

Fire Risk Assessment

Bearwood Road 200 - 238



Date of Inspection: 3rd August 2026

Review Period: 3 years.

Officer: M. Zafeer **Fire Risk Assessor**

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Current Risk Rating = Tolerable

Subsequent reviews

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

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Section 0

Introduction, Scope & References

The [Regulatory Reform \(Fire Safety\) Order 2005 \(RR\(FS\)O\)](#) requires the Responsible Person to ensure that a **suitable and sufficient Fire Risk Assessment (FRA)** is carried out for the common parts of all multi-occupied residential buildings. This FRA supports the organisation's wider fire safety management system and ensures compliance with statutory duties relating to the safety of residents, visitors, staff, and contractors.

This FRA has been completed in accordance with [BS 9792:2025 – Fire Risk Assessment for Housing](#), and with reference to relevant UK legislation and guidance, including:

- [Regulatory Reform \(Fire Safety\) Order 2005 \(FSO\)](#): The primary law governing fire safety in the common parts of flats, including stairways, corridors, and entrance doors.
 - [Fire Safety Act 2021](#): Information about the commencement of the Fire Safety Act and how it affects Responsible Persons and others.
 - [Fire Safety \(England\) Regulations 2022](#): Introduced under the FSO, it mandates high-rise residents (>11m) to have fire doors checked quarterly and provides safety information.
 - [Housing Act 2004](#): Empowers local authorities to enforce safety standards within individual residential units.
 - [Building Safety Act 2022](#): (where applicable) Imposes strict management requirements on higher-risk buildings.
 - [Fire Safety in Purpose-Built Blocks of Flats \(Local Government Association\)](#): Considered the definitive guidance, often known as the "LGA guide," for purpose-built blocks.
 - [Making your small block of flats safe from fire](#): *Fire Safety in Small Blocks of Flats*
 - [NFCC guidance](#) on residential fire safety
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The purpose of this FRA is to evaluate the risk to life from fire within the **common parts** of the building and to identify any measures required to ensure compliance with applicable legislation.

The assessment considers:

- The building's construction, layout, and fire protection features
- The nature of the occupancy and any residents who may require additional support
- Fire hazards and the measures in place to eliminate or control them
- The adequacy of means of escape and fire safety systems
- The management arrangements for maintaining fire safety

Type of Assessment

This FRA has been completed as a:

- ☒ Type 1 – Common parts only (non-intrusive)
- ☐ Type 2 – Common parts only (Intrusive)
- ☐ Type 3 – Common Parts & Dwellings (Non-Intrusive)
- ☐ Type 4 – Common Parts & Dwellings (Intrusive)

Scope of the Assessment

The assessment includes, but is not limited to:

- ☒ Visual review of the external wall construction (where relevant)
- ☒ Inspection of flat entrance doors from the common side
- ☒ Means of escape routes and exit doors
- ☒ Accessible compartmentation and fire-stopping, passive and active fire protection measures.
- ☒ Service cupboards, risers, and meter rooms (where accessible)
- ☒ Roof voids and loft spaces (where accessible)
- ☒ Fire safety signage, lighting, and detection systems
- ☒ Accessible compartmentation,

Limitations

This FRA is based on a **visual, non-destructive inspection** unless otherwise stated. No opening up of construction, removal of fixtures, or intrusive investigation was undertaken. Areas that could not be accessed at the time of inspection are recorded within the report.

This FRA does **not**:

- Provide a full fire strategy for the building
- Assess the structural fire resistance of building elements
- Identify latent construction defects
- Assess internal conditions within individual dwellings
- Provide an external wall appraisal (FRAEW), which is not normally required for low-rise buildings unless specific concerns are identified
- Serve as a compliance audit or snagging inspection

The findings are therefore limited to the conditions observed and the information made available at the time of inspection.

Review Requirements

The FRA should be reviewed:

- At regular intervals (typically every 3 years)
- Following any significant change to the building
- Following a fire incident
- Following identification of new risks or concerns
- Following significant changes in occupancy or management arrangements

The Responsible Person must ensure that all significant findings and recommended actions are addressed within appropriate timescales and that fire safety information is kept up to date in line with the principles of the **Golden Thread**.

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/contact/log-complaint> or by phone on 0121 569 7867

The FRA does not address the risk to property or business continuity from fire.

This FRA complies with the above legislation which is enforced locally by West Midlands Fire Service.

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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 SMBC will as a minimum review: -

- High Risk Residential Buildings annually.
- Commercial buildings annually.
- Emergency Housing Schemes annually.
- Sheltered schemes 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 outcome will then be 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 published.

The Building Safety Case will be updated to reflect the latest detail/information of latest fire risk assessment. (High Rise Only)

References

This Fire Risk Assessment has been undertaken with reference to relevant UK fire safety legislation, statutory guidance, and applicable British Standards current at the time of assessment. For example: -

Applicable Legislation

- [Regulatory Reform \(Fire Safety\) Order 2005 \(FSO\)](#): The primary law governing fire safety in the common parts of flats, including stairways, corridors, and entrance doors.
- [Fire Safety \(England\) Regulations 2022](#): Introduced under the FSO, it mandates high-rise residents (>11m) to have fire doors checked quarterly and provides safety information.
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Key Guidance Documents

