

Freedom of Information request reference number: 9196.1

Date of response: 13 November 2024

Request:

The Broadgate Tower, 20 Primrose Street, London, EC2A 2ES

1. *Are the two staircases firefighting shafts?*
2. *How many firefighting lifts are there?*
3. *How many fire mains? Dry or wet?*
4. *Does the building have suppression systems? If so, what types?*
5. *What type of detection and alarm system?*
6. *Is the evacuation strategy simultaneous or phased?*
7. *Type and number of fire extinguishers per floor?*
8. *Are there any cooking facilities in the kitchens?*
9. *What type of fire safety training and fire drills are there.*
10. *Are there any significant hazards e.g. fuel for generators or similar?*

Also, if there is a fire safety booklet with information given to occupiers.

Response:

I have attached a copy of the Operational Risk Database (ORD) entry for The Broadgate Tower, EC2A to this response. This provides the information recorded in relation to questions 1 to 6:

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Please note, personal data has been removed from the attached ORD under section 40 of the FOIA – Personal Information.

You may also find the following information useful in relation to the information recorded on the ORD. Relevant information obtained through LFB fire station familiarisation visits to buildings is recorded on the LFB ORD. The ORD is a 'live' database, which is updated with new information as it is identified. I have attached the most recent ORD report for The Broadgate Tower which is dated 05 July 2024.

The LFB's policy on the Management of Operational Risk information is intended to help ensure fire crews have efficient arrangements in place when attending incidents across London. It includes details in relation to the information collected and recorded in the Operational Risk Database (ORD). The operational risk information recorded for a particular building will support safe management and resolution of any incidents that may occur at the premises.

The policy is published online and policy can be accessed via the following [link](#) (page 9 onwards).

7. *Type and number of fire extinguishers per floor?*
8. *Are there any cooking facilities in the kitchens?*

The LFB do not hold this information. As a non-residential building the information you have requested is not something that is routinely recorded by the London Fire Brigade. It is more likely to be held by the Responsible Person (RP) for the building or the local authority where the building is located (EC2A falls under the [City of London Corporation](#)).

The planning/building control information recorded for The Broadgate Tower, EC2A can be accessed via the following page on the City of London Corporation website here:

<https://www.planning2.cityoflondon.gov.uk/online-applications/propertyDetails.do?keyVal=K1KM2TFHOKL00&activeTab=summary>

9. *What type of fire safety training and fire drills are there.*

This information is not held by the LFB, the Responsible Person (RP) for the building would be responsible for fire safety training for their staff. The LFB publish guidance for RP's with fire safety responsibility at work on our website which can be accessed via the following link: <https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/safety/the-workplace/>

10. *Are there any significant hazards e.g. fuel for generators or similar?*

This information is recorded on the ORD (to inform attending crews of any hazards). However, the details of are redacted and withheld from release under [section 38\(1\)\(b\) of the FOIA](#) – Health and Safety.

We believe the release hazard information would endanger the safety of people working in the buildings concerned; there are concerns that hazard information in commercial use buildings could be used by those with malicious intent (such as terrorists or arsonists) to attack or otherwise compromise the safety of these buildings and their occupiers.

Section 38 is a qualified exemption, and I must consider the public interests for and against disclosure. We clearly understand that there is public interest and concern about knowing about the fire safety of the buildings in which people live, work or visit. Releasing a details of hazards that are known to be vulnerable to the effects of a fire or would be useful intelligence and assistance to a terrorist group (or similar, should they be contemplating an attack on a commercial building) could compromise the safety of these buildings and their occupiers. I am therefore of the view that it is in the public interest not to disclose the information you have requested.

Also, if there is a fire safety booklet with information given to occupiers

This information is not held by the LFB, the Responsible Person (RP) for the building would be responsible for providing fire safety information to the occupiers of a commercial building. Details about the legal responsibilities of a RP, and what happens if they are not compliant, can be found on the LFB website using the following link: <https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/safety/the-workplace/fire-safety-law-explained/>

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](#).

