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## Freedom of Information request reference number: 7050.1

Date of response: 15 December 2022

#### **Request:**

For Town and City Management Limited 'TCML' please provide: 1. A copy of every NOD and Enforcement Notice issued to TCML; and 2. A confirmation letter of every 'closing out' letter should notices in 1 above have been closed/satisfied

#### Response:

The London Fire Brigade Data team along with Fire Safety have provided the below table listing all the Notification of Deficiencies (NOD) issued to Town and City management below. No Enforcement Notices were found to have been issued to Town and City Management Ltd.

Business Name	AddressLine1	Job Type	Status	Issue Date
Town and City	26 ALIE STREET	Informal Notification of Deficiencies	Completed	25/01/2021
Town and City Management Ltd	22-25 NORTHUMBERLAND AVENUE	Informal Notification of Deficiencies	Completed	14/10/2021
Town & City Management Limited	DE BEAUVOIR COURT, 58 NORTHCHURCH ROAD	Informal Notification of Deficiencies	Completed	06/10/2022
Town & City Management Ltd	HILLSBOROUGH COURT, MORTIMER CRESCENT	Informal Notification of Deficiencies	Completed	22/02/2018
Town & City Management Ltd	HILLSBOROUGH COURT, MORTIMER CRESCENT	Informal Notification of Deficiencies	Completed	03/07/2020

Please also find attached copies of all the NODs issued to Town and City Management Limited. Personal data has been removed from the attached document under section 40 of the FOIA – Personal Information.

In response to point 2 of your request. We do not create closing or satisfied letters. We do not reattend properties after a NOD has been issued.

When issuing a NOD the expectation is that the issues are minor enough that they can be rectified without needing any formal intervention from the LFB (which is different to an

<u>Enforcement Notice</u>). As such, it would be for the Responsible Person(s) of the premises to be satisfied the deficiencies noted are addressed appropriately and within the recommend time frame. The LFB will then check these issues when the property is visited at the **next routine inspection (according to the level of risk)**.

I hope you find this information of use.

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</u> <u>our website</u>



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The London Fire Commissioner is the fire and rescue authority for London

Date 6 October 2022 Our Ref 03/186919/

The Company Secretary Town & City Management Limited 9 Pioneer Court Morton Palms Darlington DL1 4WD

Dear Sir/Madam

# REGULATORY REFORM (FIRE SAFETY) ORDER 2005 (AS AMENDED): NOTIFICATION OF FIRE SAFETY DEFICIENCIES

#### Premises: De Beauvoir Court, 58 Northchurch Road, Islington, London N1 3NX

The London Fire Commissioner (the Commissioner) is the fire and rescue authority for London. The Commissioner is responsible for enforcing the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 (as amended) here after the Fire Safety Order (as amended)) in London.

The Commissioner's Inspectors have recently carried out an inspection of the above-mentioned premises. During the inspection, it was noted that some fire safety matters require attention to reduce the risk of fire and/or reasonably ensure the safety of people using the premises. These matters need to be addressed in order to comply with the Fire Safety Order (as amended).

The matters that need to be addressed, together with the Commissioner's recommendations about the actions you should take are explained in the attached schedule. We recommend that action should be taken by **1 December 2022**.

If you are in any doubt about what you need to do to comply with the Fire Safety Order (as amended); or if there is anything in the schedule that you do not understand or need further explanation of then please contact the Inspector named at the end of this letter. If you are dissatisfied in any way with the response given please ask to speak to the Team Leader quoting the above reference.

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- if your premises have a listed heritage status, approval from the local authority conservation officer; or
- if your premises are licenced then you may need to consult the relevant licensing or approvals authority.
- It is your responsibility to consult the relevant bodies and obtain any necessary approvals.

I would ask you to note that as well as placing people at risk, operating premises without having adequate general fire precaution in place to remove or reduce fire risk and to ensure people can safely escape if a fire does occur can result in a criminal offence being committed. This letter and its associated schedule are consequently issued without prejudice to any legal action the Commissioner may subsequently take regarding failures to comply with the Fire Safety Order (as amended).

