recommended that the client commission an FRAEW of the building to determine the combustibility and potential for external fire spread of the external wall system noted.

Action/Recommendation Required?

Yes

Action Priority:

Low - 12 Months

Q10

Has a note been prepared of the external walls of the building and details of construction materials used? Does the note include and identify the level of risk that the design and materials used?

Unknown

It is not known if an external wall note has been prepared.

See Q9.

Q11

Does the External wall note include any mitigating circumstances that may have been taken to reduce the risk?

N/A

Q12

Has the responsible person reviewed the external wall note on a regular basis and revised it if there have been any significant changes in the external walls.

N/A

Q13

Are all other fire spread/compartmentation issues satisfactory?

Yes

From a limited visual inspection from ground level, window and door frames (and any associated spandrel or infill panels that may be installed) appear satisfactory with regard to combustibility and fire spread.

R - Fire Extinguishing Appliances

1 action

R1

1 action

If required, is there reasonable provision of accessible portable fire extinguishers?

No

Manual fire extinguishing appliances were installed to the common areas. It is not considered necessary to provide fire extinguishers in the common parts of sheltered or extra care housing. Such equipment should only be used by those trained in its use, and it is not considered appropriate, or advisable, for older or frail residents to use fire-fighting equipment. In addition, if a fire occurs in a flat, the provision of fire extinguishing appliances in the common parts might encourage some residents to enter the common parts to obtain an appliance to fight the fire.



Photo 110



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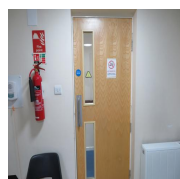


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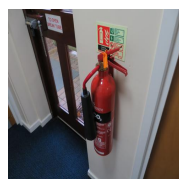


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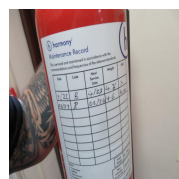


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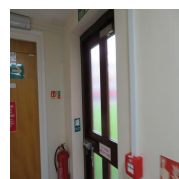


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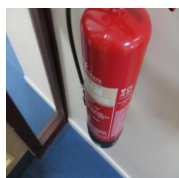


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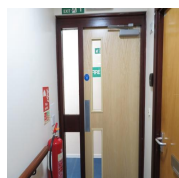


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R1

Management should review the current policy surrounding the presence of manual fire extinguishing appliances within the building. Based upon NFCC guidance as stated in R1, if there are no trained staff members present to use extinguishers, then consideration should be given to the removal of the manual fire extinguishing devices from the common areas.

Action/Recommendation Required?

Yes

Action Priority:

Low - 12 Months

S - Relevant Automatic Fire Extinguishing Systems

S1

Are there any automatic fire suppressant systems on site?

N/A

S2

Are there any fixed fire fighting mains within the premises?

N/A

S3

If any other relevant systems / equipment is installed, state

N/A

type of system and comment as necessary

T - Procedures and Arrangements

2 actions

T1

Recommended evacuation strategy for this building is:

Dual Policy Recommended

See O1.



Photo 118



Photo 119

T2

Has a competent person(s) been appointed to assist in undertaking the preventative and protective measures including in house checks?

Yes

Regular checks of the block are conducted by the clients representatives in the form of property managers.

T3

Are there appropriate documented fire safety arrangements and procedures in place in the event of fire?

Yes

Fire Action Notices are suitable and sufficient to cover the requirements stated in this section. See O1.



Photo 120



Photo 121

T4

Are there suitable arrangements for liaison and calling the Fire Service?

Unknown

Residents are required to call the Fire and Rescue Service in the event of a fire. It has also been recommended that internal smoke detection is connected to the telecare system for external monitoring. See P8.

T5

Are there suitable fire assembly points away from any risk?

Yes

Assembly point adequate.

T6

1 action

Are there adequate procedures in place for the evacuation of disabled people who are likely to be present?

