

Freedom of Information request reference number: 8450.1

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Request:

As requested, please provide all records of all inspections, repairs and maintenance undertaken to the hydrants within a 100m radius of Wellington Avenue, Worcester Park, Surrey, ('the Property') in the 3 year period preceding the fire which occurred on 25 August 2023.

Response:

Our Water team have confirmed the following,

Hydrant 33113 - Wellington Avenue. Inspected by station crew 30/03/22. Operable, pit clear required. Inspected by hydrant technician 22/05/22. Pit cleared, live/fully operable.

Hydrant 32981 – Cheam Common Road. Inspected by station crew 27/03/22. Live/fully operable, no defects.

Hydrant 32982 – Cheam Common Road. Inspected by station crew 19/09/19. Live/Operable, hydrant sign missing. Inspected by hydrant technician 18/02/20. New sign fitted, live/fully operable.

Hydrant 33036 - Lingfield Road. Inspected by station crew 05/08/19. Live/Operable, hydrant sign missing. Inspected by hydrant technician 18/02/20. New H sign fitted, live/fully operable.

Hydrant 5282 – London Road. Inspected by station crew 05/08/19. Inoperable, frame and cover tarmacked over. Inspected by hydrant technician 30/09/19. New hydrant located on footpath, live/fully operable.

At the time of the incident the hydrant in Wellington Avenue and hydrants in the surrounding area were indicated on our system as all being live and fully operable with no defects reported.

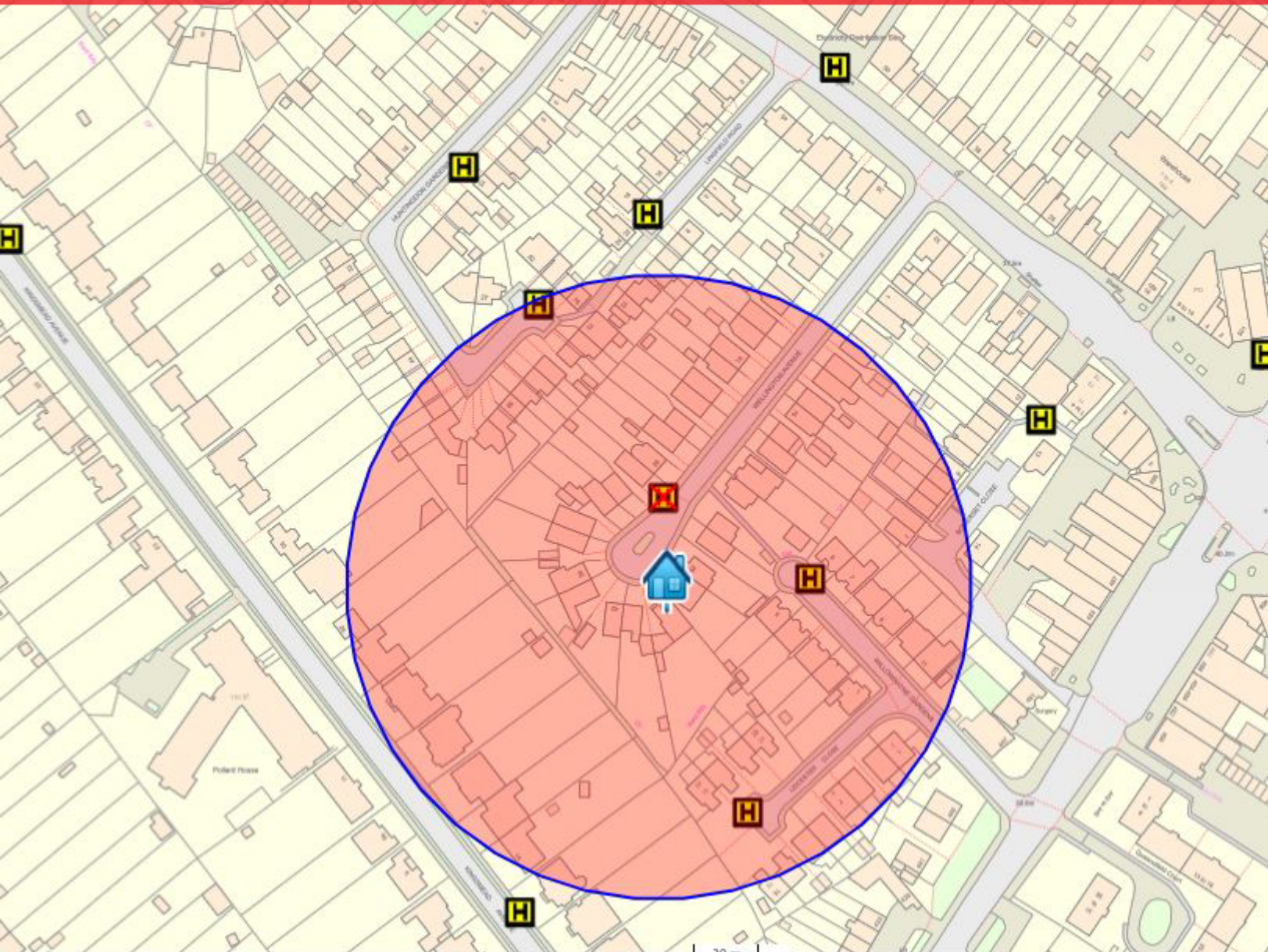
I have attached two screen shots from our hydrant system, the first showing the hydrants within a 100 metres radius of Wellington Avenue. This does not give an accurate reflection of which hydrants would have been used at the incident as the hoses are laid from the hydrant via the roadway or footpaths, not 100 metres as the crow flies. The fire crews would have utilized the closest hydrants to the incident, these are circled in the second of the attached screen shots. We now know the hydrant located at Wellington Avenue was found to be inoperable at the time of the incident, this is indicated with a red cross.

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The hydrant inspection cycle runs over a four year period so at the very least they are inspected by the London Fire Brigade every four years. However as the hydrants themselves belong to the Water Company, the hydrants can also be inspected by their technicians for various reasons, including routine network maintenance or flushing through the water main.

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: <https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/about-us/transparency/request-information-from-us/>

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