Yours faithfully,

for Assistant Commissioner (Fire Safety) Directorate of Operations FSR-AdminSupport@london-fire.gov.uk

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Enc: Form FS03\_01b Legislation Extracts Form FS03\_06 Definitions of standard terms Notes to accompany the Notification of Deficiencies schedule.

#### Important information to consider before taking remedial steps:

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- 2. Officers of the Commissioner may visit your premises again to check on the action you have taken.
- 3. Notwithstanding any consultation undertaken by the Commissioner, before you make any alterations to the premises, you must apply for local authority building control department approval (and/or the approval of any other bodies having a statutory interest in the premises) if their permission is required for those alterations to be made.
- 4. There may be suitable alternative safety measures to those detailed in this schedule, which would meet the requirements of the Order. If you wish to propose or discuss any alternative measures you should get in touch with the person named as the contact above, before you take any action, to ensure that your proposed measures are deemed satisfactory by the Commissioner.
- 5. Remedial steps must be undertaken by a competent person who has sufficient training, experience, knowledge or other qualities to enable him or her to properly undertake them.
- 6. We recommend that remedial steps are undertaken in accordance with the appropriate British or European Standards, or recognised industry guidance.

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The procedures and rights above provide ways for you to have your views heard. If you are not happy with the inspecting officer's action you should contact the Team Leader on the telephone number shown at the head of the covering letter in the first instance.

#### ENVIRONMENT AND SAFETY INFORMATION ACT 1988 SECTION 4 - PROTECTION OF TRADE SECRETS

The above Act requires the London Fire Commissioner to maintain public registers of notices issued under Article 30 of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005, (other than those which impose requirements or prohibitions solely for the protection of persons at work) and Sections 21 and 22 of the Health and Safety at Work etc, Act 1974.

Provisions are made within the Act for persons on whom the above notices are served to appeal against any proposed entry in the register which may disclose "trade secrets" or "secret manufacturing processes".

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If you feel that any such entry would disclose information about a trade secret or secret manufacturing process you may write to the Commissioner within a period of 14 days following the service of the notice, requesting exclusion of these details (see Section 4 of the 1988 Act).

#### SCHEDULE

#### PREMISES: De Beauvoir Court, 58 Northchurch Road, Islington, London N1 3NX

#### FILE NUMBER: 03/186919

This schedule should be read in conjunction with the Commissioner's letter dated **06 October 2022**.

The condition(s) specified in the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005, were being contravened and the following step(s) need(s) to be taken in order to comply with the above legislation:

Article	Area of Concern	Steps Considered necessary to remedy the contravention.
Article 14	At the time of the audit the emergency routes or exits were inadequate. It was found that chairs and a bike were stored along the 1st floor means of escape, restricting the width of the escape route.	Ensure adequate emergency routes and exits, for use by relevant persons in the premises, are available and can be safely and effectively used at all relevant times. This can be achieved by ensuring that the exit width is sufficient for the number of persons that may use it.
Article 17	The corridors, lobbies and stairs used for access to and from flats in the premises (the access route(s)) are intended for use by relevant persons as a PROTECTED ROUTE. This route should provide a safe means of escape in event of fire and must be maintained in an efficient state, in efficient working order and good repair. During the audit it was found that the responsible person for management of the access route has not prevented or addressed deficiencies in the FIRE RESISTANCE of the PROTECTED ROUTE and/or required rectification of defects that have arisen in, and/or alterations made to, the protection to the access route. Flat 12A had no self closing device fitted. The PROTECTED ROUTE has been compromised by the fitting of doors that do not provide 30 minutes fire protection to the access route.	Ensure the access corridor is returned to its intended state as a PROTECTED ROUTE to afford protection from fire in a flat to relevant persons who may require use of that corridor for safe escape from the premises in case of fire. Remedial work that may be necessary for this purpose, must be assessed and completed by a competent person who is practised in application of the relevant standards for means of escape. Your attention is drawn to the provisions of subsections (2) (3) and (4) of Article 17 of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 in the attached extracts of legislation. You are advised that walls in PROTECTED ROUTES should have a minimum of 60 minutes FIRE RESISTANCE. Openings in the walls leading to accommodation off a PROTECTED ROUTE (including doors in entrance ways, service openings, borrowed light glazing, holes around cables trunking and pipework) should be of a minimum 30 minutes FIRE RESISTANCE. Available means the responsible person could use to comply with Article 17 (1) may include enforcing terms of lease and Landlord and Tenant / Property legislation as lessor/owner.

