

Fire Risk Assessment

Hill House 1- 16



**Oakfield Close, Smethwick
B66 3JU.**

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Current Risk Rating = Tolerable

Subsequent reviews

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

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Introduction

The [Regulatory Reform \(Fire Safety\) Order 2005 \(RR\(FS\)O\)](#) places a legal duty on landlords to complete a fire risk assessment (FRA).

Specifically, RR(FS)O article 9. — (1) *“The responsible person must make a suitable and sufficient assessment of the risks to which relevant persons are exposed for the purpose of identifying the general fire precautions he needs to take to comply with the requirements and prohibitions imposed on him by or under this Order”*.

This Type 1 fire risk assessment has been written to comply fully with the above legislation which is enforced locally by West Midlands Fire Service. If required, complaints can be made to them by telephone on 0121 380 7500 or electronically on <https://www.wmfs.net/our-services/fire-safety/#reportfiresafety>. In the first instance however, we would be grateful if you could contact us directly via https://www.sandwell.gov.uk/info/200195/contact_the_council/283/feedback_and_complaints or by phone on 0121 569 6000.

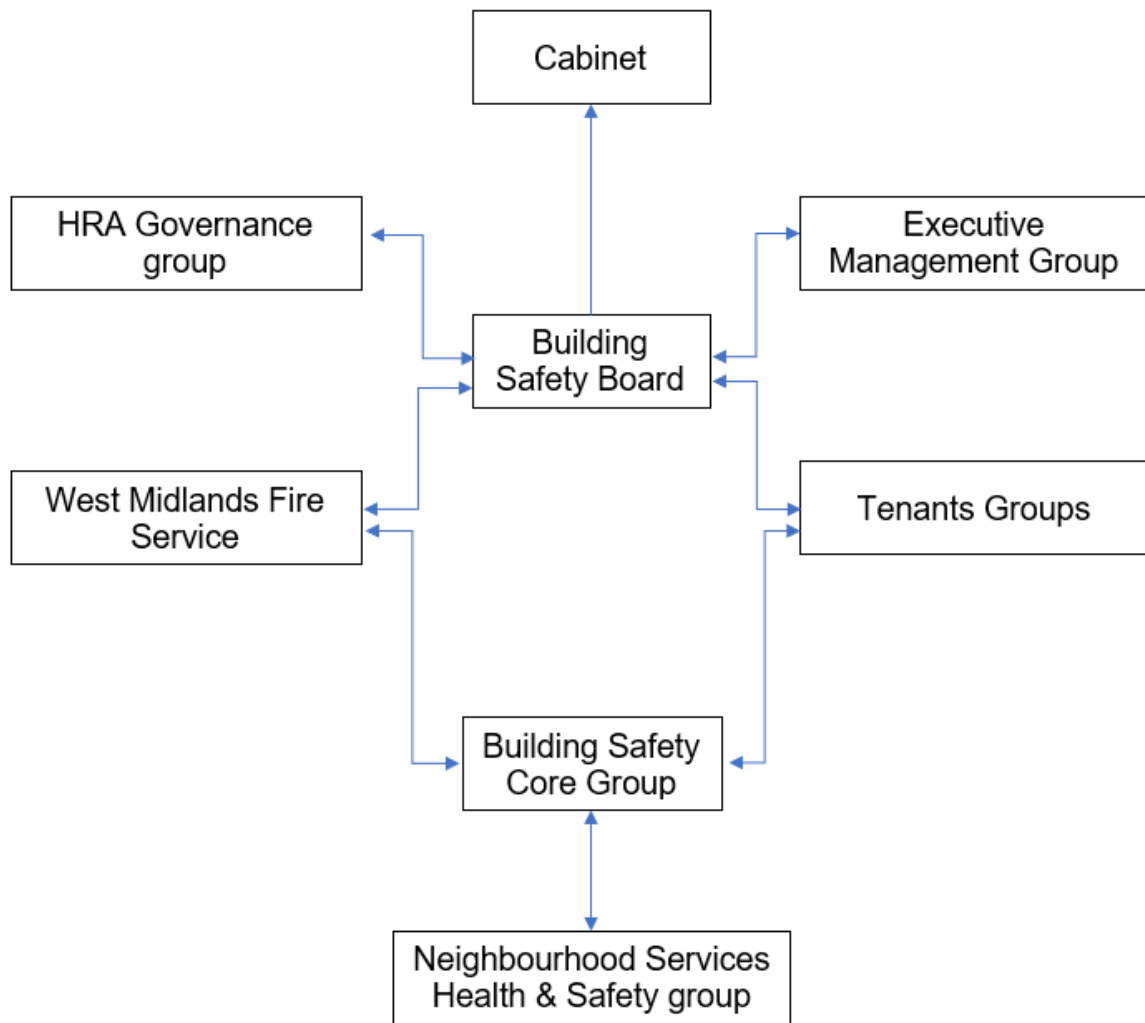
The date of the fire risk assessment is on the front page, followed by any subsequent reviews. A recurring time frame is not set in legislation. The council has procedures and policies in place that will trigger a review of the fire risk assessment. This then is recorded on the fire risk assessment. If the review suggests the fire risk assessment is not currently suitable and sufficient, then a new fire risk assessment will be undertaken and become the current fire risk assessment. The previous fire risk assessment will be retained in the building safety case for that building.