Unknown

This sheltered housing block is low risk and thought to house residents capable of independent living capable of self evacuation. A PIB is available in the common area designed to house information pertaining to at risk residents where required.

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T6

The NFCC Specialised Housing Guide advocates that a Person-Centred Fire Risk Assessment be completed for vulnerable residents and appropriate additional fire safety measures be put in place depending on the findings.

Action/Recommendation Required?

Yes

Action Priority:

Low - 12 Months

T7

1 action

Are staff nominated and trained on the use of fire extinguishing appliances?

Unknown

Staff not permanently present. Extinguishers are recommended for review and removal in R1.

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T7

The client should ensure that if staff are appointed to use extinguishers, and they are to remain in place, then adequate training in their use is provided.

Action/Recommendation Required?

Yes

Action Priority:

Recommendation - No Timescale

T8

Are staff nominated and trained to assist in evacuation (Where applicable e.g. Offices, supported schemes)?

N/A

Staff not permanently present on site.

U - Training

U1

Do staff receive adequate induction and annual refresher fire safety training? (To include fire risks in the premises, fire safety measures in the building, action in the event of fire and on hearing alarm, location and use of fire extinguishers, calling the fire service)

Yes

See policy principle.

Policy Principle: All touchdown points (small offices) staff receive Inductions and annual refreshers on fire safety fire safety. But at all the schemes no permanent staff are present.

U2

Are employees nominated to assist in the event of fire given additional training?

N/A

No staff present.

V - Testing and Maintenance

V1

Are all fire safety provisions for the building (AFD, Emergency Lighting, sprinklers etc.) routinely tested and maintained?

Yes

See policy principle.

Policy Principle: Alarms- FHG Greenscapes, MITIE. E/L- FHG Greenscapes, MITIE. Assets Surveyor Extinguishers- MITIE. Fire Doors- FHG Greenscapes, Assets Surveyor Final Exits/ Escape Routes- Greenscapes/ Neighbourhoods.

W - Records

1 action

W1

1 action

Is all routine testing and staff training including fire drills suitably recorded and available for inspection?

Unknown

Records were not available at the time of the assessment.

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W1

The client should ensure they are keeping accurate records of testing, maintenance and staff training in relation to fire training and other relevant sections of this report. Records can be kept on site in paper format or held centrally by electronic means.

Action/Recommendation Required?

Yes

Action Priority:

Low - 12 Months

X - Premises Information Box

1 action

X1

1 action

Is a Premises Information Box located at the premises accessible to the Fire and Rescue Service, secure from unauthorised access and kept up to date?

Unknown

A PIB is located at the main entrance. It is not known if this is kept up to date with relevant information.



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X1

A premises information box has been installed, but the information could not be confirmed as meeting the requirements of the Fire Safety (England) Regulations 2022. The Building Manager is to ensure the information contained within the premises information box is relevant and meets the requirements of the Fire Safety (England) Regulations 2022.

Policy Principle: Log book is kept on SharePoint with proposed specific QR code access.

Action/Recommendation Required?

Yes

Action Priority:

Low - 12 Months

Y - Engagement with Residents

1 action

Y1

1 action

Has all Fire Safety information & procedures been disseminated to the residents?

Unknown

It could not be confirmed if the fire safety information and procedures have been disseminated to the residents of the block.

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Y1

The client should ensure that residents are provided with a copy of the fire safety instruction notice for the premises (when moving in and annually thereafter). The client should also ensure that information regarding Fire Door is provided to new residents when they move in and re-issued to all residents as required by the Fire Safety (England) Regulations 2022.

Action/Recommendation Required?

Yes

Action Priority:

Medium - 3 Months

Z - Any Other Information

Z1

Are all issues deemed satisfactory? [1]

Yes

There were no other relevant issues noted at the time of inspection.

Z2

Are all issues deemed satisfactory? [2]

Yes

There were no other relevant issues noted at the time of inspection.