- [Fire Safety in Purpose-Built Blocks of Flats \(Local Government Association\)](#): Considered the definitive guidance, often known as the "LGA guide," for purpose-built blocks.
 - [Fire Safety Risk Assessment: Sleeping Accommodation \(GOV.UK\)](#): Guidance on managing risks in communal areas.
 - [Making Your Small Block of Flats Safe from Fire \(GOV.UK\)](#): Specific guidance for small, 3-storey blocks.
 - [BS 9792:2025](#): New British Standard for conducting fire risk assessments in housing.
 - [NFCC publication](#) "Fire safety in specialised housing."
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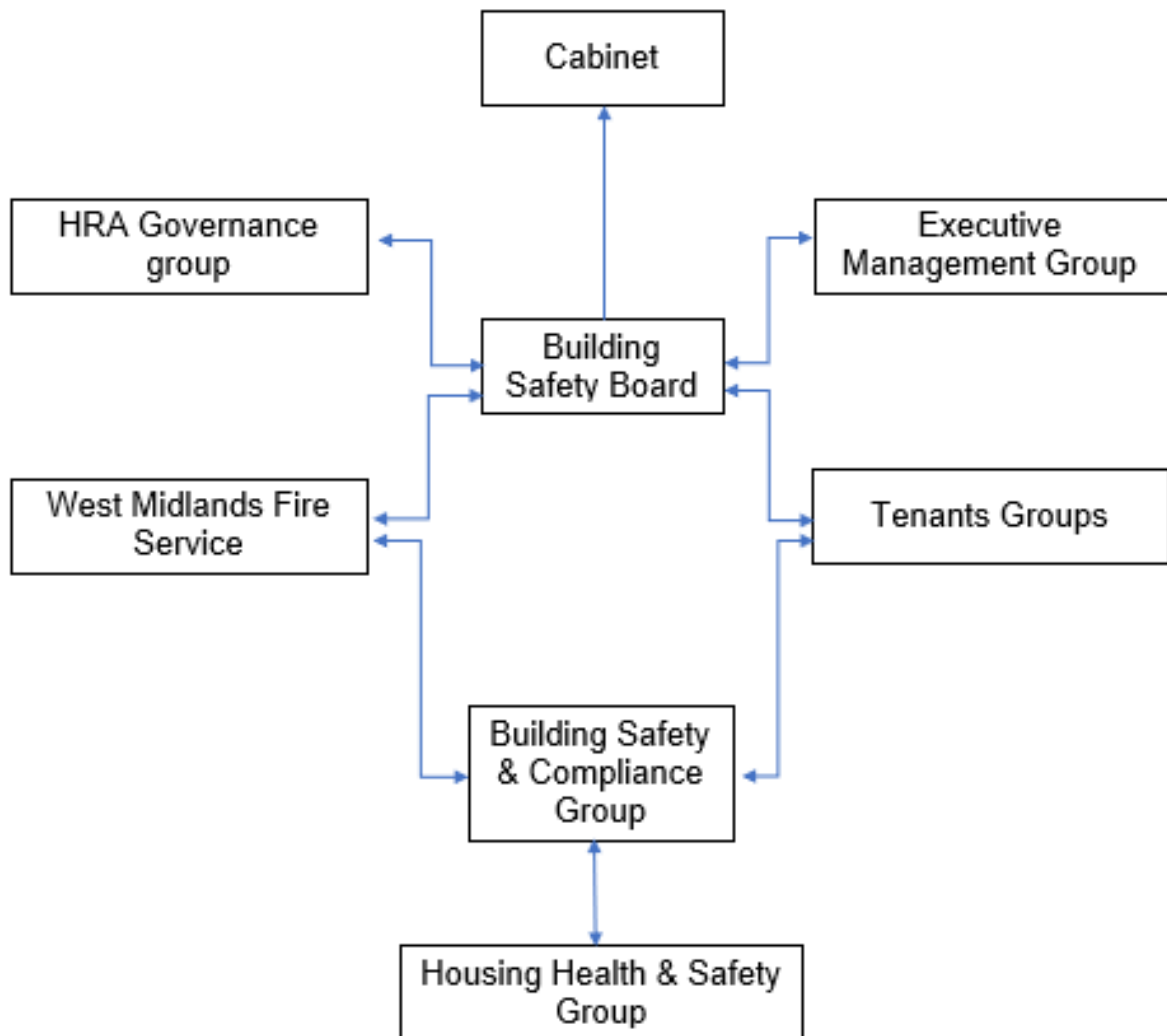
The following diagrams illustrate those procedures and persons that support the effective planning, organisation, control, monitoring, and review of the preventive and protective measures. This information is provided as required under the RR(FS)O.



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.

Governance Structure



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

Executive Summary

This Fire Risk Assessment provides an overview of the fire safety arrangements in place within the building and evaluates the level of risk to life from fire within the common parts. The assessment has been undertaken in accordance with the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005, the Fire Safety Act 2021, the Fire Safety (England) Regulations 2022, and BS 9792:2025. It reflects the building's design, construction, occupancy profile, and the fire safety measures provided.

The building is a low-rise, purpose-built block of flats designed to support a **Stay Put Unless Affected** evacuation strategy. This approach is appropriate for buildings of this type, where each flat is intended to provide a degree of fire resistance that allows occupants to remain safely within their dwelling unless directly affected by fire or smoke. The common areas are designed to remain clear and unobstructed, with a single stairway providing the means of escape for residents who need to evacuate.

The assessment considers the building's passive and active fire protection measures, including compartmentation, flat entrance doors, fire-stopping, emergency lighting, and domestic smoke detection within sampled flats. It also reviews the management arrangements in place for maintaining fire safety systems, controlling contractors, managing waste, and providing residents with appropriate fire safety information.

The building benefits from traditional, inherently robust construction, and the fire protection measures provided are generally consistent with the expectations for low-rise residential buildings. The management regime supports the maintenance of a sterile common area, which is a key control measure in buildings with a single escape route. The building's occupancy profile does not indicate any unusual or heightened risk factors, although residents who may require additional support are managed through Person-Centred Fire Risk Assessments (PCFRAs) and Residential PEEPs where agreed.

Based on the conditions observed at the time of inspection, the overall risk to life from fire is assessed as **Tolerable.**

This means that the existing fire safety measures are broadly adequate, and only minor or routine improvements may be required. The detailed significant findings and recommended actions are provided in the Action Plan at the end of this report.

The Responsible Person must ensure that all recommended actions are addressed within appropriate timescales and that the FRA is reviewed regularly, or sooner if significant changes occur to the building, its use, or its occupancy.

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 Structure & External Envelope Construction: Traditional cavity brick and concrete masonry. Roofing: Pitched structure finished with traditional tiles or slates. Top Floor Finish: Rendered external envelope. Fascias & Soffits: UPVC and timber detailing above communal entrances. Openings & Access Primary Access: Glazed timber and aluminium doors for first and second floor flats. Communal Stairwells: Fitted with glass panes. Residential Windows: Individual units feature UPVC double glazing.	Trivial

	External Features & Grounds Refuse Storage: Five dedicated rear compounds with secured timber doors. Ground-Floor Units: Front and rear gardens, partially enclosed by timber fencing. Upper-Floor Units: Concrete balconies requiring monitoring to stay clear of combustible storage.	
Section 7	Means of Escape from Fire - Flat 212 has an off cut of carpet placed outside the flat entrance which extends to the foot of the stairwell. <i>Email has been sent to Leaseholder Management on 03/08/2026</i> - Flat 218 has an off cut of carpet placed outside the flat entrance which extends to the foot of the stairwell. <i>Email has been sent to housing on 03/08/2026</i> - Pushchairs and building materials are currently stored under the stairs in the block serving flats 210 and 212. <i>Email has been sent to housing on 03/08/2026</i> - Internal block entrance door hand to flats 226 and 228 is broken. <i>Email sent to Fire Rapid Response, issue rectified on 31/07/2026</i> Each block consists of a single staircase that provides sufficient means of escape to all flats on the 1st and 2nd floor. Electrical distribution board on block serving flats 218 & 220 is positioned clear of the exit route. Door access control units in all blocks are installed clear from escape routes	Tolerable

	Glass panes with ventilation in communal stairwells. Service cupboards containing resident's meters are located on landings next to flat entrance doors. Timber door cupboards in between the 2 flats on the 2nd floor to each block Metal trunking and conduit for electrical cabling in communal areas. Clear and safe exit out of the building via the ground floor exits. Final front exit doors are accessed using levered handles	
Section 8	Fire Detection and Alarm Systems Fire detection within sampled flats is installed to a minimum LD3 standard. Flats sampled Flat - 220 Detectors in Hall, landing, kitchen, living room Flat - 222 Detectors in Hall, landing, kitchen, living room Flat - 236 Detectors in Hall, landing, kitchen, living room Flat - 238 Detectors in Hall, landing, kitchen, living room	Trivial
Section 9	Emergency Lighting The premises has a no sufficient emergency / escape lighting system. <i>Recommend being upgraded on any future works programme</i> Block is supplemented by borrowed street lighting through the glass panes, provide sufficient levels of illumination to facilitate a safe means of escape.	Trivial