Article 8	At the time of the audit the general fire precautions as identified in the significant findings of your fire risk assessment had not been implemented. It was found that:	Implement the significant findings of your fire risk assessment, in particular:
	<ol> <li>Storage along the means of escape (mainly the 1st floor) has not been addressed.</li> <li>Self closing devices have not been fitted to all flat front doors.</li> </ol>	<ul><li>1)By ensuring the means of escape on all floors are kept clear at all relevant times.</li><li>2)By ensuring all flat front doors are effectively self closing.</li></ul>

### \*\*\*RECOMMENDATIONS NOT FORMING REQUIREMENTS OF THE SCHEDULE\*\*\*

The Commissioner would strongly urge that you consider the presence of combustible façade cladding materials as part of the risk assessment process for these premises. All relevant information about any replacement window and facade schemes should be made fully available to fire risk assessors. Where no reliable information is available for a given property, a strategy to assess the risk and where necessary implement short, medium and long term actions to address the risk should be implemented.

Where remedial measures are to be undertaken to which consultation requirements under Section 20 of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1985 will apply, the Commissioner would urge you to consider application of the disapplication provisions under Section 20ZA of that Act.



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London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority runs the London Fire Brigade

> Date 22 February 2018 Our Ref 02/226802

The Company Secretary Town & City Management Limited 2nd Floor North Point Faverdale North Darlington County Durham DL3 0PH

Dear Sir/Madam

#### REGULATORY REFORM (FIRE SAFETY) ORDER 2005: NOTIFICATION OF FIRE SAFETY DEFICIENCIES

#### Premises: Hillsborough Court, Mortimer Crescent, Kilburn, London NW6 5NR

The Authority's Inspectors have recently carried out an inspection of the above-mentioned premises. During the inspection, it was noted that some fire safety matters require attention to reduce the risk of fire and/or reasonably ensure the safety of people using the premises. These matters need to be addressed in order to comply with Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 (the Fire Safety Order).

The matters that need to be addressed, together with the Authority's recommendations about the actions you should take are explained in the attached schedule. We recommend that action should be taken by **17 May 2018**.

If you are in any doubt about what you need to do to comply with the Fire Safety Order; or if there is anything in the schedule that you do not understand or need further explanation of then please contact the Inspector named at the end of this letter. If you are dissatisfied in any way with the response given please ask to speak to the Team Leader quoting the above reference.

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- if your premises are licenced then you may need to consult the relevant licensing or approvals authority.

• <u>It is your responsibility to consult the relevant bodies and obtain any necessary approvals</u>.

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#### SCHEDULE

#### PREMISES: Hillsborough Court, Mortimer Crescent, Kilburn, London NW6 5NR

#### File Number: 02/226802

This schedule should be read in conjunction with the Authority's letter dated **22 February 2018**.

