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**Freedom of Information request reference number:** 7563.1

**Date of response:** 19 June 2023

**Request:**

*Please could I be supplied with the report from the audit carried out in 2021 at Merryfield House, Grove Park Road, Grove Park, SE9 4PR.*

*There were also fires at Wandle House, Brangbourne Road, BR1 4LY in or around May 2023 and at Marbrook Court SE12 9TZ in January 2023 that the LFB attended. If reports were completed for this fire could I be supplied with it please.*

*Could you also provide reports/details of any incidents attended in the past 12 months at the following properties:*

*Kingsfield House, Lambscroft Avenue, Grove Park, SE9 4PG*

*Merryfield House, Grove Park Road, Grove Park, SE9 4PR*

*Nuthatch House, Whitefoot Lane, Bromley, BR1 5FD*

*Nayland House, Bromley Road, London, SE6 2TQ*

*Milcroft House, Melfield Gardens, London, SE6 3AJ.*

**Response:**

Please see my response to each of your queries in turn below:

*Please could I be supplied with the report from the audit carried out in 2021 at Merryfield House, Grove Park Road, Grove Park, SE9 4PR.*

Our Prevention and Protection (Fire Safety) team have provided me a copy of the Fire Safety Audit report completed on 03 February 2021. I have attached a copy of the report to this response.

The result of the audit confirmed no significant failure to comply with the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 (RRO) were found and as a result the premises was deemed broadly compliant. This means that no enforcement action (informal or formal) was required as a result and no notices were issued.

Please note, personal data has been removed from the attached document under [section 40 of the FOIA – Personal Information](#).

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The table below details the fire incidents attended at the buildings listed above in January and May 2023:

Type	Building	Postcode	Incident Number	Time of call	Description	Job type
Fire	WANDLE HOUSE	BR1 4LY	068742-16052023	16/05/2023 22:06	Secondary Fire	-
Fire	MARBROOK COURT	SE12 9UA	000328-01012023	01/01/2023 08:04	Primary Fire	-

The LFB would not be able to provide you with any incident reports under the Freedom of Information act as these are a chargeable service and exempt from disclosure under [Section 21 of the FOIA – Information accessible to applicant by other means](#).

Eligible parties are able to request copies of reports from the LFB Incident Reports team and further details around eligibility can be found on our website here: <https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/about-us/services-and-facilities/services-we-offer/incident-reports/>.

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The table below details all incidents attended at the buildings listed above between 01 June 2022 and 19 June 2023:

Type	Building	Postcode	Incident Number	Time of call	Description	Job type
False Alarm	MERRYFIELD HOUSE	SE9 4PR	037946-17032023	17/03/2023 12:08	AFA (Automatic Fire Alarm)	-
False Alarm	NUTHATCH HOUSE	BR1 5FD	101054-08072022	08/07/2022 15:10	AFA (Automatic Fire Alarm)	-
Special Service	KINGSFIELD HOUSE	SE9 4PF	036293-14032023	14/03/2023 01:13	Other assistance to police/ambulance	Other assistance to police/ambulance
Special Service	NAYLAND HOUSE	SE6 2TQ	015897-01022023	01/02/2023 15:09	To able bodied person not in distress	Effecting entry/exit - To able bodied person not in distress

Special Service	KINGSFIELD HOUSE	SE9 4PF	211827-27122022	27/12/2022 14:11	Service not required	Service not required
Special Service	MERRYFIELD HOUSE	SE9 4PR	200274-09122022	09/12/2022 13:55	Make Safe/Isolate Supply	Water Leak Within Building - Make Safe/Isolate Supply
Special Service	MILLCROFT HOUSE	SE6 3AJ	185103-10112022	10/11/2022 18:49	To able bodied person not in distress	Release from lift car - To able bodied person not in distress
Special Service	KINGSFIELD HOUSE	SE9 4PF	124563-04082022	04/08/2022 09:49	Service not required	Service not required
Special Service	NUTHATCH HOUSE	BR1 5FD	113013-20072022	20/07/2022 12:29	Make Safe/Isolate Supply	Water Leak Within Building - Make Safe/Isolate Supply
Special Service	KINGSFIELD HOUSE	SE9 4PG	091893-23062022	23/06/2022 17:32	Service not required	Service not required

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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 [on our website](#).