Section 10	Compartmentation The building is designed to provide as a minimum 1-hour vertical fire resistance and 1-hour horizontal fire resistance around flats stairwells. Flat entrance doors are composite FD30s 30-minute fire doors with intumescent strips & cold smoke seals, including those in 1-hour rated walls. All resident electrical / storage cupboard doors timber doors. Upgrade to FD30s fire rated doors on any future refurbishment of the block. • Flat 220 self-closing device requires adjusting due to the sweep and latching speed being aggressive. Gap on internal leaf of the doors are within the 4mm threshold. • Flat 234 self-closing device requires assessing and adjusting due not auto closing on test. Gap on internal leaf of the doors are within the 4mm threshold. • Flat 236 self-closing device operates as it should, however internal door leaf gap exceeding the 4mm threshold on the slamming side. • Resident of flat 234 has been advised to remove combustibles stored outside their flat entrance • Discarded heater near the entrance in a communal escape route to flat 202 <i>Email has been sent to housing on 03/08/2026</i>	Tolerable
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	- Plastic decorative flowers placed on top of the resident's electrical cupboard outside flat 220 <i>Email has been sent to housing on 03/08/2026</i> - Shopping trolley sits near the entrance in a communal escape route for flats 236 <i>Email has been sent to housing on 03/08/2026</i> Access was not gained to assess the resident storage cupboards located on the ground floor communal area and storage cupboards adjacent to flat entrances on the 2nd floor.	
Section 11	Fire Fighting Access & Equipment Fire hydrants on either side of the building, signage for hydrants in place for WMFS. Nearest fire station is Smethwick.	Trivial
Section 12	Fire Signage No smoking signage in place on the front entrance doors. No signage on resident electrical cupboard doors.	Trivial
Section 13	Employee Training All staff receive basic fire safety awareness training.	Trivial
Section 14	Fire Precautions The last Satisfactory EICR was completed on 07/08/2024 All electrical cabling within the communal corridors and protected escape routes is	Trivial

	securely enclosed within metal trunking and metal conduits There is a run of Extra Low Voltage data cables that are fed from the door access control unit in the communal hallway to the door	
Section 15	Waste Control Regular checks by Caretakers minimise risk of waste accumulation. Bins are stored securely in an internal store at the rear of the building.	Trivial
Section 16	Control and Supervision of Contractors and Visitors Contractors are controlled centrally, and hot works permits are required where necessary.	Trivial
Section 17	Arson Prevention A door entry system prevents unauthorised access. Perimeter lighting is in place.	Trivial
Section 18	Storage Arrangements Residents instructed not to bring L.P.G cylinders into block.	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 Risk:

☒ Medium Risk:

☐ High Risk:

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 ☐

Intolerable (Very High Risk)	The situation is intolerable. All or part of the building is unsafe for occupation. Significant effort and/or expenditure might be required to rectify the situation.
Substantial (High Risk)	Significant improvements are required. Urgent and/or substantial rectification work to at least normalize the risk.
Moderate (Normal Risk)	Improvements are necessary to reduce the risk to a tolerable level.
Tolerable (Low Risk)	While some very minor improvements might be required, the existing controls only require maintenance.
Trivial (Very Low Risk)	The risk to life is exceptionally low. No action is needed.

Comments

After carrying out a Type 1 **non-intrusive** fire risk assessment on

Bearwood Road 200-238
Smethwick
B66 4HP

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.

Based on its current use and occupancy, the building presents a low potential life safety risk from fire; however, while composite FD30s fire-rated doors are installed at flat entrances, a sample inspection of flats 220, 234, and 236 revealed maintenance issues, including non-functional self-closing devices and door-to-frame gaps exceeding the 4mm threshold on internal leaves.

Risk is partially mitigated by localized LD3-standard smoke detection within each flat and proactive communal housekeeping to eliminate fire load, though compliance is compromised by combustible items currently stored outside resident flats in some blocks. Furthermore, although the building lacks an Automatic Opening Vent (AOV) system, smoke logging within communal escape routes is reduced by glass panes with ventilation airways that are installed.

These escape routes currently benefit from comprehensive illumination via conventional and borrowed street lighting, and the final exit doors feature levered handles to allow easy egress, fully 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.

Risk level	Action:
Trivial	No action is required, and no detailed records need to be maintained.
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 period. Where moderate risk is associated with consequences that constitute extreme harm, further assessment might be required to establish more precisely the likelihood of harm as a basis for determining the priority for improved control measures.
Substantial	Considerable resources might have to be allocated to reduce the risk. If the premises are unoccupied, it should not be occupied until the risk has been reduced. If the premises are occupied, urgent action should be taken.
Intolerable	Premises (or relevant area) should not be occupied until the risk is reduced.

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

Section

2

People at Significant Risk of Fire

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

The [Fire Safety \(Residential Evacuation Plans\) \(England\) Regulations 2025](#) requires the Responsible Person to identify any groups of people who may be especially at risk in the event of a fire. This section considers the building's occupancy profile, the nature of the premises, and any factors that may increase vulnerability.

This low-rise residential building is occupied primarily by general-needs residents; however, as with all multi-occupied housing, there may be individuals whose personal circumstances increase their level of risk. These risks may arise from physical, sensory, or cognitive impairments, temporary health conditions, or other factors that could affect a person's ability to detect a fire, respond to an alarm, or evacuate safely.

Groups of People Who May Be at Increased Risk

- **Residents with mobility impairments** – may require more time or support to evacuate.
 - **Residents with sensory impairments** – reduced ability to detect fire or navigate escape routes.
 - **Residents with cognitive impairments** – may struggle to recognise danger or follow instructions.
 - **Residents with temporary vulnerabilities** – illness, injury, recovery from surgery, or pregnancy.
 - **Children and young people** – may rely on adults for guidance during an emergency.
 - **Visitors unfamiliar with the building** – may not know escape routes or fire procedures.
 - **Contractors working on site** – may be unfamiliar with fire safety arrangements and introduce additional risks.
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Fire Safety (Residential Evacuation Plans) (England) Regulations 2025

These regulations apply to all multi-occupied residential buildings and place duties on the Responsible Person to identify and support residents who may require assistance in the event of a fire. The requirements include:

Identification of Residents Needing Assistance

The Responsible Person must take reasonable steps to identify residents whose ability to evacuate independently may be compromised due to physical, sensory, or cognitive impairments.

Person-Centred Fire Risk Assessments (PCFRAs)

A PCFRA is a structured conversation with the resident to understand their individual needs, risks, and capabilities. It considers mobility, communication, awareness, and any assistive technology required.

Residential Personal Emergency Evacuation Plans (RPEEPs)

Where agreed with the resident, an RPEEP sets out the actions they should take in the event of a fire. It may include:

- Evacuation routes
- Support required
- Communication needs
- Use of mobility aids
- Any agreed assistance arrangements

RPEEPs are voluntary and require the resident's consent.

Consent-Based Sharing of Information with the Fire Service

Information relating to residents who may require assistance can only be shared with West Midlands Fire Service if the resident provides explicit consent. This information helps the Fire Service plan an appropriate operational response.