The condition(s) specified in the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005, were being contravened and the following step(s) need(s) to be taken in order to comply with the above legislation:

Article	Area of Concern	Steps Considered necessary to remedy the contravention
Article 9	At the time of the audit the fire risk assessment for your premises was not suitable and sufficient. It was found that the fire risk assessment has incorrectly stated that;	The fire risk assessment should be reviewed, with specific consideration given to issues identified within this form.
	1) There is a communal fire alarm and detection system in place at the property, when in fact a fire alarm system is only present in the boiler room.	
	<ol> <li>2) Firefighting equipment is provided in communal areas, again these are only provided in the boiler room. The fire risk assessment has also not considered breaches in fire doors to the storage room and caretakers flat, by the presence of non fire resisting cat flaps.</li> </ol>	

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Article 17	The corridors, lobbies and stairs used for access to and from flats in the premises (the access route(s)) are intended for use by relevant persons as a PROTECTED ROUTE. This route should provide a safe means of escape in event of fire and must be maintained in an efficient state, in efficient working order and good repair. During audit it was found that the responsible person for management of the access route has not prevented or addressed deficiencies in the fire resistance of the PROTECTED ROUTE and/or required rectification of defects that have arisen in, and/or alterations made to, the protection to the access route. The PROTECTED ROUTE has been compromised by the fitting of doors that do not provide 30 minutes fire protection to the access route.	Ensure the access corridor is returned to its intended state as a PROTECTED ROUTE to afford protection from fire in a flat to relevant persons who may require use of that corridor for safe escape from the premises in case of fire. Remedial work that may be necessary for this purpose, must be assessed and completed by a competent person who is practised in application of the relevant standards for means of escape. Your attention is drawn to the provisions of subsections (2) (3) and (4) of Article 17 of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 in the attached extracts of legislation. You are advised that walls in PROTECTED ROUTES should have a minimum of 60 minutes fire resistance. Openings in the walls leading to accommodation off a PROTECTED ROUTE (including doors in entrance ways, service openings, borrowed light glazing, holes around cables trunking and pipework) should be of a minimum 30 minutes fire resistance. Available means the responsible person could use to comply with Article 17 (1) may include enforcing terms of lease and Landlord and Tenant / Property legislation as lessor/owner.
Article 8	At the time of the audit the general fire precautions as identified in the significant findings of your fire risk assessment had not been implemented. It was found that issues identified with non fire resisting glazing above flat doors have yet to be addressed.	Implement the significant findings of your fire risk assessment, in particular all outstanding issues.

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Date 3 July 2020 Our Ref 02/226802/

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#### SCHEDULE

#### PREMISES: Hillsborough Court, Mortimer Crescent, London NW6 5NR

#### FILE NUMBER: 02/226802

This schedule should be read in conjunction with the Commissioner's letter dated **3 July 2020**.

The condition(s) specified in the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005, were being contravened and the following step(s) need(s) to be taken in order to comply with the above legislation:

Article	Area of Concern	Steps Considered necessary to remedy the contravention.
Article 11	At the time of the audit your preventative and protective measures had not been planned, organised, controlled, monitored or reviewed where required. It was found that some fire doors onto the protected stairwell were found to be held open.	Arrangements identified as not suitably addressed must be effectively planned, organised, controlled, monitored or reviewed.
Article 14	At the time of the audit the emergency routes or exits were inadequate. It was found that a self closing device is missing from the porters office.	Ensure adequate emergency routes and exits, for use by relevant persons in the premises, are available and can be safely and effectively used at all relevant times. This can be achieved by installing a self closing device to the door to the porters office.
Article 17	At the time of the audit you had not ensured that a suitable system of maintenance was in place in your premises. It was found that:	Arrange initial and ongoing maintenance to ensure fire safety measures are kept in an efficient state, working order and good repair. This can be achieved by:
	1) It is not known when the emergency lighting system was last maintained by an engineer.	1) Maintaining the emergency lighting system in accordance with the relevant British Standard.
	<ol> <li>It is not known when the fire alarm system was last maintained by an engineer.</li> </ol>	2) Maintaining the fire alarm system in accordance with the relevant British Standard.
Article 17	The corridors, lobbies and stairs used for access to and from flats in the premises (the access route(s)) are intended for use by relevant persons as a PROTECTED ROUTE. This route	Ensure the access corridor is returned to its intended state as a PROTECTED ROUTE to afford protection from fire in a flat to relevant persons who may require use of that corridor for safe escape from the premises in case of fire. Remedial work that may be necessary for this purpose, must be assessed and