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



The above processes and procedures are overseen by the Fire Safety, Facilities and Premises Manager who reports to the Business Manager - Surveying and Fire Safety.

These managers attend the Fire Safety Core Group for scrutiny which is part of the governance structure below.



To summarise the fire risk assessment, in this scenario the RR(FS)O requires the prescribed information to be recorded. The prescribed information is the significant findings of the fire risk assessment and those groups or persons especially at risk from fire.

This is recorded here in [section 1](#). Also required to be recorded under article 11, are the fire safety arrangements for the planning, organisation, control, monitoring and review of the preventative and protective measures. The information shown above is part of this requirement.

Section 1

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 to comply with the RR(FS)O 2005.

Groups of people especially at risk of fire include such people as remote or lone workers, at risk due to layout of the building, visitors and contractors unfamiliar with the building layout as well as those with physical, sensory or mental health issues.

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

Significant findings

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

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

Section number	Section Area	Individual Risk Level
Section 6	External Envelope Traditional brick-built 4 story block of flats with 16 flats. Each flat is of 2 floors, flats 1-8 are on the ground floor and with flats 9-16 on the first floor The block consists of an open deck access to the 1st floor; ground floor flats open to fresh air.	Trivial

	Steel railings installed on 1st floor open deck access, UPVC window units installed with UPVC soffits and fascia to the roof line Front entrance doors are of timber construction with glass inserts within the door.	
Section 7	Means of Escape from Fire There are 2 staircases along the means of escape with 1 floor accommodating an open deck access with 2-way travel. Ground floor flats open into fresh air, with 1st floor flats opening onto a open deck access with two-way directional exits, all flat windows along open deck escape route are above the required 1100mm threshold. Refuse hoppers are located on staircase within a designated cupboard behind a FD30s fire door Final exit doors are made to fail safe in an emergency Resident electrical meters are located next to the front entrance doors. All escape routes and stairways are equipped with standard lighting coupled with emergency lighting Stairs and landings are clear of any obstruction.	Tolerable

	• Open deck access has obstructions placed within the mean of escape • Push chair left under stairs in communal ground floor area, but this does not impact the means of escape. Pathways out main entrance is clear and safe.	
Section 8	Fire Detection and Alarm Systems Individual flats are fitted with hardwired smoke detection to an LD3 standard minimum.	Trivial
Section 9	Emergency Lighting The premise has emergency lighting in communal corridors, stairwells and open deck access Conventional lighting is evident throughout the block, corridors, staircase landing.	Trivial
Section 10	Compartmentation The block has sufficient compartmentation between dwellings. Cyclical programme in place to ensure fire stopping has not been compromised. All flat entrance doors are fitted with composite FD30s fire doors, except where specific escape routes eliminate the risk. Ground-floor flats opening directly to fresh air with no overhead risk do not require fire doors. Similarly, first-floor flats opening onto open deck access are exempt because alternative two-way travel routes successfully mitigate the fire risk.	Tolerable

	Could not gain access to check resident electrical cupboards located at both communal entrances under the stairs, <i>FRA to be updated when access is gained</i> Refuse chute room on the communal landing has smoke seals missing from the door frame.	
Section 11	Fire Fighting Equipment The premises have no provision for firefighting equipment.	Trivial
Section 12	Fire Signage There is sufficient Fire door keep shut signs & No Smoking signs in place.	Trivial
Section 13	Employee Training All staff receive basic fire safety awareness training.	Trivial
Section 14	Sources of Ignition Recent Satisfactory EICR was carried out on the 03/04/2023 Resident electrical meters are installed within a secure metal enclosures.	Trivial
Section 15	Waste Control Caretakers undertake regular checks and bins are stored away within secured bin room. Refuse bins stored in a dedicated refuse cupboard located outside to the rear, next to the rear final exit. Refuse bin stored outside external bin room near to a communal window unit.	Tolerable

Section 16	Control and Supervision of Contractors and Visitors Contractors are controlled centrally, and hot works permits are required where necessary.	Trivial
Section 17	Arson Prevention There is external lighting, and a door entry system prevents unauthorised access. No fire incidents reported since the last FRA.	Trivial
Section 18	Storage Arrangements There are no external or internal storage cupboards for residents.	Trivial

Risk Level Indicator

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

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

Considering the fire prevention measures observed at the time of this risk assessment, it is considered that the hazard from fire (likelihood of fire) at these premises is:

Low ☐ Medium ☒ High ☐

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

Low Unusually low likelihood of fire because of negligible potential sources of ignition.

Medium Normal fire hazards (e.g. potential ignition sources) for this type of occupancy, with fire hazards generally subject to appropriate controls (other than minor shortcomings).

High Lack of adequate controls applied to one or more significant fire hazards, such as to result in significant increase in likelihood of fire.

Considering the nature of the premises and the occupants, as well as the fire protection and procedural arrangements observed at the time of this fire risk assessment, it is considered that the consequences for life safety in the event of fire would be:

Slight Harm ☒ Moderate Harm ☐ Extreme Harm ☐

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

Slight harm Outbreak of fire unlikely to result in serious injury or death of any occupant (other than an occupant sleeping in a room in which a fire occurs).

Moderate harm Outbreak of fire could foreseeably result in injury including serious injury) of one or more occupants, but it is unlikely to involve multiple fatalities.

Extreme harm

Significant potential for serious injury or death of one or more occupants.