Assessment Risk Ratings

2 flagged

Risk Rating

The following simple risk level estimator is based on a more general health and safety risk level estimator of the type contained in BS 8800:

Likelihood of fire	Potential consequences of fire		
	Slight Harm	Moderate Harm	Extreme Harm
Low	Trivial	Tolerable	Moderate
Medium	Tolerable	Moderate	Substantial
High	Moderate	Substantial	Intolerable

Likelihood of Fire

Taking into account 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:

MEDIUM

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

Low: Unusually low likelihood of fire as a result 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.

Potential Consequences of Fire

Taking into account the nature of the building and 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:

MODERATE HARM

Potential Consequences of Fire

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.

Moderate harmful: 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 likely to involve multiple fatalities.

Premises Risk Rating

1 flagged

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

MODERATE

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 advocated by BS 8800 for general health and safety risks:

Risk Level	Action and time table
Trivial	No action is required and no detailed records need be kept.
Tolerable	No major additional controls required. However, there might be a need for improvements that involve minor or limited cost.
Moderate	It is essential that efforts are made to reduce the risk. Risk reduction measures 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 building is unoccupied, it should not be occupied until the risk has been reduced. If the building is occupied, urgent action should be taken.
Intolerable	Building (or relevant area) should not be occupied until the risk is reduced.

(Note that, although the purpose of this section is to place the 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.)

On satisfactory completion of all remedial works the risk rating of this building may be reduced to

TOLERABLE

Limitations Statement

Fire Risk Assessment – Limitations

The purpose of the fire risk assessment is solely to provide an assessment of the risk to life from fire, and, where appropriate, to make recommendations to reduce the risk to life from fire. This assessment does not address fire risks to property or business continuity.

Under Article 5(4) of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 or other devolved equivalent regional legislation and relevant United Kingdom law, we have been appointed to provide advice to the Responsible Person only. We have no control over any part of the premises covered within this fire risk assessment, and we have no responsibility for undertaking any of the recommendations made. The assessment is intended to assist the Responsible Person to comply with their responsibilities under the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005.

Any policy principles included within this Fire Risk Assessment have been provided by the responsible person or their representative and been added in good faith. We cannot take responsibility for the accuracy of the policy principles with regard to the client's internal policies, British Standards or codes of practice.

Any test certificates supplied as part of the Fire Risk Assessment process will be considered but we take no responsibility or liability whatsoever is accepted for the accuracy of such information supplied by others.

The findings of the fire risk assessment will be based upon the conditions found at the Premises at the time the assessment is to be carried out and on relevant information provided by the Responsible Person or others either prior to, during or after the Fire Risk Assessment of the premises.

We consider the External Wall System as part of the Fire Risk Assessment process, however, we take no responsibility for a fire risk appraisal of external wall construction on existing buildings and work to the guidance and limitations detailed in PAS 9980:2022 0.2 Fire risk assessments. Any information supplied to the Fire Risk Assessor is taken in good faith and we accept no responsibility for the accuracy of the information supplied.

No responsibility is accepted for any change in the conditions or circumstances prior after the Fire Risk Assessment has been undertaken.

It is stressed that the assessment should not be regarded as a structural survey for fire safety purposes as such a survey should only be entrusted to a qualified building surveyor. The Fire Risk Assessment did not involve destructive exposure (Unless specifically requested as part of a contractual arrangement), and therefore it is not always possible to survey less readily accessible areas. It is, therefore, necessary to rely on a degree of sampling and also reasonable assumptions and judgements.

All services or penetrations traversing fire resisting compartments are not confirmed as being sufficiently fire stopped with fire resisting material to the appropriate standard. If fire compartments\fire dampers\voids (ceilings, floors or other voids) are considered inaccessible for safety reasons or any other reason and cannot be physically accessed or are outside the visual range of the assessor, technical comment on these areas cannot be provided.

