Fire Risk Assessment Warley House 1-12



Abbey Road, Smethwick B67 5LN

Date Completed: 11/04/2024

Review Period: 3 years

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Current Risk Rating = Tolerable

Subsequent reviews

Review date	Officer	Comments

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Introduction

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

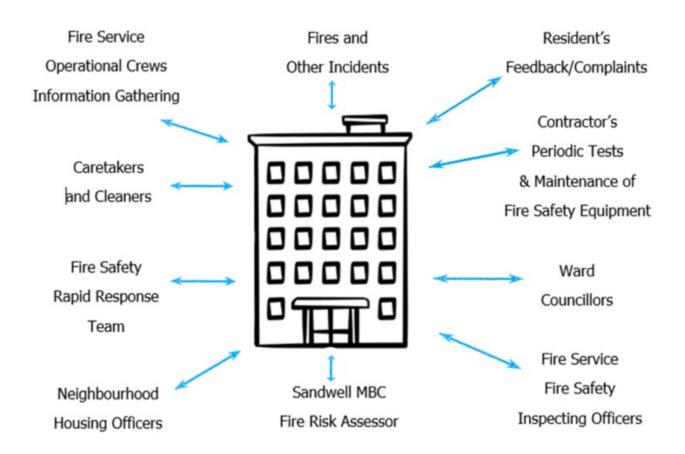
This fire risk assessment has been written to comply fully with the above legislation which is enforced locally by West Midlands Fire Service. If required, complaints can be made to them by telephone on 0121 380 7500 or electronically on https://www.safety/#reportfiresafety. In the first instance however,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

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

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

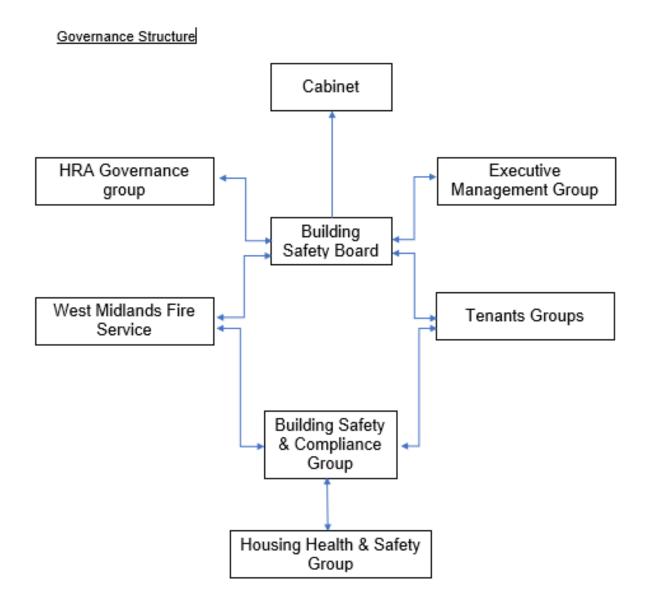
The council has procedures and policies in place that will trigger a review of the fire risk assessment. This then is recorded on the fire risk assessment. If the review suggests the fire risk assessment is not currently suitable and sufficient, then a new fire risk assessment will be undertaken and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

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



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

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



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

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Significant findings

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

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

Significant findings

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

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

Section number	Section Area	Individual Risk Level
Section 6	External Envelope	Trivial
	The exterior of the buildings is predominantly traditional brick construction.	
	Individual flat windows are UPVC double glazed units.	
Section 7	Means of Escape from Fire	Trivial
	The premise has a single staircase with two final exits.	