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

Trivial ☐ Tolerable ☒ Moderate ☐ Substantial ☐ Intolerable ☐

Comments

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In my conclusion, the likelihood of a fire is of a medium level of risk prior to the implementation of the action plan because of the normal fire hazards that have been highlighted within the risk assessment.

The potential life safety risk from fire within this building is categorized as slight, based on its current use and occupancy. Although FD30S composite fire doors are present at flat entrances, they are not strictly necessary due to the building's inherent design. Ground-floor flats exit directly to the outside, while first-floor flats benefit from open-deck access with two-way escape travel. Additionally, all windows bordering the escape routes are installed above the 1100mm threshold height.

Risk is further mitigated by localized LD3-standard smoke detection within each flat and proactive communal housekeeping to eliminate fire load. The escape routes benefit from comprehensive illumination via conventional, emergency, and borrowed street lighting. Finally, the main exit door features a fail-safe mechanism that unlocks automatically in an emergency, supporting the building's designated 'Stay Put Unless' fire strategy

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

On completion of the recorded actions the overall risk rating for the building will be reduced to trivial, subject to the recommended actions in this fire risk assessment.

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

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

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

Section 2

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 has a policy and procedure in place for Personal Emergency Evacuation Plans (PEEPs). This is based on tenants identifying themselves as requiring a PEEP.

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		
Executive Director Asset Manager & Improvement Alan Lunt		
Assistant Director Asset Manager & Improvement Sarah Agar		
Fire Safety Manager Tony Thompson		
Team Lead Fire Safety Jason Blewitt		
Team Lead Building Safety Anthony Smith		
Housing Office Manager Teresa Warren - Donley		
Building Safety Managers Adrian Jones Carl Hill Louis Conway Andrew Froggatt	Fire Risk Assessors Mohammed Zafeer Stuart Henely Craig Hudson	Resident Engagement Officers – Fire Safety Abdulmonim Khan Ethan Somaiya Hannah Russon

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

Section 4

Description of Premises

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Description of the Property

This Type 1 non-intrusive fire risk assessment pertains to the residential block at 1-16 Hill House, a four-storey, low-rise building constructed in 1967 utilizing traditional brick cavity walls. The property consists of 16 self-contained, two-storey dwellings with flats 1- 8 located on the ground floor, flats 9- 16 flats are accessed via an open deck on the first-floor rear elevation of the block. Emergency egress is supported by two staircases located at opposite ends of the block, providing occupants with a two-way direction of travel when exiting the premises.

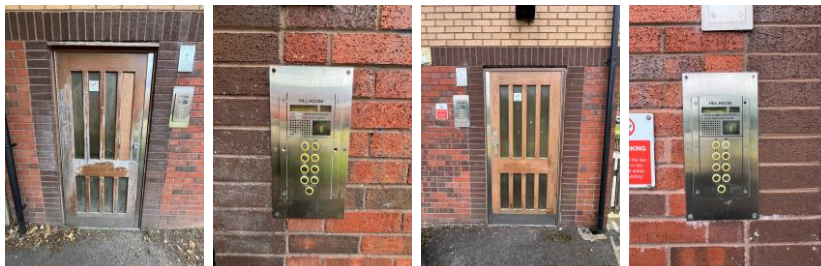
The site has adequate street parking situated at the front of the building. Resident and visitor vehicles are positioned at a safe and appropriate distance from the building envelope, reducing potential fire spread or obstruction to access routes.



Front and rear elevation of the block.

Ground floor – Flats 1-8
1ST floor – Flats 9 -16

There are 2 main entrances to the building, access is through timber doors, with door accessed via fob readers, these are located to either side of the block, trades and visitors use an intercom system. For emergency access there are firefighter manual override switches located above the door's intercom panel.



