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Request:

Fire safety engineering/ design strategies, emergencies access investments needed for delivering a safe overall urban design for this new London environment of higher risk towers packed like the City of London square mile, but covering many more square miles, of lower build quality and including many new towers sited on disconnected railway yard/ junction severed-off 'bad' lands.

What engagement has LFB been allowed to help design highest quality fire safety infrastructure into this highest risk buildings massive scale Great Western City Growth,? As, I say this new City is already building in ad hoc fragments, taller and taller, more and more packed, more and more isolated and blocked-in.

Response:

In response, the London Fire Brigade (LFB) works with industry to support the development and building of safer homes, workplaces and places of entertainment, providing nearly 20,000 consultation responses to building and planning applications per year. Further details about making new buildings safer can be found on the LFB website here:

<https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/about-us/what-we-do/make-new-buildings-safer/>

In addition, the LFB is a statutory consultee as part of the Building Regulations process. For complex projects, our fire engineers consider the fire safety design proposals. Further details about fire engineering consultations can be found on the LFB website here:

<https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/about-us/services-and-facilities/services-we-offer/fire-engineering-consultations/>

The LFB routinely publish detailed strategy reports and decisions via the "[Our Decisions](#)" page of our website. There are some recent reports that have been published which provide in depth information about the LFB Protection department strategies and assessment of risk (the LFB Prevention and Protection department is the overarching team who include the Fire Engineer Group).

The reports that include details of the current and future LFB Protection department engagement and risk assessments can be accessed via the following links:

Assessment of Risk 2024: <https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/media/3axbqf1e/lfc-24-082-assessment-of-risk-2024-report-and-appendices-for-publishing.pdf>

Protection Strategy 2023 – 2026: <https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/media/lteiruer/lfc-23-070-protection-strategy-2023-2026-signed.pdf>

Prevention and Protection Establishment increase – Building Safety Regulator: <https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/media/mbmbautv/lfc-023-60-prevention-protection-estab-increase-for-publication-signed.pdf>

Home Office Grant Fund Expenditure Plan: <https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/media/6065/20211007-lfc-0566y-home-office-grant-fund-expenditure-plan.pdf>

These should be read in conjunction with the LFB Community Risk Management Plan which can be accessed via the following links: <https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/about-us/your-london-fire-brigade-our-plan-for-2023-29/>

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](#).