Article 17 continued	should provide a safe means of escape in event of fire and must be maintained in an efficient state, in efficient working order and good repair. During audit it was found that the responsible person for management of the access route has not prevented or addressed deficiencies in the FIRE RESISTANCE of the PROTECTED ROUTE and/or required rectification of defects that have arisen in, and/or alterations made to, the protection to the access route.	completed by a competent person who is practised in application of the relevant standards for means of escape. Your attention is drawn to the provisions of subsections (2) (3) and (4) of Article 17 of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 in the attached extracts of legislation. You are advised that walls in PROTECTED ROUTES should have a minimum of 60 minutes FIRE RESISTANCE. Openings in the walls leading to accommodation off a PROTECTED ROUTE (including doors in entrance ways, service openings, borrowed light glazing, holes around cables trunking and pipework) should be of a minimum 30 minutes FIRE RESISTANCE. Available means the responsible person could use to comply with Article 17 (1) may include enforcing terms of lease and Landlord and Tenant / Property legislation as
	been compromised by the fitting of doors that do not provide 30 minutes fire protection to both stairwells.	lessor/owner.
Article 21	At the time of the audit your employees had not been provided with adequate safety training. It was found that the caretaker has limited understanding of the fire safety provisions within this building.	Provide your staff with adequate safety training. In particular ensuring the caretaker receives adequate fire safety training and a full understanding of the fire safety provisions within this building.
Article 9	At the time of the audit the fire risk assessment for your premises was not suitable and sufficient. It was found that:	The fire risk assessment should be reviewed, with specific consideration given to
	1) It is noted that doors opening directly onto the single stairwell(s) are not FD30 fire doors.	1) Ensuring a suitable protected stairwell is provided by ensuring flat front doors are replaced with FD30 fire door sets. (See article 17).
	2) It is not known when the emergency lighting system was last maintained by an engineer.	2) Maintaining the emergency lighting system in accordance with the relevant British Standard.
	3) It is not known when the fire alarm system was last maintained by an engineer.	3) Maintaining the fire alarm system in accordance with the relevant British Standard.
	4) The caretaker has limited understanding of the fire safety provisions within this building.	4) Ensuring the caretaker receives adequate fire safety training and a full understanding of the fire safety provisions within this building.

	5) A self closing device was missing from the porters office.	5) Installing a self closing device to the door to the porters office.
Article 9 continued	<ul> <li>6) No information available for attending crews, and no dry riser was provided . This will delay response to a fire incident within the building.</li> <li>7) It is not known if the 5 yearly fixed wiring electrical testing has been undertaken .</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>6) Providing suitable information (including plans and fire safety provisions in place) for attending fire crews at entry points. Considerations should be given to ensuring suitable access to firefighting provisions are made.</li> <li>7) Carrying out the 5 yearly fixed wiring electrical testing in accordance with the relevant British Standard.</li> </ul>

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The Commissioner would strongly urge that you consider the presence of combustible façade cladding materials as part of the risk assessment process for these premises. All relevant information about any replacement window and facade schemes should be made fully available to fire risk assessors. Where no reliable information is available for a given property, a strategy to assess the risk and where necessary implement short, medium and long term actions to address the risk should be implemented.

Where remedial measures are to be undertaken to which consultation requirements under Section 20 of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1985 will apply, the Commissioner would urge you to consider application of the disapplication provisions under Section 20ZA of that Act.



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Date 14 October 2021 Our Ref 01/022751

The Company Secretary Capitalstart Limited 17-19 6th Floor Cockspur Street London, England SW1Y 5BL

Dear Sir/Madam

#### **REGULATORY REFORM (FIRE SAFETY) ORDER 2005: NOTIFICATION OF FIRE SAFETY DEFICIENCIES**

#### Premises: 22-25 Northumberland Avenue, London WC2N 5AP

The London Fire Commissioner (the Commissioner) is the fire and rescue authority for London. The Commissioner is responsible for enforcing the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 (The Order) in London.

