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Request:

A number of private cars are parked for extended periods of time (sometimes days) in the Fire Access (turning facilities) of Roden Court, Hornsey Lane, London N6.

1.Please provide the applicable statutory exemptions (if any), permitting private cars to be parked in the fire vehicle access turning facilities of Roden Court (N6) in breach of FSO2005 and Building Regs Code B.

2. Further please provide LFB's policy for pursuing such contraventions of FSO2005 and Building Regulations Code B.

Response:

Our Fire Safety Regulatory team have provided the following information:

Fire service access is considered during the planning and building control approval stages of a building project. As part of this process LFB are consulted and provide comment on various aspects including fire appliance access to and around the site.

Once the building is built and inhabited, Article 38 of The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 (the Order) as amended by the Fire Safety Act 2021 (the Order as amended), states that the Responsible Person (RP) must ensure that the premises facilities, equipment and devices provided in respect of the premises for the use by or protection of firefighters, are maintained. Therefore, it is the RP's responsibility to ensure that facilities for fire appliances are maintained.

Where LFB staff encounter issues with these facilities they are able to liaise with the RP and/or enforce the legislation.

For further information regarding our procedures for fire safety audits as well as our enforcement standard please refer to the following page: https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/about-us/what-we-do/enforce-fire-safety-legislation/

Please note, the local Fire Safety Team have been informed of this issue and are in the process of making contact with the Responsible Person for the site. Furthermore, operational crews from the local fire station have been requested to organise a site visit to check access arrangements.

We have dealt with your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. For more information about this process please see the guidance we publish about making a request <u>on our website</u>.