Section 8	Fire Detection and Alarm Systems	Trivial
	Early warning is limited to hard wire or battery smoke alarms within each of the resident's flats.	
Section 9	Emergency Lighting	Trivial
	The premise has emergency lighting within the staircase.	
Section 10	Compartmentation	Trivial
	The building is designed to provide as a minimum 1- hour vertical fire resistance and I -hour horizontal fire resistance.	
	All flat entrance doors are nominal 30-minute fire doors with intumescent strips and cold smoke seals, including those in 1- hour rated walls.	
Section 11	Fire Fighting Equipment	Trivial
	No firefighting provisions within the premise.	
Section 12	Fire Signage	Trivial
	Appropriate signage is in place. No smoking signs present within the block.	
Section 13	Employee Training	Trivial
	All staff receive basic fire safety awareness training.	
Section 14	Sources of Ignition	Tolerable

	The fixed electrical installation shall be tested every 5 years. It was noted that the last inspection was 30/03/2021. Evidence of smoking on deck access.	
Section 15	Waste Control	Trivial
	Regular cleaning service at the block and regular checks from caretakers help with the waste control at the block. The block has a refuse chute that leads to a bin room store on the ground floor near the rear entrance.	
Section 16	Control and Supervision of Contractors and Visitors	Trivial
	Contractors are controlled centrally, and hot works permits are required where necessary.	
Section 17	Arson Prevention	Trivial
	A door entry system is installed to prevent unauthorised access to the block.	
Section 18	Storage Arrangements	Tolerable
	Storage cupboards doors that are located within the communal areas of the block are not of a fire rated construction.	

Risk Level Indicator

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

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

High	Moder	ate risk	9	Substantial risk	Intolerable risl
Considering the fire preassessment, it is considered these premises is:					
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In this context, a definition of the above terms is as follows:

Slight harm Outbreak of fire unlikely to result in serious

injury or death of any occupant (other than an occupant sleeping in a room in which a

fire occurs).

Moderate harm Outbreak of fire could foreseeably result in

injury including serious injury) of one or more

occupants, but it is unlikely to involve

multiple fatalities.

Extreme harm Significant potential for serious injury or

death of one or more occupants.

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

Trivial	Tolorable ▽	Moderate \square	Substantial □	Intolorable -
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Comments

In conclusion, the likelihood of a fire is at a medium level of risk because of the normal fire hazards that have been highlighted within the risk assessment.

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

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

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

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

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People at Significant Risk of Fire

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

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

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

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

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

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Contact Details

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

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

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

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

Chief Executive

Shokat Lal

Interim Director of Housing

Dean Epton

Assistant Director Building Compliance

Phil Deery

Fire Safety Manager

Tony Thompson

Team Lead Fire Safety

Jason Blewitt

Fire Risk Assessor(s)

Carl Hill

Louis Conway

Anthony Smith

Adrian Jones

Resident Engagement Officer - Fire Safety

Lee Mlilo

Abdul Monim Khan

Housing Office Manager

Susan Geddes

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

Description of Premises

Warley House 1-12 Abbey Road Smethwick B67 5LN

Description of the Property

The low-rise block was constructed in 1961.

The block consists of 4 storeys (inclusive of the ground floor).

The block contains 12 dwellings.

The block has a main entrance to the front and rear elevation.

The front and rear entrance have a door entry system with a fob reader installed.







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

The enforcing authority is West Midlands Fire Service.

High/Low Rise	Low Rise
Number of Floors	4
Date of Construction	1961
Construction Type	Traditional Cavity Construction
Last Refurbished	Unknown
External Cladding	None
Number of Lifts	None
Number of Staircases	One
Automatic Smoke Ventilation to	None
communal area	
Fire Alarm System	None
Refuse Chute	Yes
Access to Roof	Externally only
Equipment on roof (e.g., mobile	None
phone station etc)	

Persons at Risk

Residents / Occupants of 12 flats per block.

Visitors,

Sandwell MBC employees,

Contractors,

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

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

Building Plan

The general plan shows the building location.



External envelope

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

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

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

1) The external envelope of the building is predominantly traditional brick and masonry construction.



2) Communal windows are a UPVC construction.







3) The block has a rear concrete open access walkway.



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Means of Escape from Fire

1) The site has a single staircase that provides a means of escape.



- 2) All corridors are of adequate width (at least 1350mm) and will be maintained clear to that width as a minimum.
- 3) Communal cupboard doors within the staircase should be upgraded to certified FD30s fire rated as part of a future works programme.