Review Requirements

PCFRAs and RPEEPs must be reviewed:

- Annually
 - When a resident's circumstances change
 - When requested by the resident
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Summary for This Building

Number of PCFRAs/RPEEPs currently in place: N/A

If no residents have been identified as requiring additional support, this should be recorded. If residents decline to participate, this should also be noted.

Section 3

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.

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 Management & Improvement Sarah Agar		
Head of Building Safety & Compliance Jon Hemming		
Building & Fire Safety Team Manager Tony Thompson		
Team Lead Fire Safety Jason Blewitt		
Team Lead Building Safety Anthony Smith		
Housing Office Manager Teresa Warren Donely		
Building Safety Managers Adrian Jones Andrew Froggatt Carl Hill Craig Hudson Louis Conway	Fire Risk Assessors Mohammed Zafeer Stuart Henley	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

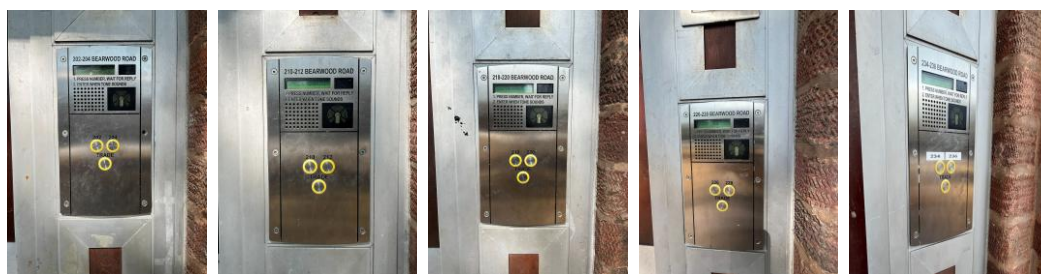
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Description of the Property

Constructed circa 1949–1950, the low-rise block comprises four storeys, including the ground floor. 200 - 238 Bearwood Road contains 20 maisonettes. Ground-floor dwellings feature direct street-level access alongside a secondary rear entrance/exit these are flats, 200,206,208,214,216,222,224,230,232. Upper-floor maisonettes are accessed on the second floor via a central communal staircase located at the front of each block.



The block contains five communal staircases, with each staircase providing exclusive access to two second-floor maisonettes. These staircases constitute the only communal areas within the blocks. The communal entrance and exit points are situated at the base of each stairway, secured by an electronic fob access control system and equipped with a standard firefighter's switch/drop latch.



Door access control for flats 202,204,210,212,218,220,226,228,234,238

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.



Location of fire hydrants are located to either side of the building and marked with a Fire Hydrant sign for easy Identification.



Nearest Fire station is Smethwick Fire Station, which is 0.9 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	2 floors, 2 storeys to each flat
Height (estimate)	12 mtrs
Approximate floor area	611m ² (6,576.75 ft ²)
Date of Construction	Circa 1949 - 1950
Construction Type	Concrete and brick
Last Refurbished	Unknown
External Cladding	0
Number of Lifts	0
Number of Staircases	5
Automatic Smoke Ventilation to communal area	No
Fire Alarm System	No
Refuse Chute	Yes, but decommissioned
Access to Roof void	Within Flats
Equipment on roof (e.g., mobile phone station etc)	No
EV charging points, distance from building	No
WMFS Audit	N/A
Enforcement action	N/A
Fire strategy	N/A

Persons at Risk

Residents / Occupants of 20 of 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 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 200 -238 Bearwood Road present an acceptable level of risk to fire.

- 1)The blocks feature a traditional cavity brick and concrete masonry construction, completed with a pitched roof structure. The external envelope incorporates a rendered finish across the top floor, with UPVC and timber elements detailing the fascias and soffits above the communal entrances. Primary access to each 1st and second floor flats is provided via glazed timber and aluminium doors. Situated at the rear of the block there are five dedicated refuse compounds, each accessible via a secured timber door.



2) Communal stairwells feature glass panes, while individual residential units are fitted with UPVC double-glazed windows. The buildings is constructed with traditional tiled or slated pitched roofs. Ground-floor flats feature front and rear garden areas, with select boundaries partitioned by timber fencing. Upper-floor flats feature external concrete balconies, which require monitoring to ensure they remain clear of combustible materials and storage items.



Glass panes in communal stairwell with concrete balconies, UPVC window units and pitched roof



Examples of ground floor flats open to fresh air.

Section 7

Means of Escape from Fire

- Flat entrance doors nominal FD30S
- Emergency lighting provided where required
- Single protected stairway serving all floors
- Travel distances within acceptable limits
- Communal areas must remain sterile

- 1) Each flat is equipped with, as a minimum LD3 fire detection to facilitate means of escape and provide sufficient response time.
- 2) Majority of floor mats outside flats entrances are of acceptable size and condition, however there were some off cuts of carpet placed outside the flat entrances and part of the landing.



- 3) **Flat 212 has an off cut of carpet placed outside the flat entrance which extends to the foot of the stairwell.** *Email has been sent to Leaseholder Management on 03/08/2026*



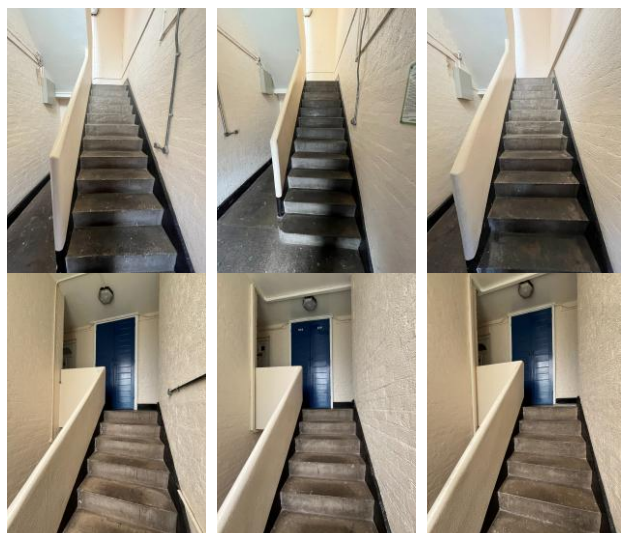
- 4) Flat 218 has an off cut of carpet placed outside the flat entrance which extends to the foot of the stairwell. *Email has been sent to housing on 03/08/2026*

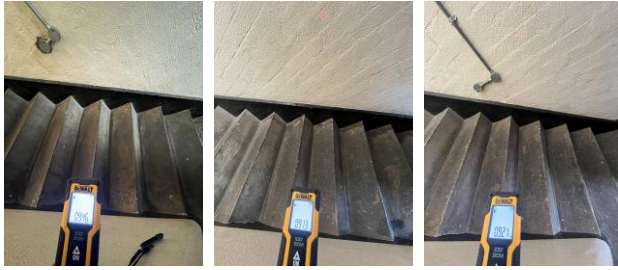


- 5) Communal areas are kept free of flammable items. The communal areas are checked on a regular basis by Caretaking / Cleaning teams 365 days per year, and all items of rubbish are immediately removed. There is also an out of hour's service that allows combustible items of furniture / rubbish to be removed.