This fire risk assessment will not necessarily identify all minor fire-stopping issues that might exist within the building and should be considered to be a sample of fire compartmentation. Unless a full fire compartmentation survey is contractually included within the scope of the assessment. If there are reasons to suspect the fire resistance within the Premises has not been sufficiently maintained the responsibility to provide this technical information rests with the Responsible Person\duty holder.

This fire risk assessment will not necessarily identify all minor fire door issues that might exist within the building and should be considered a sample of fire doors. Unless a full fire door survey is contractually included within the scope of the assessment.

A full investigation of the design of heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems is outside the scope of this fire risk assessment.

Although reference in the report may be made to relevant British Standards, Codes of Practice and Guides the assessment will not, nor is it intended to, ensure compliance with any of the documents referred to in the assessment. However, deviations from generally accepted codes, standards and universally recognised good fire safety practice will be identified in the assessment.

Where an emergency escape lighting system is present, comments are based upon a visual assessment of the system coverage and condition, but no illuminance tests or verification of the installation to the relevant British Standards were carried out.

Where a fire alarm system is present, comments are based upon a visual assessment, but no audibility tests or verification of full compliance with the relevant British Standards were carried out.

Where manual firefighting equipment is present, comments are based upon a visual assessment, but no verification of full compliance with the relevant British Standards or codes of practice were carried out.

It is the expectation that any reference to the testing and maintenance of passive or active fire protection systems within the premises are undertaken to the relevant current British Standards, Codes of Practice and Guides it is the responsible person's duty to ensure this is undertaken.

There will be a brief review of procedures at the time of this fire risk assessment. An in-depth review of documentation is outside the scope of this fire risk assessment, unless otherwise stated in the contract.

The report will highlight the Significant Findings (Split into Recommendations and Action(s)) that the Fire Risk Assessor found at the time of the assessment.

It is the responsibility of the Responsible Person to ensure that any deficiencies found during the assessment and subsequently reported to the Responsible Person, by the report or other means, are their responsibility to rectify to a satisfactory standard to meet the requirements of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005.

It is wholly the responsibility of the Responsible Person and/or their agent to implement and maintain the Fire Precautions at the Premises to a satisfactory standard and condition to comply with the requirements of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005.

Failure to address and/or rectify any deficiencies mentioned in the report may result in serious harm, injury and or death to any relative person, employee, visitor, you or any other person in, on, within or without the perimeter of the Premises.

Failure to address any of the deficiencies highlighted in the report may be considered to be a breach of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 and may result in prosecution by the enforcing authority.

Responsibility for the ongoing management of the Premises and even, if necessary, the decision to allow the Premises to be used for their present purpose, and in the current condition remains with the Responsible Person.

Responsibility for management procedures regarding, evacuation management, and maintenance of firefighting equipment, Fire alarms systems, emergency escape lighting, and any other emergency-related provisions remains a duty of the responsible person, not the fire risk

assessor as this is not within their control.

Any faults or deficiencies in any emergency emergency-related staffing levels and/or staff training are the responsibility of the Responsible Person and/or the duty holder.

Portable or moveable items and items brought into the Premises are the responsibility of the Responsible Person and/or the duty holder.

It is recommended that the Assessment is reviewed annually or when there is a significant change, material alteration, change in the use of the Premises, a change in working practices, or following any incident, including fire, which may affect the Fire Precautions of the Premises.

The circumstances of the Premises may change over time and with use and/or occupancy, therefore, failure to review the fire risk assessment by the date indicated may mean that the fire risk assessment is no longer valid.

This Fire Risk Assessment is not a Health and Safety Report. A Health and Safety review should be conducted to ensure compliance with the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974.

Compliance with all other legislation is the responsibility of the Responsible Person. We accept no responsibility for loss, damage or other liability arising from a fire, loss and/or injury due to the failure to observe the safety, observance and practises identified in the Assessment

The Responsible Person will always remain responsible for the outcome of the Fire Risk Assessment and/or its review. This includes the accuracy of details contained within this report.