## Fire Safety Audit Report

### Audit Information

**Audited By** [REDACTED] ([REDACTED])  
**Audit Completed** 3 February 2021

### Location summary

**File No** 90/000987  
**UPRN** 100023679915  
**Building Name** MERRYFIELD HOUSE  
**Address** MERRYFIELD HOUSE  
 GROVE PARK ROAD  
 GROVE PARK  
 LONDON  
 SE9 4PR  
**Borough** Lewisham  
**Use** D - Purpose Built Flats >=4 floors  
**Responsible Team** FSR Southwark & Lewisham  
**Station Ground** E30 - Eltham  
**Site Risk Score** 4.50  
**Total Floors** 11 **Basement floors** 0  
**Estimated number of sleeping** 90  
**Special Features**

#### Additional detail

1950/60 purpose built block with AOVs on all floor  
 Non compliant wall spandrel panels that were in place under windows have now been replaced by compliant materials. This prompted the installation of a temporary detection system within the emergency escape routes and waking watch. The detection system is due to be taken out as the stay put policy has been re- implemented.

#### Premises Description

This 11 storey tower block was traditional 19660's-1970's built The block contains 42 self-contained flats spread over floors Ground to 10. The 10h floor also provides access to the roof. All flats have access to private balconys.

The building is constructed of brick, concrete and it appeared to a have a concrete flat roof.

There is a controlled access to the building via intercom or fob & there is a drop down key at the front entrance for the emergency services, there is a push button door release on final exit doors.

The block has a single protected staircase and two fire-fighters lifts, one lift serving even floor numbers and the other serving odd numbers, Both lifts only go the 9th floor. Flats were accessed directly off a lobby (4 flats per floor) Two exits were available on the ground floor.

**Environmental Risks** NONE

**Features assisting fire spread** NONE

**Site Reinspection date**

**Heritage Building**

No

<b>Petroleum redevelopment?</b>	No
<b>Known firesetting in area?</b>	No
<b>Site lone worker risk</b>	Normal

### Property Detail (DEFAULT PROPERTY)

<b>Occupier Contact</b>	Default Property
<b>Address</b>	MERRYFIELD HOUSE GROVE PARK ROAD GROVE PARK LONDON SE9 4PR
<b>Responsible team</b>	FSR Southwark & Lewisham
<b>Occupancy Type</b>	Sole Occupier
<b>Property Use</b>	D - Purpose Built Flats >=4 floors
<b>Valuation Office</b>	R3 - Flats/Mais 4 Flrs and over PB
<b>Original Risk Score</b>	4.50
<b>Reinspection Date</b>	N/A (SAMPLE)
<b>Last Inspection</b>	19 January 2021
<b>Total Capacity</b>	0
<b>Maximum number of people</b>	<u>20-100</u>
<b>Property Size for use</b>	Small 3001m <sup>2</sup> to 5000m <sup>2</sup>
<b>Environmental Risks</b>	NONE
<b>Occupant Mobility</b>	Average
<b>Fire Loading</b>	Average
<b>Additional detail</b>	

#### Specific lone worker risk

**Primary Authority Partnership** N/A

### Protection Data (SHARED)

<b>Fire Protection &amp; Warning</b>	Adequate
<b>Unwanted fire signals count</b>	0
<b>AFD remote monitoring</b>	No
<b>Smoke ventilation</b>	Natural
<b>Covers MOE/Common areas?</b>	Yes
<b>Sprinklers Installed?</b>	No
<b>Access for fire-fighting</b>	Average
<b>Water supplies</b>	Average
<b>Special Features</b>	
<b># Fire fighting shafts</b>	0
<b>Engineered solution?</b>	No
<b>Trade off measures?</b>	No
<b>Evacuation type</b>	Defend in place -Stay Put
<b>History of fires?</b>	No