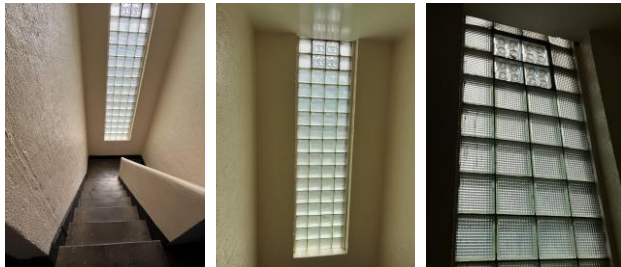
- 6) Bearwood Road 200-238 consists of a single staircase that provides sufficient means of escape to all flats on the 1st and 2nd floor, this is located as you enter each block. The width of the staircases have been measured from concrete handrail to wall at a measurement of between 913 and 946mm, each block differs in measurement slightly. These stairs and landings are kept clear to maintain safe means of escape.



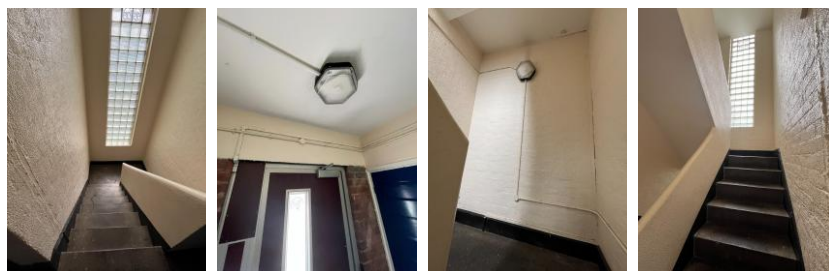


Sample of stairs and measurements

- 7) While there are no openable communal windows, natural ventilation is provided via dedicated vents integrated into the glass panes at the head of the communal staircase. This will reduce any smoke logging in the communal stairwell in an event of a fire.



- 8) The block currently lacks a dedicated emergency lighting system; however, standard lighting units are situated throughout the communal stairwell, internal landings, on the first and second floors. These units, supplemented by borrowed street lighting through the glass panes, provide sufficient levels of illumination to facilitate a safe means of escape.



- 9) Service cupboards containing resident's meters are located on landings next to flat entrance doors.



- 10) Residents are allocated storage cupboards, these can be found on the ground floor communal entrance to each block, there are further storage cupboards on the 2nd floor adjacent to each flat on this floor. These could not be accessed on the day of conducting FRA.

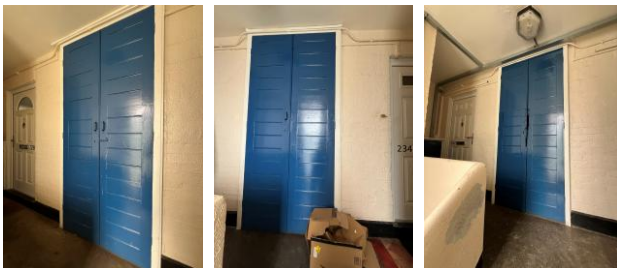


Samples of ground floor storage cupboards.



Samples of 2nd floor storage cupboards adjacent to flats

- 11) There are cupboards in between the 2 flats on the 2nd floor to each block, these are secured and not in use.



- 12) Resident of flat 234 has been advised to remove combustibles stored outside their flat entrance, resident has acknowledged the risk and has agreed to remove the items.



- 13) Outside Flat 202, a discarded heater near the entrance in a communal escape route. Communal areas must remain completely clear of all items to reduce potential safety risks. Email has been sent to housing on 03/08/2026**



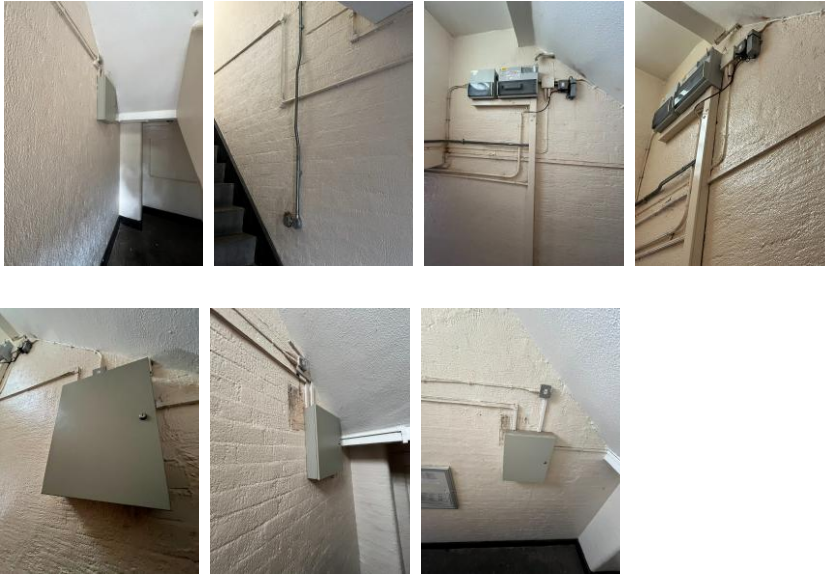
- 14) Outside Flat 220, Plastic decorative flowers placed on top of the resident's electrical cupboard. Communal areas must remain completely clear of all items to reduce potential safety risks. Email has been sent to housing on 03/08/2026**



- 15) Outside Flat 236, a shopping trolley sits near the entrance in a communal escape route. While it does not currently block the path, communal areas must remain completely clear of all items to reduce potential safety risks. Email has been sent to housing on 03/08/2026**



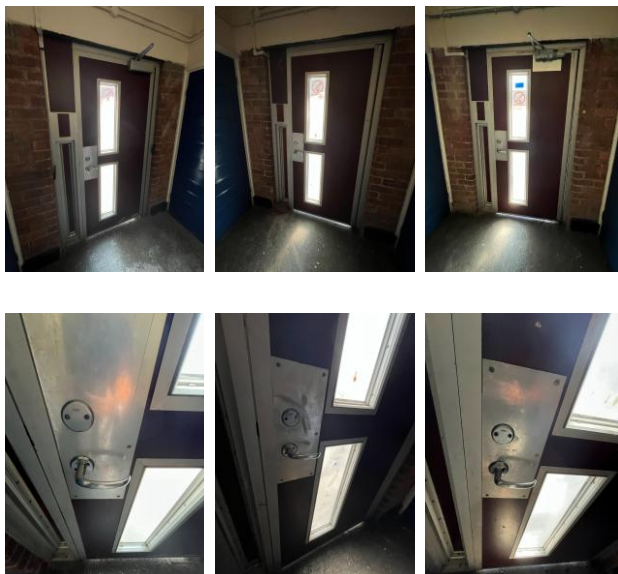
- 16) All electrical cabling within the communal corridors and protected escape routes is securely enclosed within metal trunking and metal conduits to prevent premature collapse in a fire. Additionally, the surface-mounted electrical distribution board on block serving flats 218 & 220 is positioned clear of the exit route and does not encroach on the required escape width or present a significant obstruction to means of escape. Door access control units in all blocks are installed clear from escape routes.**
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- 17) Pushchairs and building materials are currently stored under the stairs in the block serving flats 210 and 212. Email has been sent to housing on 03/08/2026**