By signing for, by payment for services or acknowledgement of receipt of the report you accept full responsibility and accountability for implementing the findings of the report.



Life Safety Fire Risk Assessment Certificate of Conformity

This certificate is issued by the organization named in Part 1 of the schedule in respect of the fire risk assessment provided for the person(s) or organization named in Part 2 of the schedule at the premises and / or part of the premises identified in Part 3 of the schedule

Schedule

Part 1a - Name and Address of Certified Organisation	Pennington Choices Limited
Part 1b - BAFE Registration Number of Issuing Certified Organisation	102119
Part 1c - SSAIB 3rd Party Certificate Number	CHES077
Part 2 - Name of Client	Futures Housing Group
Part 3a - Address of premises for which the Fire Risk Assessment was carried out	Saxon House Saxon House (Includes TD): NN6 9NJ
Part 3b - Part or parts of the premises to which the Fire Risk Assessment applies	Lobbies, lounge, kitchen, corridors, stairs, risers, cupboards, laundry room.
Part 4 - Brief description of the scope and purpose of the Fire Risk Assessment	Life Safety (as agreed spec)
Part 4b - Limitations of FRA	See Limitations Statement
Part 5 - Effective Date of the Fire Risk Assessment	16 Jan 2024
Part 6 - Recommended Date for Reassessment of the premises	16 Jan 2025
Part 7 - Unique Reference Number of this Certificate (Job Number)	171955

Signed for on behalf of the Issuing Certified Organisation

James Hutton



Dated:

16 Jan 2024

SSAIB, 7-9 Earsdon Road, West Monkseaton, Whitley Bay, Tyne & Wear. NE25 9SX

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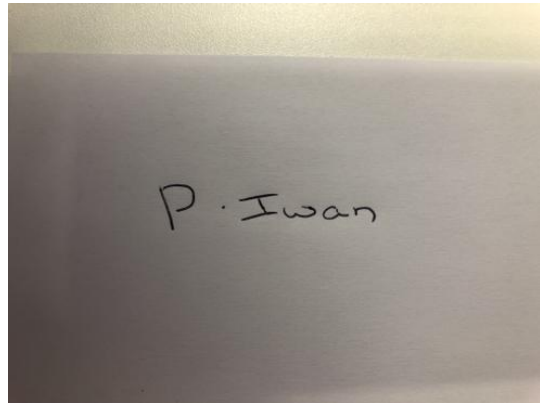


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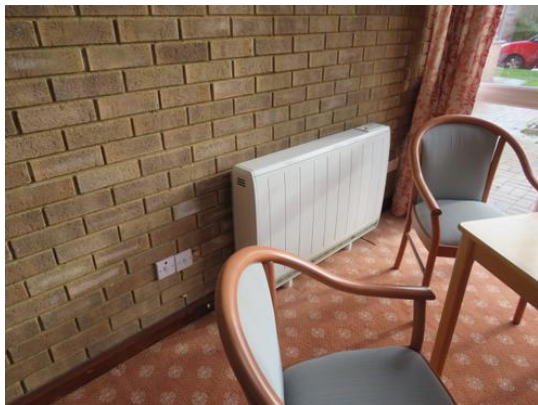


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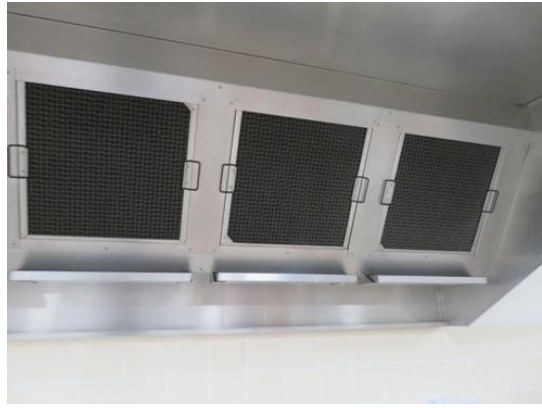