- 4) Individual flat entrance doors are FD 30s rated (Permadoor). It was noted that Flat entrance door 4 is a timber non fire door.
- 5) All communal doors are fitted with automatic closing devices that are checked on a regular basis by Caretaking Teams as part of their checks. Defective closing devices are replaced either by the Caretaking Team(s) or the in-house repairs team(s).
- 6) The final exit doors have door entry systems installed. These systems are designed to fail safe i.e., door unlocked in the event of a power failure. This prevents residents being locked in or out of the building.









7) Automatic smoke ventilation is not employed within the block, communal windows can be opened manually with the use of a key.



8) The block has access to a refuse chute located on the rear open deck access.



- 9) Communal areas should be kept free of flammable items. The communal areas are checked on a regular basis by Caretaking / Cleaning teams 365 days per year and all items of rubbish are immediately removed. There is also an out of hour's service that allows combustible items of furniture / rubbish to be removed.
- 10) Emergency lighting is provided to the stairs.
- 11) The surface coatings to the communal areas are Class 0 rated.

- 12) The building has sufficient passive controls that provide effective compartmentation in order to support a Stay Put-Unless Policy via nominal (Permadoor) doors to flats and compartment walls. Therefore, residents are advised to remain in their flat unless the fire directly affects them.
- 13) Individual flat doors are nominal FD 30S rated (Permadoor).

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Warley House 1-12 (O&E)	BL00100WA06 DW0010000025	12 Warley House; Abbey Road; Smethwick; West Midlands;	Permadoor	Glazed

14)Access is gained to a sample of properties as part of the fire risk assessment to ensure the doors have not been tampered with. Access gained to flat 7. This door is not positively closing on the latch. Adjustment of self-closer required.



15) Staircase glazing noted within 1.8m of flat windows.



good housekeeping is fundamental to reducing risk in blocks of flats. Controlling the presence of combustible materials and ignition sources not only reduces the potential for accidental fires to start and develop in the common parts, it also significantly reduces the scope for

deliberate fires. It also ensures escape routes are free of obstructions that might hinder the evacuation of people from the building and access for fire-fighters.

Section

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Fire Detection and Alarm Systems

- 1) Early warning is limited to hard wire or battery smoke alarms within each of the resident's flats. The equipment is subjected to a cyclical test.
- 2) Based on the sample of properties accessed during the fire risk assessment the smoke alarms within resident's flats is installed to an LD2 Standard.

Flats accessed:

Flat 7 – Smoke detection to: Hall, Kitchen (Heat) and Living room. As confirmed by resident (No internal access).

For information

LD1 all rooms except wet rooms

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

LD3 Hallway only

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

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Emergency Lighting

1) The premises has sufficient emergency / escape lighting system in accordance with BS 5266 and has test points strategically located. External emergency lighting, to the open deck access, should be considered as part of a future works programme.

- 2) The self-contained units are provided to the communal landings and stairs.
- 3) All installed equipment is checked and tested on a monthly basis by Sandwell MBC in house electrical team or approved contractor, in accordance with current standards.

Compartmentation

This section should be read in conjunction with Section 4

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

- The building is designed to provide as a minimum 1-hour vertical fire resistance and 1-hour horizontal fire resistance around flats. All flat entrance doors are 30-minute nominal fire doors, including those in 1-hour rated walls.
- 2) The premise does not have sufficient compartmentation to limit the travel and effect of smoke and flame in event of a fire in communal areas due to open plan staircase.
- A variety of methods / materials have been used to achieve firestopping, refer to table below.

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4) Any remedial works arising from the fire stopping / compartmentation check(s) will be actioned immediately by the Fire Safety Rapid Response Team.

5) Individual flat doors are nominal fire doors (Permadoor). Flat entrance door, number 4, is a timber non fire door.









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

Fire Fighting Equipment

1) No firefighting equipment present within the block.