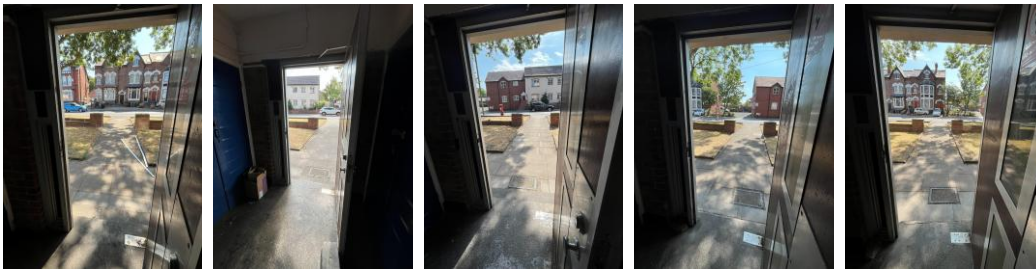
- 18) There is a clear and safe exit out of the building via the ground floor exits. The final front exit doors are accessed using levered handles.**



- 19) Internal door handle to block accommodating flats 226 and 228 is loose and come away from spindle making it difficult to exit the building, this is a matter of urgency to be rectified as this is the only exit for resident of flat 226 and 228 in an emergency. *Email has been sent to the Fire Rapid Team on 30/07/2026 to rectify, scheduled as a matter of urgency. This has now been repaired as of 31/07/2026*



- 20) The route out the block to ultimate safety is clear from single final exit door.



Section

8

Fire Detection and Alarm Systems

- No communal fire alarm required for low-rise blocks.
 - Smoke detection in flats to minimum LD3 standard. (sampled)
 - Heat detection in kitchens, where installed.
- 1) Early warning is limited to hard wire or battery smoke alarms within each of the resident's flats and the community room. The equipment is subjected to a cyclical test.
 - 2) Based on a sample of properties via SMBC's Job Manager system, the smoke alarms within resident's flats are installed to a minimum of an LD3 Standard. The detectors are checked and records updated during the annual gas service.

Flat - 220 Detectors in Hall, landing, kitchen, living room

Flat - 222 Detectors in Hall, landing, kitchen, living room

Flat - 236 Detectors in Hall, landing, kitchen, living room

Flat - 238 Detectors in Hall, landing, kitchen, living room

All above flats are LD2

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 the residential 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.

Section 9

Emergency Lighting

- 1) The block currently lacks a dedicated emergency lighting system; however, standard lighting units are situated throughout the communal stairwell, internal landings, on the first and second floors. These units, supplemented by borrowed street lighting through the glass panes, provide sufficient levels of illumination to facilitate a safe means of escape.



- 2) It is recommended that emergency lighting accordance with BS 5266 to be installed on any future works program.

Section 10

Compartmentation

The *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.
 - 6) There are no communal doors other than the entrance doors fitted within the property.
 - 7) The fire stopping / compartmentation is subject to a 12-week check by the Fire Safety Rapid Response Team.
 - 8) Any remedial works arising from the fire stopping / compartmentation check(s) will be actioned immediately by the Fire Safety Rapid Response Team.
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- 9) Individual flat doors are composite FD30s fire rated door sets with intumescent strips, cold smoke seals and self-closing devices.



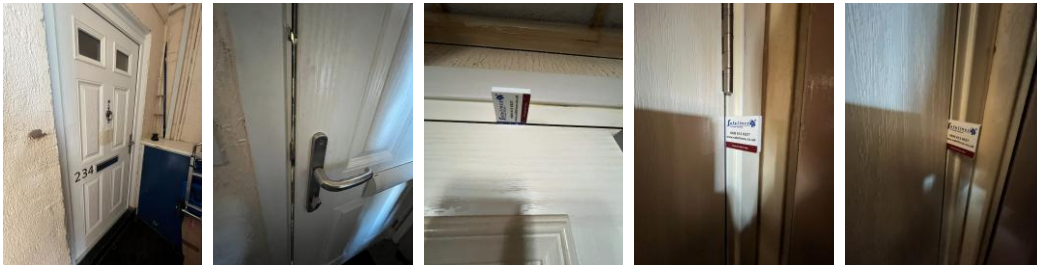
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Bearwood Road 200-238 (E BL03760BE29		200 Bearwood Road;Smethwick;West Midlands;;	Composite FD30s	
Bearwood Road 200-238 (E BL03760BE29		200-238 Bearwood Road;Smethwick;West Midlands;;	Intentionally Blank	
Bearwood Road 200-238 (E BL03760BE29		202 Bearwood Road;Smethwick;West Midlands;;	Composite FD30s	
Bearwood Road 200-238 (E BL03760BE29		204 Bearwood Road;Smethwick;West Midlands;;	Composite FD30s	
Bearwood Road 200-238 (E BL03760BE29		206 Bearwood Road;Smethwick;West Midlands;;	Composite FD30s	
Bearwood Road 200-238 (E BL03760BE29		208 Bearwood Road;Smethwick;West Midlands;;	Composite FD30s	
Bearwood Road 200-238 (E BL03760BE29		210 Bearwood Road;Smethwick;West Midlands;;	Composite FD30s	
Bearwood Road 200-238 (E BL03760BE29		212 Bearwood Road;Smethwick;West Midlands;;	Composite FD30s	
Bearwood Road 200-238 (E BL03760BE29		214 Bearwood Road;Smethwick;West Midlands;;	Composite FD30s	
Bearwood Road 200-238 (E BL03760BE29		216 Bearwood Road;Smethwick;West Midlands;;	Composite FD30s	
Bearwood Road 200-238 (E BL03760BE29		218 Bearwood Road;Smethwick;West Midlands;;	Composite FD30s	
Bearwood Road 200-238 (E BL03760BE29		220 Bearwood Road;Smethwick;West Midlands;;	Composite FD30s	
Bearwood Road 200-238 (E BL03760BE29		222 Bearwood Road;Smethwick;West Midlands;;	Composite FD30s	
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Bearwood Road 200-238 (E BL03760BE29		226 Bearwood Road;Smethwick;West Midlands;;	Composite FD30s	
Bearwood Road 200-238 (E BL03760BE29		228 Bearwood Road;Smethwick;West Midlands;;	Composite FD30s	
Bearwood Road 200-238 (E BL03760BE29		230 Bearwood Road;Smethwick;West Midlands;;	Composite FD30s	
Bearwood Road 200-238 (E BL03760BE29		232 Bearwood Road;Smethwick;West Midlands;;	Composite FD30s	
Bearwood Road 200-238 (E BL03760BE29		234 Bearwood Road;Smethwick;West Midlands;;	Composite FD30s	
Bearwood Road 200-238 (E BL03760BE29		236 Bearwood Road;Smethwick;West Midlands;;	Composite FD30s	
Bearwood Road 200-238 (E BL03760BE29		238 Bearwood Road;Smethwick;West Midlands;;	Composite FD30s	

- 10) Access was gained to a representative sample of properties within the block as part of the Fire Risk Assessment. This inspection ensures that self-closing devices operate in accordance with their design standards, and that all smoke seals remain intact and fully functional under emergency conditions.
- 11) The self-closing devices on the entrance doors of Flats were subjected to operational testing. When released from various opening angles, most door sampled, devices functioned in accordance with their design specifications, success. fully returning the doors to the fully closed position, however some flats sampled require self-closing devices adjusting. See below

- 12) **Flat 220 self-closing device requires adjusting due to the sweep and latching speed being aggressive.** Gap on internal leaf of the doors are within the 4mm threshold.