Both side entrance with door access control to the block

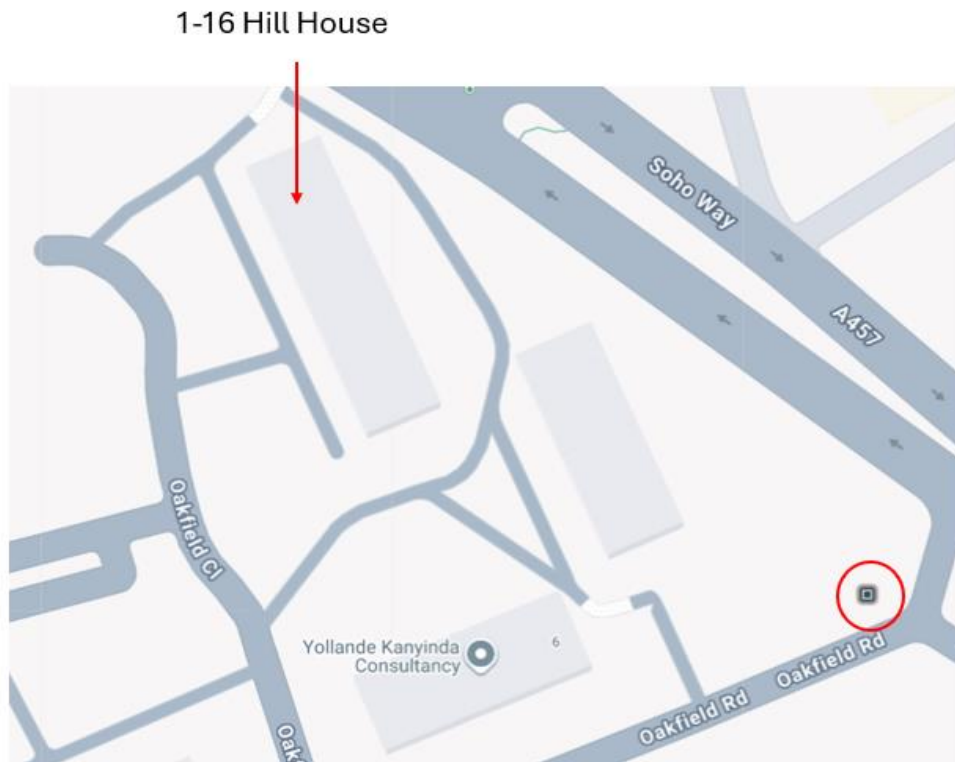


Firefighter's switches at both entrances

Externally the building has a timber fenced perimeter to the front and rear gardens of flats 1-8



Location of the nearest Hydrant is located on Oakfield Road.



Hydrant circled in red

Nearest Fire station is Smethwick Fire Station, which is 0.3 miles.

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 story blocks of maisonettes, with 2 floors to each maisonette.
Date of Construction	1967
Construction Type	Traditional Brick Cavity and Concrete Construction
Last Refurbished	Unknown
External Cladding	No
Number of Lifts	None
Number of Staircases	2
Automatic Smoke Ventilation to communal area	None
Fire Alarm System	No,
Refuse Chute	Yes, 2
Access to Roof	2 nd floor Balcony
Equipment on roof (e.g. mobile phone station etc)	None

Persons at Risk

Residents / Occupants of 16 flats

Visitors,

Sandwell MBC employees,

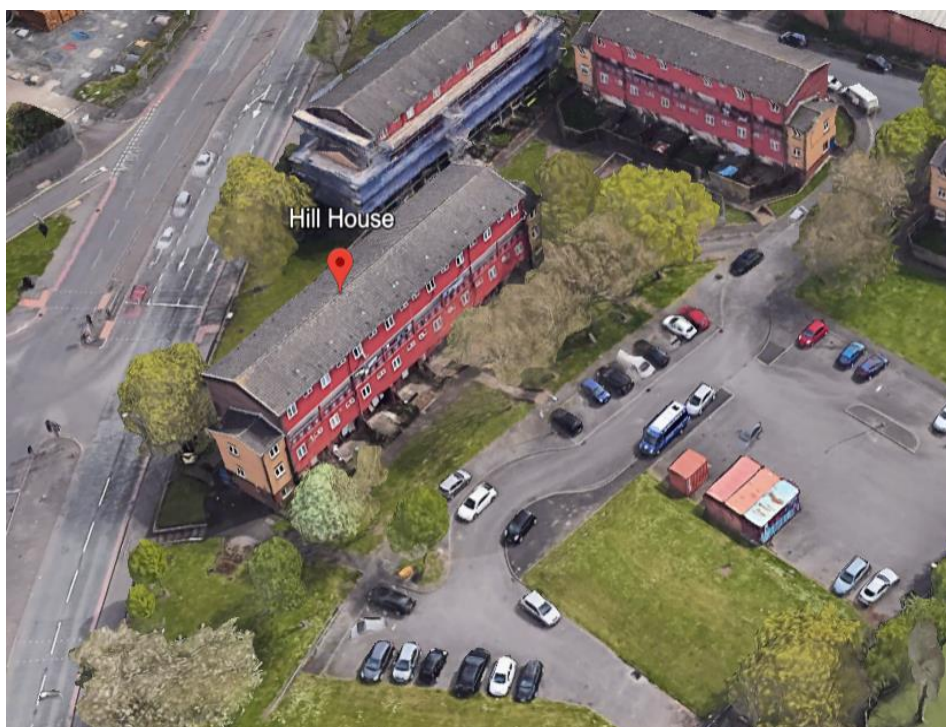
Contractors,

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

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

Section 5

Building Plan



Section 6

External envelope

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

The materials used within the external construction 1-16 Hill House present an acceptable level of risk to fire.

- 1) The building features a predominantly traditional cavity brick and concrete construction, topped with a flat roof and finished with UPVC under boarding along the roofline. Both access entrances are provided via a glazed timber door, situated to the either side of the block there are two dedicated refuse stores housed within a secure area, accessible via a locked timber and steel door.



Front Elevation



Both side and rear elevation



Front Entrance and bin refuse room.

- 2) UPVC double glazed window units have been installed for each flat and communal areas within the block.



Communal and flat UPVC window units

- 4) Residential flat entrance doors are composite doors FD30s doors, entrance to flats 1- 8 are positioned on the front elevation and open directly into the open air. Dwellings on the first floors are accessed via an external open deck; the first-floor open deck access is installed with steel railings measuring 1220 mm high. The communal stairwells are of concrete construction and are situated on both sides of the building.