## Contacts

### Occupier

**Name** Default Property  
**Address** Merryfield House  
 Grove Park Road  
 LONDON  
 SE9 4PR

### Owner/Co-Owner

**Name** L & Q Housing Association  
**Responsible Person** [REDACTED]  
**Position** CEO  
**Address** Osbourne House  
 Osbourne Terrace  
 LONDON  
 SE13 3DR  
**Telephone** [REDACTED]  
**URL** www.lqgroup.org.uk

### On Site Representative

**Name** L & Q Housing Association  
**Responsible Person** [REDACTED]  
**Position** Fire Safety Team Leader  
**Address** London & Quadrant Housing Trust Cray House  
 Maidstone Road  
 SIDCUP  
 Kent  
 DA14 5HU  
**Telephone** [REDACTED]  
**Email** [REDACTED]@lqgroup.org.uk  
**URL** www.lqgroup.org.uk

## Enforcement history

## Articles

### Article 9 - Risk assessment

**SAFETY CRITICAL**  
**Safety Evaluation**  
 Broadly Compliant

#### Observations

The risk assessment which was carried out by L & Q is in the process of being reviewed due to non compliant wall spandrel panels that were in place under windows have now been replaced by compliant materials. This prompted the installation of a temporary detection system within the emergency escape routes and waking watch. The detection system is due to be taken out as the stay put policy has been re- implemented.

## Article 11 - Fire Safety Arrangements

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**SAFETY CRITICAL  
Safety Evaluation**  
Broadly Compliant

### Observations

Management of the premises appears to be sufficient and shows a willingness to cooperate due to the measures that have been put in place to facilitate the change in evacuation strategy in installing temporary detection and waking watch which are both now redundant.

I informed by the RP that residents must be written to regarding the alterations to the evacuation policy.

A box labelled fire safety documents was located in the ground floor lobby beside the zone plan, however access was not obtained as no RP was present. Each floor leading from the staircase is numbered.

Storage was found within the common areas. Refuse was correctly stored in the bin area outside.

Upon visual inspection no BBQ's on balcony were discovered.

## Article 13 - Detection and warning

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**SAFETY CRITICAL  
Safety Evaluation**  
Broadly Compliant

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## Article 14 - Emergency routes and exits

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**SAFETY CRITICAL  
Safety Evaluation**  
Broadly Compliant

### Observations

There is a single means of escape for the upper floors via the protected staircase, while the ground floor has 2 exits, one at the entrance and a second at the rear.

At the time of audit the escape route was clear and accessible. The protected staircase is fitted with emergency lighting on all floors, exits were adequately signed.

AOV's are provided on each floor and well as POV's located in the protected stairwell.

The lobby doors to the protected staircase well visually inspected and appeared in good condition.



## Article 15 - Procedures for serious and imminent danger and for danger areas

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**SAFETY CRITICAL  
Safety Evaluation**  
Broadly Compliant

Verbal Advice Given

### Observations

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## Article 17 - Maintenance

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**SAFETY CRITICAL  
Safety Evaluation**  
Broadly Compliant

### Observations

All maintenance certification was current and no issues found.

## Article 21 - Training

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**SAFETY CRITICAL  
Safety Evaluation**  
Broadly Compliant

### Observations

Due to COVID restriction, I was unable to interview cleaning staff.

## Article 8 - General fire precautions

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**Safety Evaluation**  
Broadly Compliant

### Observations

Due to COVID restriction, I was unable to gain access to the service cupboards. Visual inspection of the common parts showed no obvious signs of compartmentation breaches.