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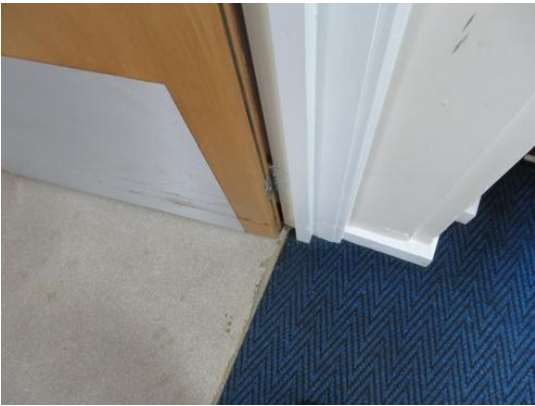


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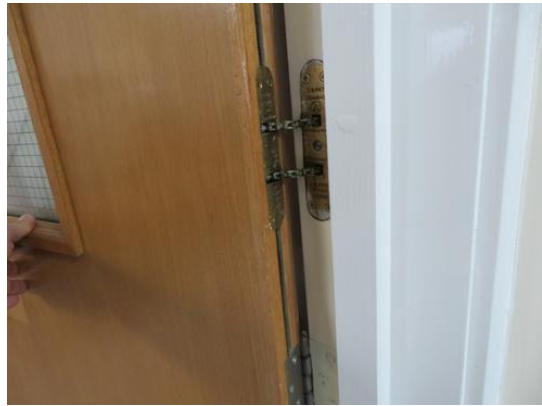


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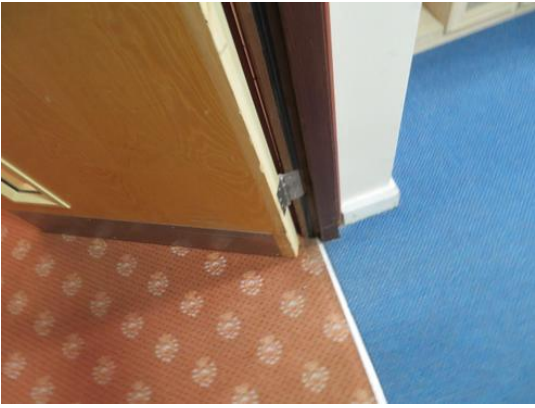


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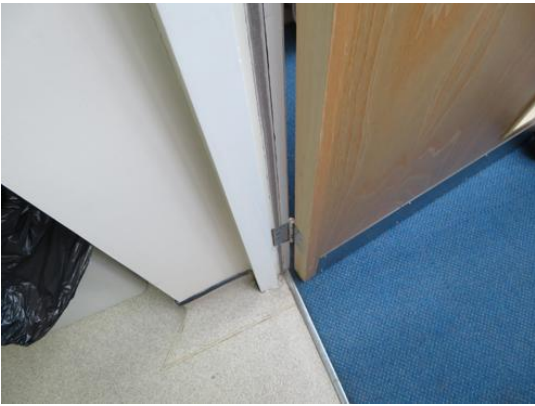


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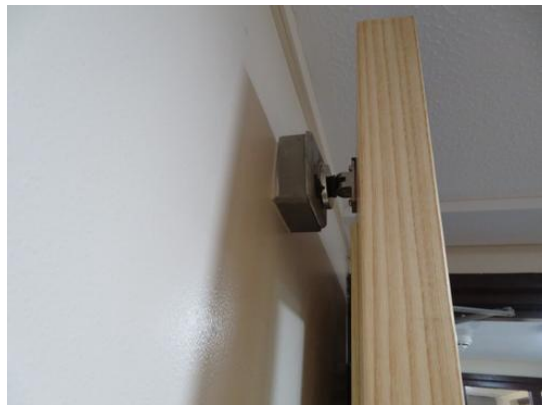


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