Ground & 1st Floor flats entrance doors



1st floor open deck railings

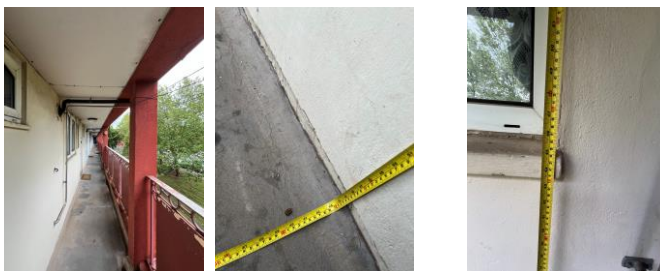
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Means of Escape from Fire

- 1) Each flat is equipped with, as a minimum LD3 fire detection to facilitate means of escape and provide sufficient response time.
- 2) Floor mats outside flats entrances are of acceptable size and condition.



- 3) The open deck is measured at a width 1100mm and are kept clear to promote & maintain safe exit in an event of fire. All windows along the deck access were noted to be over the required measurement of 1100mm above the floor for safe evacuation.



1st floor open deck with width and height of windows

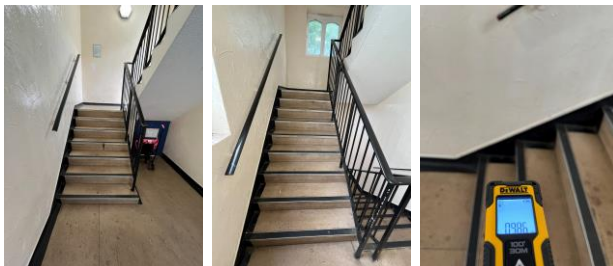
- 4) At the time conducting the fire risk assessment, it was evident that the open deck access has items of obstructions placed within it, 2 non-electric bicycles were chained up against the railing, and a rug was left on the deck walkway.



- 5) Communal areas are 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.

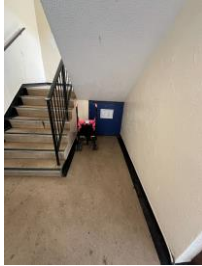


- 6) 1-16 Hill House consists of 2 staircases that provides sufficient means of escape, these are located as you enter the block from either entrance. The width of the staircases has been measured from handrail to handrail at a measurement of 986mm These stairs and landings are kept clear to maintain safe means of escape.

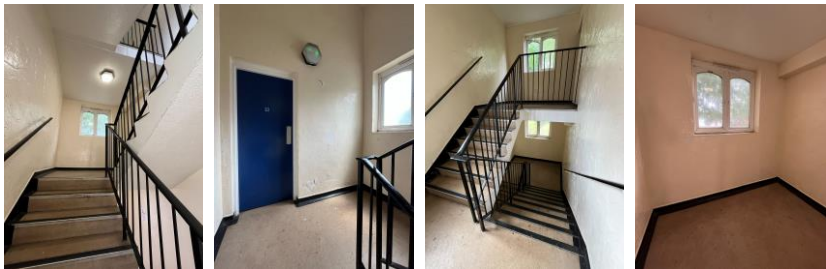


Ground to 1st floor staircase.

- 7) On the ground floor under the stairs within the communal entrance, a push chair has been stored this does not impact the mean of escape.



- 8) An automatic smoke ventilation system is not installed on the premises, as the communal stairwell and landing areas can be naturally ventilated. Fresh air is accessible via the open-deck access doors and the UPVC windows located on each staircase landing, which can be operated without a key.



Openable windows within the stairwell and landing, open deck access door

- 9) Damaged UPVC window unit within the communal stairwell landing. *An email has been sent to repairs on 17/06/2026*



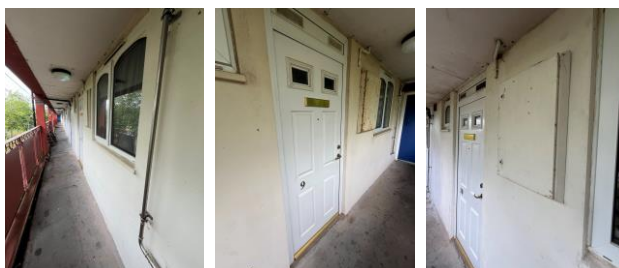
- 10) The block has dedicated emergency lighting system installed with standard lighting units situated throughout the communal stairwell, internal landings, and the open-deck access on the first floor. These units, supplemented by borrowed street lighting, provide sufficient levels of illumination to facilitate a safe means of escape.



- 11) Bin chute rooms are located on the staircase landings at both ends of the block. Situated within the escape routes, these rooms are secured behind timber FD30S fire doors and present no risk to a safe evacuation.



- 12) Electrical meters for residents are located next to flat entrance doors, for flats 9-16 these are in the means of escape on the open deck access but are installed behind a safe and secure metal electrical enclosure.



- 13) There is a clear and safe exit out of the building via the ground floor exits. The final front exit doors are made to fail safe in an emergency allowing smooth and safe evacuation.



Final exit doors and access release.

- 14) The route out the block to ultimate safety is clear from both final exit doors.