The Commissioner's Inspectors have recently carried out an inspection of the above-mentioned premises. During the inspection, it was noted that some fire safety matters require attention to reduce the risk of fire and/or reasonably ensure the safety of people using the premises. These matters need to be addressed in order to comply with Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 (the Fire Safety Order).

The matters that need to be addressed, together with the Commissioner's recommendations about the actions you should take are explained in the attached schedule. We recommend that action should be taken by **31 March 2022.** 

If you are in any doubt about what you need to do to comply with the Fire Safety Order; or if there is anything in the schedule that you do not understand or need further explanation of then please contact the Inspector named at the end of this letter. If you are dissatisfied in any way with the response given, please ask to speak to the Team Leader quoting the above reference.

You may also wish to know that fire safety guidance for businesses can be found on the Commissioner's web-site at <u>www.london-fire.gov.uk</u> under the heading 'Fire safety at work'. Additionally, guidance on general fire precautions and how to comply with the Fire Safety Order can be found at <u>www.Gov.uk</u> under the heading 'Fire safety law and guidance documents for business'.

When undertaking fire safety works at your premises you may need to seek approval for what you are going to do. Examples of this would include:

- any building works for which you are obliged to notify or seek the approval of Building Control.
- if your premises have a listed heritage status, approval from the local authority conservation officer; or
- if your premises are licenced then you may need to consult the relevant licensing or approvals authority.
- It is your responsibility to consult the relevant bodies and obtain any necessary approvals.

I would ask you to note that as well as placing people at risk, operating premises without having adequate general fire precaution in place to remove or reduce fire risk and to ensure people can safely escape if a fire does occur can result in a criminal offence being committed. This letter and its associated schedule are consequently issued without prejudice to any legal action the Commissioner may subsequently take regarding failures to comply with the Fire Safety Order.

Yours faithfully,

Cc:

for Assistant Commissioner (Fire Safety) Directorate of Operations FSR-AdminSupport@london-fire.gov.uk

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Enc: Form FS03\_01b Legislation Extracts Form FS03\_06 Definitions of standard terms

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Notes to accompany the Notification of Deficiencies schedule.

#### Important information to consider before taking remedial steps:

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- 2. Officers of the Commissioner may visit your premises again to check on the action you have taken.
- 3. Notwithstanding any consultation undertaken by the Commissioner, before you make any alterations to the premises, you must apply for local authority building control department approval (and/or the approval of any other bodies having a statutory interest in the premises) if their permission is required for those alterations to be made.
- 4. There may be suitable alternative safety measures to those detailed in this schedule, which would meet the requirements of the Order. If you wish to propose or discuss any alternative measures you should get in touch with the person named as the contact above, before you take any action, to ensure that your proposed measures are deemed satisfactory by the Commissioner.
- 5. Remedial steps must be undertaken by a competent person who has sufficient training, experience, knowledge, or other qualities to enable him or her to properly undertake them.
- 6. We recommend that remedial steps are undertaken in accordance with the appropriate British or European Standards, or recognised industry guidance.

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**tells you to do something** - you have a right to a verbal and written explanation of what needs to be done and why.

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**Issues a formal notice** - you will be told in writing about your right to appeal to a magistrates' court. You will be told:

- how to appeal.
- where and within what period an appeal may be brought; and
- that action required by a prohibition/restriction notice is not suspended while an appeal is pending unless the court so directs.
- that action required by an enforcement notice is suspended while an appeal is pending.

**Issues a Notification of Fire Safety Deficiencies** - <u>full discussion should have taken place and agreed</u> improvements to bring the premises up to minimal standards should be formulated. A Notification

# of Fire Safety Deficiencies carries no statutory force but may result in formal action being considered if the agreed improvements do not take place.

The procedures and rights above provide ways for you to have your views heard. If you are not happy with the inspecting officer's action you should contact the Team Leader on the telephone number shown at the head of the covering letter in the first instance.

