

**Freedom of Information request reference number:** 8020.1

**Date of response:** 16 November 2023

**Request:**

*I need a copy of the 2022 and 2023 Fire Risk Assessments for Master Gunner Place as the building owners are uncontactable on this matter.*

*Can you please forward these FRA's.*

**Response:**

In response, please note as the enforcing authority under the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order, 2005, (RRO) the Brigade does not provide, or carry out fire risk assessments (FRA) as this is the responsibility of the responsible persons (RP). Whilst on some occasions the RP may provide a copy to the Inspecting Officer (IO) we are under no obligation to retain them.

Our Fire Safety Regulatory team have confirmed that we hold Fire Risk Assessment documents for Bush and Butterfield House which were carried out by Ark Workplace Risk Ltd on 25/07/2022.

We consider these documents to be exempt under [Section 31](#) of the FOIA ("law enforcement" – Section 31(1)(g) combined with 31(2) (a) and 31(2) (c)).

The LFB freely provide the outcome of Fire Safety Audits and notices issued under the freedom of information act. Other materials (including email correspondence and detailed notes), documents (such as the reports themselves or documents provided to us by the responsible person for the building) and other fire safety information held by the Brigade will usually be exempt from access via the FOIA provisions.

We are of the view that the correct balance between the public interest in building safety and our ongoing regulatory involvement lies in making information about enforcement action available (formal or informal) to those that request it, but in withholding the supporting information and evidence gathered during regulation activities.

We understand that there is public interest and concern about knowing about the fire safety of the buildings in which they live, work, or visit.

The Brigade does however need to maintain a balance between the public interest in safety and the Brigade's ability to work with responsible persons in a safe space where honest, frank, and meaningful discussions can take place. A great deal of the steps the Brigade takes with building owners to improve public safety outcomes come about from the ability to influence and negotiate with those with responsibility.

New fire safety guidance came into force on the 1 October 2023. Section 156 of the Building Safety Act 2022 (BSA) makes a number of amendments to the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 (FSO) to improve fire safety in all buildings regulated by the FSO. The changes aim to enhance fire safety practices and ensure compliance with the latest standards.

The changes, are summarised on the London Fire Brigade (LFB) website <https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/safety/property-management/changes-to-fire-safety-law-how-it-affects-you/> where you will find information, including details about information sharing with residents of the building. It is crucial for Responsible Persons to communicate comprehensible and relevant information that has identified fire safety risks to residents.

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](#)