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 are installed to an LD3 Standard.
- 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
- 4) SMBC's Job Manager system confirms detectors to LD3 standard were checked as part of the most recent annual gas service for

Flat 1 – Hallway and Landing – LD3
Flat 2 – Hallway and Landing – LD3
Flat 3 – Hallway and Landing – LD3
Flat 4 – Hallway and Landing – LD3

For information

LD1 all rooms except wet rooms

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

LD3 Hallway only

Section 9

Emergency Lighting

- 1) Emergency lighting is present within the blocks The premises have a sufficient emergency / escape lighting system in accordance with BS 5266
- 2) Emergency lighting is serviced and checked by Sandwell Council contractor City Fire and monthly inspected by in house Sandwell electrical staff.

cityfire & Electrical Services Ltd

CF009 - SMBC - Emergency Lighting Test
Certificate - Self-Contained Fittings

Job Details		
Job ID 195457	Client Name Dodd Group (Midlands) Limited	Site Name HILL HOUSE 1-16 (O&E)
Job Order Number SMBC_18491288	Details Of Client Dodd Group Ltd Stafford Park 13	Site Address
Client ID 25	Client Postcode TF3 3AZ	Site Post Code
Site ID 8,610		
System Details		
Manufacturer Kosnic	Number of Fittings Onsite 14	
Inspections and Tests		
Type of inspection MONTHLY	Any luminaires having a repair has been internally cleaned NO	Are all luminaires labelled YES
All luminaires and/or signs are functioning correctly PASS	A visual check of the fixed wiring installation has been carried out YES	Log book completed YES
Each luminaire has been checked to ensure that the normal supply has been restored YES	Has any alteration to the building structure or layout affected the effectiveness of the emergency lighting system NO	Comments
All luminaires have been externally visually examined YES		
Sign Off Area		
NAME OF ENGINEER jamie davis	New Signature 	New Date 21/04/2026
Photos		
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City Fire emergency lighting Cert and monthly test sheet.

- 3) Emergency lighting is installed throughout the building; units are installed in communal areas e.g. stairways & corridors.



Section 10

Compartmentation

This section should be read in conjunction with Section 4

- 1) A visual inspection of the accessible areas was undertaken as part of the assessment, but areas with restricted access, i.e., false ceilings and void areas, were only inspected where readily accessible. The inspection did not reveal any breaches in compartmentation.

The survey undertaken as part of this risk assessment should not be construed as a full compartmentation survey of the building.

- 2) The building is designed to provide as a minimum 1-hour vertical and vertical fire resistance.
 - 3) The building has sufficient passive controls that provide effective compartmentation to support a Stay Put -Unless policy. Therefore, residents are advised to remain in their flat unless the fire directly affects them or if they are advised to evacuate by the emergency services.
 - 4) The existing fire-stopping measures are fit for purpose, and a cyclical programme is in place to ensure that the fire-stopping has not been compromised by third parties and to make enhancements where necessary.
 - 5) A variety of methods / materials have been used to achieve fire-stopping such as intumescent mastic around penetrations.
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- 6) Both stairwells maintain sufficient compartmentation via FD30S fire doors equipped with self-closing devices, which control access from the landings to the open-deck walkways



- 7) Electrical service cupboards on the ground floor under the stairs are locked and secured behind a steel door. It was not possible to access these cupboards to check firestopping and compartmentation. *FRA will be required to be updated when access is gained.*



- 8) While composite FD30s fire doors are fitted as standard to all flat entrance doors, exemptions apply based on specific escape route configurations. Ground-floor flats opening directly to fresh air with no vertical risk are exempt. First-floor flats opening onto open-deck access also do not require fire doors, as the availability of two-way travel sufficiently mitigates the risk. Compliance is further supported along these open deck access routes as all resident flat windows are set above the 1100mm threshold height from the finished floor level.



Ground floor flats 1-8



1st floor flats 9-1

Block Name	Place-Re	Address	Front Door Type	Glazed / Not Glazed
Hill House 1-16 (O&E)	BL35300HI12	10 Hill House;Oakfield Close;Smethwick;West Midlands;	Permadoor	Glazed
Hill House 1-16 (O&E)	BL35300HI12	11 Hill House;Oakfield Close;Smethwick;West Midlands;	Permadoor	Glazed
Hill House 1-16 (O&E)	BL35300HI12	12 Hill House;Oakfield Close;Smethwick;West Midlands;	Permadoor	Glazed
Hill House 1-16 (O&E)	BL35300HI12	13 Hill House;Oakfield Close;Smethwick;West Midlands;	IG Doors	Glazed
Hill House 1-16 (O&E)	BL35300HI12	14 Hill House;Oakfield Close;Smethwick;West Midlands;	Permadoor	Glazed
Hill House 1-16 (O&E)	BL35300HI12	15 Hill House;Oakfield Close;Smethwick;West Midlands;	Permadoor	Glazed
Hill House 1-16 (O&E)	BL35300HI12	16 Hill House;Oakfield Close;Smethwick;West Midlands;	Permadoor	Glazed
Hill House 1-16 (O&E)	BL35300HI12	2 Hill House;Oakfield Close;Smethwick;West Midlands;	Permadoor	Glazed
Hill House 1-16 (O&E)	BL35300HI12	3 Hill House;Oakfield Close;Smethwick;West Midlands;	Permadoor	Glazed
Hill House 1-16 (O&E)	BL35300HI12	4 Hill House;Oakfield Close;Smethwick;West Midlands;	Permadoor	Glazed
Hill House 1-16 (O&E)	BL35300HI12	5 Hill House;Oakfield Close;Smethwick;West Midlands;	Permadoor	Glazed
Hill House 1-16 (O&E)	BL35300HI12	6 Hill House;Oakfield Close;Smethwick;West Midlands;	Permadoor	Glazed
Hill House 1-16 (O&E)	BL35300HI12	7 Hill House;Oakfield Close;Smethwick;West Midlands;	Permadoor	Glazed
Hill House 1-16 (O&E)	BL35300HI12	8 Hill House;Oakfield Close;Smethwick;West Midlands;	Permadoor	Glazed
Hill House 1-16 (O&E)	BL35300HI12	9 Hill House;Oakfield Close;Smethwick;West Midlands;	Permadoor	Glazed
Hill House 1-16 (O&E)	BL35300HI12	Hill House 1-16 (o&e);Oakfield Close;Smethwick;West Midlands;	Intentionally Blank	

- 9) Both refuse chute rooms located in the stairwell landing are installed with timber FD30s fire doors, with self closing devices. The self closing devices were inspected and checked for auto closure.