#### ENVIRONMENT AND SAFETY INFORMATION ACT 1988 SECTION 4 - PROTECTION OF TRADE SECRETS

The above Act requires the London Fire Commissioner to maintain public registers of notices issued under Article 30 of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005, (other than those which impose requirements or prohibitions solely for the protection of persons at work) and Sections 21 and 22 of the Health and Safety at Work etc, Act 1974.

Provisions are made within the Act for persons on whom the above notices are served to appeal against any proposed entry in the register which may disclose "trade secrets" or "secret manufacturing processes".

Entries in the register are required to be made after the period for appeal against the notice expires or after any appeal is disposed of.

If you feel that any such entry would disclose information about a trade secret or secret manufacturing process you may write to the Commissioner within a period of 14 days following the service of the notice, requesting exclusion of these details (see Section 4 of the 1988 Act).

#### SCHEDULE

#### PREMISES: 22-25 Northumberland Avenue, London WC2N 5AP

#### FILE NUMBER: 01/022751

This schedule should be read in conjunction with the Commissioner's letter dated 14 October 2021.

The condition(s) specified in the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005, were being contravened and the following step(s) need(s) to be taken in order to comply with the above legislation:

Article	Area of Concern	Steps Considered necessary to remedy the contravention.
Article 11	At the time of the audit, your preventative and protective measures had not been planned, organised, controlled, monitored, or reviewed where required. It was found that, items were being stored in the common areas outside of the flat front doors by residents. These areas should be sterile, and obstruction free at all times.	Arrangements identified was not suitably addressed, must be effectively planned, organised, controlled, monitored, or reviewed.
Article 14	At the time of the audit, the emergency routes or exits were inadequate. It was found that, there was no emergency lighting in the alternative means of escape stairwell.	Ensuring an adequate emergency routes and exits for use by relevant persons in the premises, are available and can be safely and effectively used at all relevant times. This can be achieved by installing emergency lighting for the alternative means of escape.
Article 15	At the time of the audit, your procedures to be followed in the event of serious and imminent danger were inadequate. It was found that, the fire risk assessment did not confirm the fire separation in the premises required for the current stay put policy.	Ensuring an adequate procedure for serious and imminent danger and for danger areas should be established and followed. This can be achieved by getting a type 3 or type 4 fire risk assessment to identify the fire separation in the premises, and if this is suitable for the current stay put policy.
Article 17	The corridors, lobbies, and the stairs used for access to and from of the flats in the premises (the access route(s)) are intended for use by relevant persons as a PROTECTED ROUTE. This route should provide a safe means of escape in event of fire and must be maintained in an efficient state, in efficient working order, and good repair. During the audit, it was found that, the responsible person for management of the access route has not prevented or addressed deficiencies in the FIRE RESISTANCE of the PROTECTED ROUTE and	Ensuring that, the access corridor is returned to its intended state as a PROTECTED ROUTE to afford protection from fire in a flat to relevant persons who may require use of that corridor for safe escape from the premises in case of fire. Remedial work that may be necessary for this purpose, must be assessed and completed by a competent person who is practised in application of the relevant standards for means of escape. Your attention is drawn to the provisions of subsections (2) (3) and (4) of Article 17 of