## Article 10 - Principles of prevention to be applied

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**Safety Evaluation**  
Broadly Compliant

### Observations

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**Article 12 - Elimination or reduction of risks from dangerous substances**

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<b>Safety Evaluation</b>	<b>Observations</b>
Not Applicable	None

**Article 13 - Fire Fighting Equipment**

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<b>Safety Evaluation</b>	<b>Observations</b>
Broadly Compliant	Not required in escape routes in this type of property.

**Article 16 - Measures for dealing with dangerous substances affecting general fire precautions**

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<b>Safety Evaluation</b>	<b>Observations</b>
Not Applicable	None

**Article 18 - Safety assistance**

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<b>Safety Evaluation</b>	<b>Observations</b>
Not Applicable	None

**Article 19 - Provision of information to employees**

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<b>Safety Evaluation</b>	<b>Observations</b>
Not Applicable	None

## Article 20 - Provision of information to employers and the self employed from outside undertakings

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Safety Evaluation	Observations
Not Applicable	None

## Article 22 - Co-operation and co-ordination

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Safety Evaluation	Observations
Not Applicable	None

## Article 23 - General duties of employees at work

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Safety Evaluation	Observations
Not Applicable	None

## Article 37 - Fire fighters switches for luminous tube signs

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Safety Evaluation	Observations
Not Applicable	None

## Article 38 - Maintenance of measures provided for protection of fire fighters

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Safety Evaluation	Observations
Not Applicable	<p>2 fire-mans lifts were installed in the premises however they were not tested as no RP was present.</p> <p>The dry risers were kept locked and appeared to be in suitable condition.</p>

## Article 24 - Power to make regulations

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Safety Evaluation	Observations
No (Compliant)	None

## Article 27 - Powers of inspectors

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Safety Evaluation	Observations
No (Compliant)	None

## Article 29 - Current alterations notices

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Safety Evaluation	Observations
No (Compliant)	None

## Article 30 - Current enforcement notices

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Safety Evaluation	Observations
No (Compliant)	None

## Article 31 - Current prohibition notices

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Safety Evaluation	Observations
No (Compliant)	None

## Article 32 - Offences

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Safety Evaluation	Observations
No (Compliant)	None

**Overall safety standard**

Broadly Compliant

**Management compliance level**

<b>Management Compliance Level</b>	1 - Well above average
<b>Initial Expectation</b>	Verbal action
<b>Considered EMM?</b>	Yes
<b>Confirmed Action</b>	Verbal action

**Audit Conclusion**

03/02/2021 13:56

This audit was initiated due to a reported change in evacuation procedures from full evacuation to defend in place ( non compliant wall spandrel panels that were in place under windows have now been replaced by compliant materials). The waking watch has been disbanded and the temporary detection system within the emergency escape routes is due to be removed. Pre audit research was carried out using IMS, Farynor, Imapping, Companies house, BRDO. No major deficiencies were found during the inspection of all escape routes. Advice was given to contact residents regarding the re implementation of the defend in place policy. A station notification form was sent to inform local stations. No further action required at this time.

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Initial Expectation: Verbal action

**Verbal Advice Given**

None recorded

**Other Authorities to notify**

None

**Weeks to Complete Work**

N/A

**Specific instructions for Admin to Action**

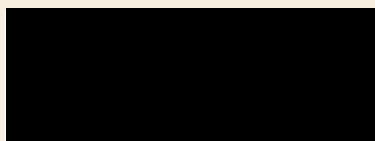
None

**Compliance calculation & signature**

<b>Compliance Level</b>	1 - Well above average
<b>Property Risk Group</b>	B - Sleeping familiar or Licensed Premises
<b>Life Risk</b>	-4
<b>Actual Risk Score</b>	4.42
<b>Risk Score</b>	4.50

**Customer Signature**

Customer Name



**Audit Timings**

**Audit Duration**  
45

**Travel Time**  
30

**Post Audit Processing Duration**  
180