- 10) Refuse chute room door within the communal stairwell to the left entrance of the building has missing and damaged smoke seals.



- 11) Intumescent seals have been installed within the chute hoppers located in both refuse chute rooms within the communal stairwell at either end of the block



- 12) Roof access located on both 1st floor stairwell landings was not possible to gain access, the FRA will need to be updated once access is gained.



Section

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Fire Fighting Equipment

- 1) There is no firefighting equipment on this premises.

Section 12

Fire Signage

- 1) There are fire doors installed within the premise, these are found in the communal stairwell housing the refuse chute rooms and the access in both directions to the open deck access. Fire doors signage is evident on these doors.



- 2) Yellow LPG warning signs are not displayed within the block. [refer to section 18](#).
- 3) Smoking is prohibited within any communal parts of the building in line with Smoke Free England legislation. Signage is also displayed in the external refuse cupboard located next to the entrance doors.



Section 13

Employee & Resident Training/Provision of Information

- 1) All Caretaking / Cleaning Employees have undertaken fire safety training. This includes use of bespoke 'Fire Safety in High / Low Rise Flatted Accommodation' Video.
 - 2) All employees are encouraged to complete 'In the line of fire' training on an annual basis.
 - 3) Caretaking teams are not currently trained in the effective use of fire extinguishers. Caretaking teams are not expected to tackle fires in this area.
 - 4) Fire safety has been provided as part of tenancy pack.
 - 5) Staff undertaking fire risk assessments are qualified to or working towards Level 4 Diploma in Fire Risk Assessment.
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Section 14

Sources of Ignition

- 1) Smoking is prohibited on entrance and within any communal parts of the building in line with Smoke Free England legislation.
 - 2) Hot working is not normally carried out. If essential maintenance requires the use of hot work processes, then corporate policies and procedures are to be followed.
 - 3) 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.
 - 4) The fixed electrical installation shall be tested every 5 years. Recent Satisfactory EICR was carried out on the 03/04/2023
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 APPROVED CONTRACTOR	This certificate is not valid if the serial number has been defaced or altered	216594	EIC18.2C
ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION CERTIFICATE Issued in accordance with BS 7671:2018+A2:2022 - Requirements for Electrical Installations			
Part P No: N/A			
PART 1: DETAILS OF THE CONTRACTOR, CLIENT AND INSTALLATION			
DETAILS OF THE CONTRACTOR (*Where applicable) Registration No: 600332 Branch No: N/A Trading Title: Electric Installations Ltd Address: 171 Wolverhampton Road, Dudley, West Midlands Postcode: DY3 1QR Tel No: 01902495020		DETAILS OF THE CLIENT Contractor Reference Number (CRN): N/A Name: Sandwell Mbc Address: Investment Division, Project Management, Roway Lane Postcode: B69 3ES Tel No: N/A	
DETAILS OF THE INSTALLATION Occupier: Sandwell Mbc UPRN: N/A Address: Hill House, Oakfield Close, Smethwick, West Midlands Postcode: B66 3BT Tel No: N/A			
PART 2: DETAILS OF THE ELECTRICAL WORK COVERED BY THIS INSTALLATION CERTIFICATE			
Date work completed: 03/04/2023 The installation is - New: (N/A) An addition: (N/A) An alteration: (X) Replacement of a distribution board: (X) Description and extent of the installation covered by this certificate: replace outside lights for new led lights New consumer unit Where necessary, continue on a separate numbered page. Page No(s) ()			
PART 3: COMMENTS ON THE EXISTING INSTALLATION (in the case of an addition or alteration see Regulation 644.1.2)			
None Where necessary, continue on a separate numbered page. Page No(s) (N/A)			
PART 4A: DECLARATION FOR THE ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION WORK (use where the design, construction, inspection & testing have been the responsibility of one person)			
DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, INSPECTION & TESTING (The extent of liability of the signatory is limited to the work detailed in PART 2) I, being the person responsible for the design, construction, inspection and testing of the electrical installation, particulars of which are described in PART 2, having exercised reasonable skill and care when carrying out the design, hereby CERTIFY that the design, construction, inspection and testing for which I have been responsible is to the best of my knowledge and belief in accordance with BS 7671:2018+A2:2022 except for the departures, if any (Regulations 120.3, 133.13 and 133.5), detailed as follows: N/A - Permitted exemption applied (411.3.3): Yes/N/A N/A Risk assessment attached: N/A Page No(s) (N/A) where required, continued on attached separate page(s) (N/A) I, being the designer of the electrical installation, also RECOMMEND that this installation is further inspected and tested by: 03/04/2028 (date) The proposed date for the next inspection should take into consideration any legislative or licensing requirements and the frequency and quality of maintenance that the installation can reasonably be expected to receive during its intended life. The period should be agreed between relevant parties Name (capital): MR IAN GARBETT Organisation: Electric Installations Ltd Registration No: 600332 Address: 171 Wolverhampton Road, Dudley, West Midlands Signature: I Garbett Date: 03/04/2023 Postcode: DY3 1QR Tel No: 01902495020 REVIEWED BY QUALIFIED SUPERVISOR Name (capital): MR IAN GARBETT Signature: I Garbett Date: 03/04/2023			
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Enter a (✓) or value in the respective fields, as appropriate. Where an item is not applicable insert N/A			
Please see the 'Notes for Recipient' Page 1 of 8			

Original (to the person ordering the work)

- 5) Electrical service cupboards on the ground floor under the stairs are locked and secured behind a steel door.