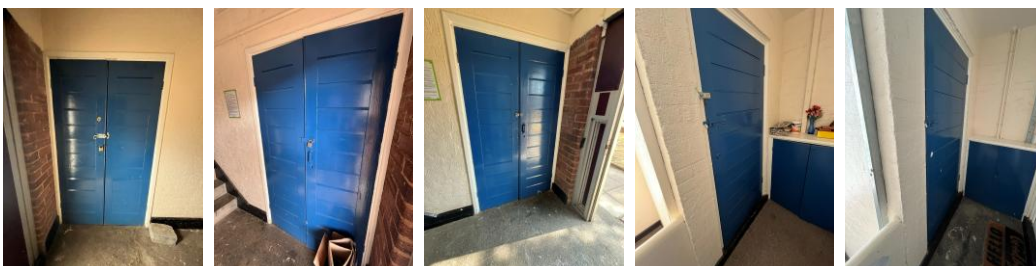
- 13) **Flat 234 self-closing device requires assessing and adjusting due not auto closing on test.** Gap on internal leaf of the doors are within the 4mm threshold.



- 14) **Flat 236 self-closing device operates as it should, however internal door leaf gap exceeding the 4mm threshold on the slamming side.**



- 15) **Access was not possible to assess the resident storage cupboards located on the ground floor communal area and storage cupboards adjacent to flat entrances on the 2nd floor.**



- 16) Access to the decommissioned refuse chute cupboards on the second-floor landing area for all blocks was not possible as the timber access doors were sealed shut; **however, block (serving flats 202 and 204) a visual inspection noted that while the refuse chute door itself exhibits slight frontal damage, it remains structurally secure.**



- 17) Resident electrical cupboards located adjacent to flat entrances on the 2nd floor on each block are secured by a timber door. *Recommended that these doors be upgraded to certified fire doors on any future works program for the building.*



Definitions Fire Doors.

Notional fire door – A fire door that is thought to have been installed at the time of construction. This door may not meet current building regulation requirements however is still acceptable if performing as originally intended.

Upgraded notional fire door – A notional fire door that has been upgraded. For example, with intumescent strips and cold smoke seals.

Nominal fire door – A fire door that may meet the standards specified within the building regulations but has not been awarded the official certification of doors manufactured and evaluated by an accredited, third-party testing unit and approved formally with the relevant certificates and documentation.

Certified fire door – A fire door and frame that have been approved and certified by the manufacturer. A competent person must install the door assembly.

Classifications of FD30 and FD30s fire doors include timber-based options designed to provide 30 minutes of fire resistance, with the "s" suffix indicating additional smoke sealing capabilities. Timber notional doors are a distinct category within this, referring to older, existing timber doors—often in older residential buildings—that are deemed capable of providing 30 minutes of fire protection based on an inspector's assessment rather than formal, modern fire testing certification.

Section 11

Fire Fighting Access & Equipment

- Hydrant location and map
- Location of nearest fire station and distance



Location of fire hydrants are located to either side of the building and marked with a Fire Hydrant sign for easy Identification



Nearest Fire station is Smethwick Fire Station, which is 0.9 miles

Section 12

Fire Signage

- Fire door signage: Keep shut – keep locked
- Smoking signage
- Service cupboard signage ie gas, electric, water
- No gas bottles etc on site.

- 1) There is no fire doors installed within the premise therefore Fire Door signage is not currently required.
- 2) Smoking is prohibited within any communal parts of the building in line with Smoke Free England legislation. Signage is not displayed in the external refuse cupboard located next to the entrance doors



- 3) There is no signage displayed on any residential electrical cupboards adjacent to flat entrance doors.



- 4) Yellow LPG warning signs are not displayed within the block. [refer to section 18](#)

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) Staff undertaking fire risk assessments on Low Rise buildings have or are working towards a minimum of Level 4 Diploma in Fire Risk Assessment.
- 4) Fire safety information has been provided as part of tenancy pack.

Section 14

Sources of Ignition

- 1) Smoking is prohibited within any communal parts of the building in line with Smoke Free England legislation.



- 2) Hot working is not normally 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. It was noted that the last inspection was recorded as satisfactory and completed 07/08/2024

Approved Contractor **EICR18.2C** **659098**

ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION CONDITION REPORT
Issued in accordance with BS 7671:2018 and BS 7671:2018 - Requirements for Electrical Installations

PART 1: DETAILS OF THE CONTRACTOR, CLIENT AND INSTALLATION	
DETAILS OF THE CONTRACTOR Registration No: 04515 Branch No: 005 Trading Title: C & S Electrical Installations Ltd Address: Unit 2, Bridge Court, Woburnbury Postcode: MK20 8HW Tel No: 01295 801 207	DETAILS OF THE CLIENT Contractor Reference Number (CRN): N/A Name: Sandwell Winc Address: Direct 2 Industrial Park, Ramey Lane, Oakbury Postcode: MK45 8EP Tel No: N/A
DETAILS OF THE INSTALLATION Occupier: Commercial UPRN: N/A Address: 300-310 Beewood Road, Smethwick, West Midlands	

PART 2: PURPOSE OF THE REPORT
Purpose for which this report is required:
Requested by the housing association to verify the standard of the electrical installation and is safe for continued use
Date(s) when inspection and testing was carried out: 07/08/2024
Records available (BSR10): (No) ☐ Previous inspection report available (BSR10): (No) ☐ Previous report date: 04/04/2024

PART 3: SUMMARY OF THE CONDITION OF THE INSTALLATION
General condition of the installation (in terms of electrical safety):
This installation is safe for continued use noting observations in part 4.
Description of premises: Dwelling: ☒ Commercial: ☐ Industrial: ☐ Other (include in description): N/A
Estimated age of electrical installation: (No) years
Evidence of additions or alterations: (No) if Yes, estimated age: N/A years
Overall assessment of the installation is: Satisfactory
*No unsafe or potentially dangerous (BSR10) conditions have been identified (BSR10: PART 3 of this report and it is recommended that these are addressed as a matter of urgency)

PART 4: DECLARATION
INSPECTION AND TESTING
I, the undersigned, being the person responsible for the inspection and testing of the electrical installation as indicated by my signature below, and of which are described in PART 3, having exercised reasonable skill and care when carrying out the inspection and testing, hereby declare that the information in this report including the observations (PART 3) and the attached Schedule, provides an accurate assessment of the condition of the electrical installation taking into account the stated extent and limitations in PART 4 of this report.
Name (caption) on behalf of the contractor identified in PART 1: DANIEL LAYTON Signature: Date: 07/08/2024
Name (caption) on behalf of the registered qualified supervisor for the contractor: Name (caption) on behalf of the contractor identified in PART 1: Name (caption) on behalf of the contractor identified in PART 1: Signature: Date: 07/08/2024