Section 12

Fire Signage

- 1) The fire escape route generally does not use directional fire signage in accordance due to simplicity of layout.
- 2) No smoking signs displayed.

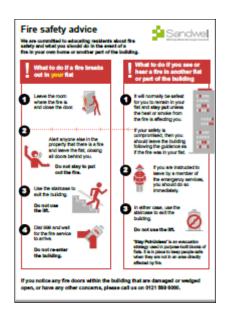


Employee & Resident Training/Provision of Information

- All Caretaking / Cleaning Employees have undertaken fire safety training. This includes use of bespoke 'Fire Safety in High / Low Rise Flatted Accommodation' Video.
- 2) All employees are encouraged to complete 'In the line of fire' training on an annual basis.
- Caretaking Teams are not currently trained in the effective use of fire extinguishers.
- Housing Directorate employees assigned to undertake Fire Safety Inspections have received IFE approved training via West Midlands Fire Service.
- 5) Staff undertaking fire risk assessments are qualified to or working towards Level 4 Diploma in Fire Risk Assessment.
- 6) Fire safety information has been provided as part of tenancy pack.
- 7) Information regarding use of fire doors is provided to residents.



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



9) Additional fire safety information can be found on the Sandwell Council website. https://www.sandwell.gov.uk/fire-safety

Sources of Ignition

1) Smoking is prohibited within any communal parts of the building in line with Smoke Free England legislation. Evidence of smoking was witnessed on the rear open deck. Cigarette ends were witnessed on the rear open deck floor and within a tin used as an ash tray. Email sent to housing manager.





- 2) Hot working is not normally carried out. If essential maintenance requires the use of hot work processes, then corporate policies and procedures are to be followed.
- 3) Portable electrical equipment used as part of the Caretaking / Cleaning regime is subject to annual PAT Testing. This information is held by the Estate Services Manager Bryan Low.
- 4) The fixed electrical installation shall be tested every 5 years. It was noted that the last inspection was 30/03/2021.



5) Portable heaters are not allowed in any common parts of the premises.

6) Gas appliances and pipework (where installed) are subject to annual testing and certification. This cyclical contract is managed by the in-house Gas Team. Gas supply is internal.

Section 15

Waste Control

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



- 2) Refuse containers emptied regularly.
- 3) Regular checks by Caretakers minimise risk of waste accumulation.



- 4) 'Out of Hours' service in place to remove bulk items.
- 5) Bin store located at the rear entrance of the block.



Control and Supervision of Contractors and Visitors

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

Arson Prevention

- 1) Regular checks are undertaken by Caretakers / Cleaning Team(s) 365 days per year which helps reduce the risk of arson.
- 2) Restricted access to the premises by means of a door entry system.
- 3) There is no current evidence of arson.
- 4) The perimeter of the premises is well illuminated.



5) There have been no reported fire incidents since the last FRA.

Section 18

Storage Arrangements

- 1) Residents instructed not to bring L.P.G cylinders into block. (Notice displayed in lifts see point 9-3)
- 2) The tenancy conditions, Section 7 Condition 5.6 stipulates "If you live in a flat or maisonette, you, people living with you and any visitors to your property must not keep or use paraffin oil, petrol, bottled gas appliances or any other explosive, FLAMMABLE or dangerous material in the property. This restriction also applies to

any storage facility situated in or attached to the block, which has been provided for your use."

- 3) No Flammable liquids stored on site by Caretakers / cleaners.
- 4) Store cupboards should be kept secured.
- 5) No flammable liquids or gas cylinders should be stored on site.
- 6) Residents have access to Storage cupboards that are located within the communal areas of the block and are not of a fire rated construction.