- 6) Gas appliances and pipework (where installed) are subject to annual testing and certification. This contract is managed by the in-house Gas team. Gas supply to these premises is external.



Section 15

Waste Control

- 1) There is a regular Cleaning Service to the premises
- 2) Refuse bin are stored in secured bin rooms that are located at the side of the building. This is kept secure by a means of a levered handle. Bins Are regularly emptied by site services.



- 3) Refuse storage cupboard has a fusible link bin closure plate to mitigate any potential fire risk, both 1st floor internal refuse chutes are clear of any rubbish.



- 4) External refuse hoppers are installed on the side of the building near each entrance.



- 5) Regular checks by Caretakers minimise risk of waste accumulation. Sandwell Council 'Out of Hours' service is in place to remove bulk items



- 6) Refuse bin is stored outside external bin room and near to a communal area window unit.**



Section 16

Control and Supervision of Contractors and Visitors

- 1) Responsive Repairs service delivered by Sandwell MBC necessitates the production of an order via the computerised repairs system. Details of any known risks are documented on the repair order.
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- 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 local housing office. 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 – 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.

Section 17

Arson Prevention

- 1) Regular checks are undertaken by Caretakers / Cleaning Team(s) 365 days per year which helps reduce the risk of arson.
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- 2) 1-16 Hill House has restricted access, this is via door access control, each resident has their own fob to gain access. There is an intercom system that can allow visitors and contractors in.



Both entrance door access systems.

- 3) There is no current evidence of arson.
- 4) The perimeter of the premises is well illuminated. The building has external lighting units installed.



Lighting units above entrances to the block.

- 5) Last reported fire incidents at 1-16 Hill House was on the 01/05/2025

Section 18

Storage Arrangements

- 1) Residents instructed not to bring L.P.G cylinders into block.
- 2) The tenancy conditions, Section 7 – Condition 5.6 stipulates “If you live in a flat or maisonette, you, people living with you and any visitors to your property must not keep or use paraffin oil, petrol,
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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) There are no flammable liquids or gas cylinders stored on site.

Section 19

Additional Control Measures. Fire Risk Assessment - Action Plan

Significant Findings

Action Plan

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

Trivial ☒ Tolerable ☐

Definition of priorities (where applicable):

P1 Arrange and complete as urgent – Within 10 days

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

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

P4 Arrange and complete exceeding 6 months under programmed work



Fire Risk Assessment Action Plan



Name of Premises or Location:

1-16 Hill House

Date of Action Plan:

24rd June 2026

Review Date:

<Insert date>

Question/ Ref No	Required Action	Supporting photograph	Priority	Timescale and Person Responsible	Date Completed
7/4	Obstruction on open deck access require removing.		P2	1-3 Months Housing Manager	

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10/10	Refuse storeroom within the communal stairwell on the left entrance of the building. Reinstall seals and make safe.		P2	1-3 Months Fire Rapid Response	
15/6	Refuse bin is stored outside external bin room and near to a communal area window. Remove or relocate bin to a safe place to mitigate any risk to the building.		P2	1-3 Months Caretaking Team	

Observations

Electrical service cupboards on the ground floor under the stairs are locked and secured behind a steel door. It was not possible to access these cupboards to check firestopping and compartmentation. *FRA will be required to be updated when access is gained.*



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Access was not possible to gain to assess the roof void, the FRA will need to be updated once access to the roof void is gained.



Signed

	Fire Risk Assessor	Date: 23/06/2026
	Team lead Fire Safety	Date: 23/06/2026

Appendix 1

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

Name of property: 1-16 Hill House

Updated: 04/03/2025

Premise Manager: Teresa Warren - Donley **Tel. No.:** 0121 569 2975

Hazard	Location	Information/Comments
An asbestos survey has been undertaken and is held by S.M.B.C. Investment Division (Derek Still Tel:- 0121 569 5077).		



Report No.: J420777
Nature of Work: Management Survey
Issue Date: 04/06/2025
Client Name: Sandwell MBC (formerly Homes)
Building Services, Direct 2 Trading Estate, Roway Lane,
Oldbury, West Midlands, B69 3ES
UPRN: BL35300HI12 2
Site Address: 1-16 Hill House, Smethwick, B66 3JU



Order Placed By: Dean Harding
Site Contact: Communal
Date(s) of Work: 12/05/2025
Technical Manager: D Ely CCP (Asbestos)
Assistant Surveyor(s): Ian Hawthorne (CoC Asbestos)
Lead Surveyor: Jack Baldwin
Asbestos Surveyor
Authorised Signatory: Paul Walters
Technical Review Officer
04/06/2025

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