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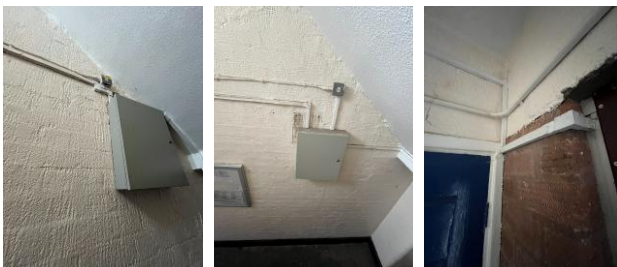
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- 5) Portable heaters are not allowed in any common parts of the premises.
- 6) Gas appliances and pipework (where installed) are subject to annual testing and certification. This cyclical contract is managed by the in-house Gas Team. The gas supply is internal.
- 7) All electrical cabling within the communal corridors and protected escape routes is securely enclosed within metal trunking and metal conduits to prevent premature collapse in a fire. Additionally, the surface-mounted electrical distribution board on block serving flats 218 & 220 is within a metal enclosure. All door access control units in the ground floor communal area are within a secure metal enclosure.



Metal conduit, metal enclosed D.B, metal Door access control power supply.

- 8) There is a run of Extra Low Voltage data cables that are fed from the door access control unit in the communal hallway to the door, these cable are housed in plastic trunking, at present the risk is low, but it is recommended that any refurbishment of the block that these cable be housed in metal trunking separate to any low voltage cables.



Section 15

Waste Control

- 1) There is a regular Cleaning Service to the premises. Regular checks by Caretakers minimise risk of waste accumulation, this also includes out of hours service to remove bulk items



- 2) Refuse containers emptied regularly.



- 3) Bins are located externally within a secure brick compound to the rear of the block, the compound is secured by timber doors and padlocked, access is only available for refuse collection staff and residents.



Bin Storage compound

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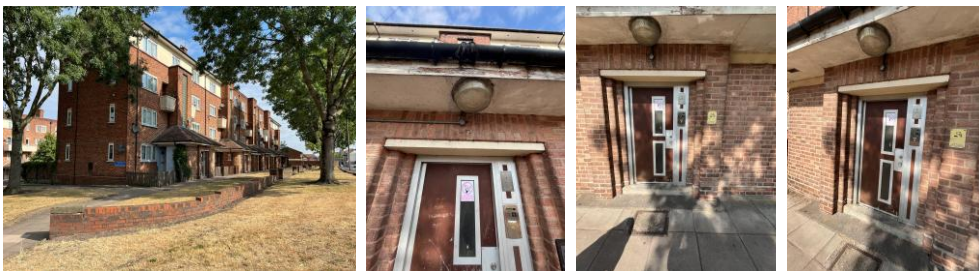
Control and Supervision of Contractors and Visitors

- 1) Responsive Repairs service delivered by Sandwell MBC necessitates the production of an order via the computerised repairs system. Details of any known risks are documented on the repair order.
 - 2) Hot works are not permitted unless authorisation is given via the approved officer. The hot works procedure is to be followed.
 - 3) 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.
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Section 17

Fire Precautions

- 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 building's exterior perimeter is well lit, ensuring clear visibility at night. Illumination is provided by a combination of an external light fixture installed directly over the front entrance and supplemental borrowed light from nearby streetlamps. Together, these sources provide a sufficient and consistent level of light around the property



- 5) Last fire incident at 200 -238 Bearwood Road was on the 30/04/2022.

Section 18

Storage Arrangements

- Communal areas must remain sterile
- No storage in stairways or corridors
- No LPG cylinders permitted

- 1) Residents instructed not to bring L.P.G cylinders into block.
 - 2) The tenancy conditions, Section 7 – Condition 5.6 stipulates “If you live in a flat or maisonette, you, people living with you and any visitors to your property must not keep or use paraffin oil, petrol, bottled gas appliances or any other explosive, FLAMMABLE or dangerous material in the property. This restriction also applies to any storage facility situated in or attached to the block, which has been provided for your use.”
 - 3) No Flammable liquids stored on site by Caretakers / cleaners.
 - 4) All store cupboards are kept locked.
 - 5) There are no flammable liquids or gas cylinders stored on site.
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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:

200 - 238 Bearwood Road

Date of Action Plan:

25th August 2026

Review Date:

August 2029

Question/ Ref No	Required Action	Supporting photograph	Priority	Timescale and Person Responsible	Date Completed
7/3	Flat 212 has an off cut of carpet placed outside the flat entrance which extends to the foot of the stairwell. Engage with resident on removal.		P2	Within 1-3 Months Leaseholder Management	

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7/4	Flat 218 has an off cut of carpet placed outside the flat entrance which extends to the foot of the stairwell. Engage with resident on removal		P2	Within 1-3 Months Housing Manager	11/08/2026
7/13	Flat 202, a discarded heater near the entrance in a communal escape route. Engage with residents on removal		P2	Within 1-3 Months Housing Manager	11/08/2026
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Fire Risk Assessment

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10/12	Flat 220 self-closing device requires adjusting due to the sweep and latching speed being aggressive.		P2	Within 1-3 Months Fire Rapid Response	
10/13	Flat 234 self-closing device requires assessing and adjusting due to the door not auto closing on test.		P2	Within 1-3 Months Fire Rapid Response	

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10/14	Flat 236 internal door leaf gap exceeding the 4mm threshold on the slamming side.		P2	Within 1-3 Months Fire Rapid Response	
10/16	block (serving flats 202 and 204) 2 nd floor refuse chute door has damage to the front. Seal and make correct.		P2	Within 1-3 Months Fire Rapid Response	
12/4	Signage to identify resident electrical cupboard is required.		P2	Within 1-3 Months Fire Rapid Response	

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).

Recommendations/Observations

All resident electrical cupboards to be upgraded to FD30s fire rated enclosures and appropriate signage to be attached regarding Fire Door Keep Locked on any future works program.



It is recommended that emergency lighting accordance with BS 5266 to be installed on any future works program.

Officer:	Signed:	Contact Details:	Qualifications:	Date:
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Verified	Signed:	Contact Details:	Qualifications:	Date:
Adrian Jones	Adrian Jones	07393 238041	L4 Diploma in FRA	25/08/2026

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

Name of property: 200 - 238 Bearwood Road

Updated: 07/07/2025

Premise Manager: (Housing Officer or Scheme Manager)

Tel. No.: 0121 569 2975

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



Report No.: J420725
Nature of Work: Management Survey
Issue Date: 22/07/2025
Client Name: Sandwell MBC (formerly Homes)
Building Services, Direct 2 Trading Estate, Roway Lane,
Oldbury, West Midlands, B69 3ES
UPRN: BL03760BE29 2
Site Address: 200-238 Bearwood Road, Smethwick, B66 4HP



Order Placed By: Jon Hemming
Site Contact: Site Manager
Date(s) of Work: 07/07/2025
Technical Manager: D Ely CCP (Asbestos)
Assistant Surveyor(s): Not Applicable
Lead Surveyor:

Authorised Signatory:

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Asbestos Surveyor

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Louise Farmer
Technical Review Officer and Asbestos Consultant
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