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

Significant Findings

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

Trivial □ Tolerable ⊠

Definition of priorities (where applicable):

P1 Arrange and complete as urgent – Within 10 days

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

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

P4 Arrange and complete exceeding 6 months under programmed work



Fire Risk Assessment Level 2 Action Plan



Name of Premises or Location:	Warley House 1-12				
Date of Action Plan:	17/04/2024				
Review Date:					

Question/ Ref No	Required Action	Supporting photograph	Priority	Timescale and Person Responsible	Date Completed
07/14	Self-closing device (Flat 7) to be adjusted as door not positively closing.		P3	Fire Rapid Response 3-6 Months	
10/05	Replace Flat entrance door number 4 (Non- Fire Door) with an FD 30s (self- closing) Composite Door set.		P3	Leasehold Management 3-6 Months	

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

Observations

Communal storage cupboards doors. Upgrade to 30 minutes fire resistance as part of next improvement works programme.



Consideration should be given to providing external emergency lighting during the next improvement works programme.



Consideration should be given to, providing a sprinkler system to flats that have glazing within 1.8m of staircase glazing, during the next improvement works programme.



Signed

A. SATH	Fire Risk Assessor	Date: 17/04/2024			
Bennet	Quality Assurance Check	Date: 19/04/2024			

Appendix 1

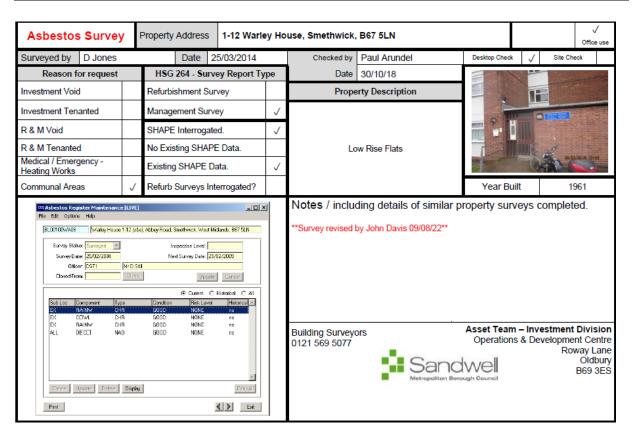
Significant Hazards on Site and Information to be Provided for the Fire Service

Name of property: Warley House 1-12.

Updated: 09/08/2022

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

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



Sample Locations		Prope Addre		-12 Warle	y House, Sm	ethwick, B67	5LN				
LOCATION		MATERIAL		QTY	SURFACE TREATMEN	SAMPLE REF	RESULT	HSE NOTIF Y	Labelled ?	ACTION TAKEN ON CONTRACT	
IF DURING THE COURSE OF WORK SUSPECTED ACM'S ARE IDENTIFIED THAT ARE NOT CONTAINED WITHIN THIS REPORT STOP WORK & SEEK ADVIC							EEK ADVICE				
MAIN ROOF SOFFIT		CEMENT		-	SEALED	DS418/001	CHRYSOTILE	NO	NO		
3 ⁹⁰ FLOOR ELECTRIC CUPBOARD LOW LEVEL PIPE ADJ. FLAT 10	DUCT	CEMENT		-	UNSEALED	PRESUMED	CHRYSOTILE	NO	NO		
INCINERATOR PIPE		CE	MENT	-	UNSEALED	DS1077/001	CHRYSOTILE	NO	NO		
COMMUNAL WALLS		TEXTURE	D COATING	-	SEALED	DJ326/001	NO ASBESTOS DETECTED	NO	NO		-
FLAT 11 FRONT DOOR FRAME SEALANT		SILI	SILICONE		SEALED	AA 384 / 001	NONE DETECTED	NO	NO		
ITEMS SHOWN BELO	W HAV	E BEEN AS	SSESSED	ON SITE B	Y THE ASBEST	OS SURVEYOR	& ARE CONFIRME	D NOT	то ве	ACM's	
LOCATION DESCRIPTION	MATERIAL		LOCATION DES		CRIPTION	MATERIAL	LOCATION DESCRIPTION		ON	MATERIAL	
		AL FIBRE DARD									
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FRONT DOOR FRAME SEALANT TO ALL FLATS SIL		ICONE									
COMMUNAL ENTRANCES DOOR FRAME SEALANT SIL		ICONE									