	required rectification of defects that have	the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order
	arisen in, and alterations made to the	2005 in the attached extracts of
	protection to the access route. The	legislation. You are advised that walls in
	PROTECTED ROUTE has been compromised	PROTECTED ROUTES should have a
	by the fitting of doors that, do not provide	minimum of 60 minutes FIRE
Article 17	30 minutes fire protection to the access	RESISTANCE. Openings in the walls
continued	route, have a self closing device and	leading to accommodation off a
	intumescent strips and cold smoke seals.	PROTECTED ROUTE (including doors in
		entrance ways, service openings,
		borrowed light glazing, holes around
		cables trunking and pipework) should be
		of a minimum 30 minutes FIRE
		RESISTANCE. Available means the
		responsible person could use to comply
		with Article 17 (1) may include enforcing
		terms of lease and Landlord and Tenant/
		Property legislation as lessor/owner.
Article 17	At the time of the audit, you had not	Arranging initial and ongoing
	ensured that, a suitable system of	maintenance to ensure that, fire safety
	maintenance was in place in your premises.	measures are kept in an efficient state,
	It was found that, the door to the	working order, and good repair. This can
	alternative mean of escape stairwell has no	be achieved by maintaining the all fire
	lock in the door. This poses a problem with	doors, especially the one to the
	possible fire spread into the means of	alternative means of escape stairwell.
	escape.	
Article 9	At the time of the audit, the fire risk	The fire risk assessment should be
	assessment for your premises was not	reviewed, with specific consideration
	suitable and sufficient. It was found that,	given to a type 3 or type 4 fire risk
	there was no confirmation as to what fire	assessment to determine the current fire
	separation there, currently in the premises.	separation in the premises. Only then,
	This will lead onto the fire safety measures	can the emergency procedures be
	required for the emergency procedures.	confirmed for the premises. If this option
		is not pursued, an engineered approach
		can be taken to provide the adequate fire
		safety measures to support the
		emergency procedure for the premises.
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The London Fire Commissioner is the fire and rescue authority for London

Date 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021 Our Ref 05/001680

The Company Secretary Adriatic Land 5 Limited Asticus Building 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor 21 Palmer Street SW1H 0AD

Dear Sir/Madam

#### **REGULATORY REFORM (FIRE SAFETY) ORDER 2005: NOTIFICATION OF FIRE SAFETY DEFICIENCIES**

#### Premises: Harvard House, 26 Alie Street, London, E1 8DE

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#### SCHEDULE

#### PREMISES: Harvard House, 26 Alie Street, London, E1 8DE

#### FILE NUMBER: 05/001680

This schedule should be read in conjunction with the Commissioner's letter dated **25<sup>th</sup> January 2021**.

The condition(s) specified in the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005, were being contravened and the following step(s) need(s) to be taken in order to comply with the above legislation:

Article	Area of Concern	Steps Considered necessary to remedy the contravention.
Article 11	At the time of the audit your preventative and protective measures had not been planned, organised, controlled, monitored or reviewed where required. It was found that fire safety management is not effectively organised, planned and monitored. Maintenance records are confusing and do not correspond with what I have seen in the premises and the manager responsible for the premises does not appear to know essential information about the fire safety systems in the building.	Arrangements identified as not suitably addressed must be effectively planned, organised, controlled, monitored or reviewed.
Article 15	At the time of the audit your procedures to be followed in the event of serious and imminent danger were inadequate. It was found that fire action notice displayed in the premises describe simultaneous evacuation, while the policy for the premises is to stay put. This causes confusion for the residents and can negatively impact any firefighting efforts.	Adequate procedures for serious and imminent danger and for danger areas should be established and followed. This can be achieved by ensuring all residents receive correct information about fire action policy in place, and correct signage is displayed in the premises.
Article 17	At the time of the audit you had not ensured that a suitable system of maintenance was in place in your premises. It was found that automatic opening ventilation system is not	Arrange initial and ongoing maintenance to ensure fire safety measures are kept in an efficient state, working order and good repair. This can be achieved by ensuring there is a way to ventilate common parts of the premises at all times.

working, and there are no	
mmediate plans to remedy his.	

Article 38	At the time of the audit a suitable system of maintenance of the firefighting measures was not in place. It was found that ventilation system is not working, which poses a risk to firefighters who likely would have to go upstairs to the thick smoke with no way to vent it.	Arrange initial and ongoing maintenance to ensure firefighting measures are kept in an efficient state, working order and good repair. This can be achieved by ensuring all fire safety systems are kept in working condition at all times.
Article 8	At the time of the audit the general fire precautions as identified in the significant findings of your fire risk assessment had not been implemented. It was found that ventilation system is not working, and no immediate repairs plan is in place.	Implement the significant findings of your fire risk assessment, in particular ensure the issues to the ventilation system are addressed as a matter of urgency.

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