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Name & Address:	[COMMERCIAL] THE BROADGATE TOWER, THE BROADGATE TOWER, 20, PRIMROSE STREET, EC2A 2EW		
Date:	05/07/2024		

Comments

New Comment:

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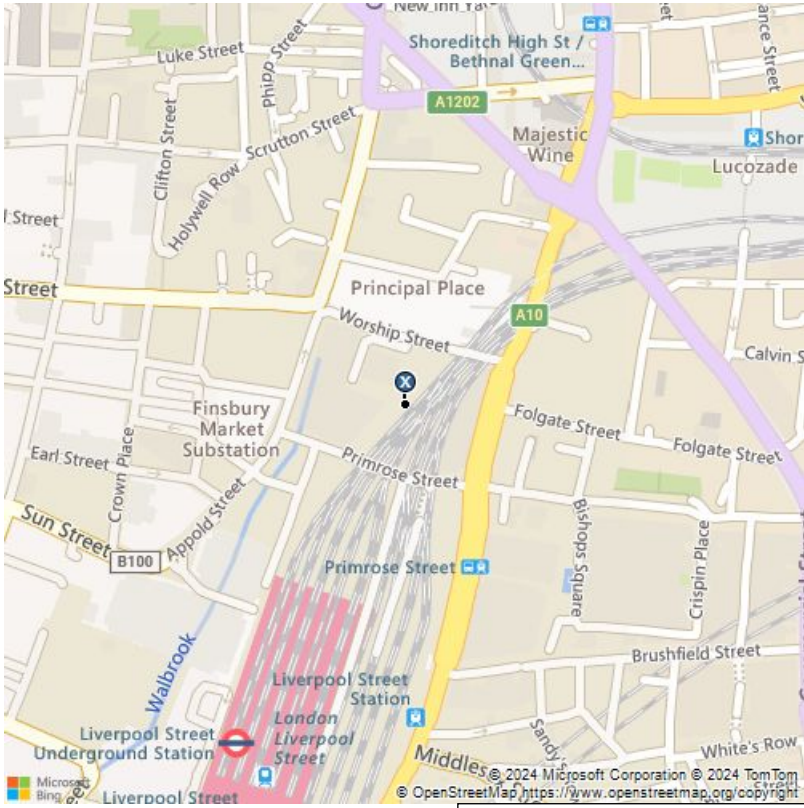
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Address

Station

Area	North East
Borough	Hackney
Station	F24 Shoreditch



Easting	5333098
Northing	1819966

Hazards

Inspection Notes:

Hazards Summary

Section 38(1)(b) of the FOIA.
[Redacted]

Tactical Plan

Operational Contingency Plan

Plan Name	201 Bishopsgate
Plan No	
Version	1
Date Effective From	26/01/2010
Date Documented	10/03/2010

Site Details

Site Profile	A commercial building of 13 floors plus basement, comprised of offices.
Site Dimensions	120m x 80m.38,000 sq feet per floor.
Life Risks	Occupancy can vary - maximum number detailed below
Water Supply	Hydrant located on corner of Bishopsgate and Primrose Street. Approximately four lengths distance from RVP.

Number of People at Risk			
Occasion	PeopleType	No. ppl Day	No. ppl Night
Typical	Staff	4500	100

Operational Hazards

Communications
PA system. Phones in Firefighting lobbies. Handheld radios working

Fixed Installations		
Group	Type	Description
Other systems/building facilities	Dry rising mains	Located on North, South and West side of building
Other systems/building facilities	Pressurisation systems	In fire fighting shafts. All located in same place as dry risers. North, South and West.
Other systems/building facilities	Firefighting lifts	In fire fighting shafts. North, South and West.
Other systems/building facilities	Firefighting shaft	North, South and West
Other systems/building facilities	Smoke ventilation systems	In main atrium. Triggered by alarm actuating.
Other systems/building facilities	Smoke extraction systems	In basement car park.
Fire extinguishing systems	Other gaseous extinguishing systems	FM200 system in communications room on 7th floor.

Premises Information Box (PIB)	
Is there a PIB at this address?	True
PIB/Other Plans Location	Located in main fire control room in 'tower'.

Access

Route Access

Via Bishopsgate and Primrose Street.

Site Access

Via Primrose Street. Site staff will move bench & bollards at Primrose Street to facilitate our access.

En Route Considerations

consider use of 64M Aerial if required

On Site Action

Site Staff

Staff will investigate situation and if necessary start phased evacuation beginning with incident floor and then subsequent floors every 2 minutes.

If LFB are called staff will open bollards on Primrose street to facilitate access closer to building.

OIC

Make contact with site staff outside Broadgate Tower & 201 Bishopsgate who will provide grab pack containing plans and relevant information

RVP & Meeting Points

Name	Type	Description
Main RVP	RVP	On Bishopsgate, near Primrose St

Emergency Contacts

Title	Surname	Forename	Position	Type	Telephone
Unknown	Control Room			Office	
			Property Manager	Mobile	

OPS Planning Consideration

Consider a Senior Fire Safety Officer (SFSO) as the building has a number of fire engineered solutions.

Policies

633 - High Rise

769 - Incidents involving electricity

773 - Firefighting in basements

796 - HAZMATS fires and incidents

794 - Lifts and incidents involving lifts

Other Service Agencies

Plans and Images

Name

201 Bishopsgate [1]

Description

