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Request:

I am requesting a copy of your Post Fire Safety Inspection report:

Church Street Workshops, 172 Stoke Newington Church Street, N16 0JL

Response:

Following a fire incident in July 2023, a Fire Safety Audit was carried out at 172 Stoke Newington Church Street, N16 on 20 July 2023.

The results 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.

I have attached a copy of the Fire Safety Audit report to this response. Please note, personal data has been removed from this report under [section 40 – Personal Information](#) of the FOI act.

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 20 July 2023

Location summary

File No 04/013109
UPRN 10008311666
Building Name
Address UNIT 6
 172 STOKE NEWINGTON CHURCH STREET
 HACKNEY
 LONDON
 N16 0JL
Borough Hackney
Use N - Shop
Responsible Team FSD HACK-ISL-HAV-RED-WF
Station Ground F32 - Stoke Newington
Site Risk Score 3.50
Building Height band <18
Total Floors 1 **Basement floors** 0
Estimated number of sleeping 0
Special Features

Additional detail Access to the unit is via a steel barred gate in an archway from Stoke Newington Church Street and an additional eastern entrance is available on Barn Street via double doors with a combined width of 7m2.

Premises Description The premises is a purpose built 1 storey terraced unit. Constructed from traditional building materials, brick, steel, concrete, timber & glass with a tiled pitched roof. The premises sits on a 25m2 sq footprint

Exterior Wall Cladding N/A

Exterior Wall Insulation N/A

Cladding/Insulation details confirmed by NOT CONFIRMED

Environmental Risks NONE

Features assisting fire spread NONE

Site Reinspection date

Heritage Building No

Balconies present? No

Gas Supply present? No

Petroleum redevelopment? No

Known firesetting in area? YES

Site lone worker risk None.

Property Detail (OCCUPIER PROPERTY)

Occupier Contact	[REDACTED]
Address	UNIT 6 172 STOKE NEWINGTON CHURCH STREET HACKNEY LONDON N16 0JL
Responsible team	FSD HACK-ISL-HAV-RED-WF
Occupancy Type	Sole Occupier
Property Use	T - Other workplace
Valuation Office	IF3 - Workshop
Original Risk Score	<u>3.50</u>
Reinspection Date	N/A (SAMPLE)
Last Inspection	4 July 2023
Total Capacity	2
Maximum number of people	<u><20</u>
Property Size for use	Extremely Small <50m ²
Environmental Risks	NONE
Occupant Mobility	Average
Fire Loading	Average
Additional detail	
Specific lone worker risk	None.
Primary Authority Partnership	N/A

Protection Data

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

Contacts

Occupier

Name [REDACTED]
Address UNIT 6
 172 STOKE NEWINGTON CHURCH STREET
 HACKNEY
 LONDON
 N16 0JL

Owner/Co-Owner

Name Person Studio 6
Address [REDACTED]
 Studio 6
 172 Stoke Newington Church Street
 Hackney
 LONDON
 N16 0JL
Telephone [REDACTED]

Enforcement history

Articles

Article 9 - Risk assessment

<p>SAFETY CRITICAL Safety Evaluation Broadly Compliant</p>	<p>Observations At the time of the audit a documented fire risk assessment was not available as less than five people work out of the premises.</p>
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Article 11 - Fire Safety Arrangements

<p>SAFETY CRITICAL Safety Evaluation Broadly Compliant</p>	<p>Observations Through Q&A and the review of documentation it was established that there is suitable and sufficient fire safety arrangements are in place. Fire alarm – a 'shout in case of fire' system is appointed Means of escape (MOE) clear and sterile - access from the courtyard to the street was clear and unobstructed. Emergency escape Lighting (EEL) - not needed in a premises this size Emergency plan - only one person works in this premises Staff training - only one person works in this premises</p>
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Article 13 - Detection and warning

<p>SAFETY CRITICAL Safety Evaluation Broadly Compliant</p>	<p>Observations At the time of the audit no means of detection or warning were in place, but this would not be a requirement due to the size of the store and a 'shout in case of fire' is sufficient.</p>
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Article 14 - Emergency routes and exits

**SAFETY CRITICAL
Safety Evaluation**
Broadly Compliant

Observations

Relevant Persons can escape quickly and safely in event of a fire. The 1 entrance the unit has leads into the courtyard which I observed to be clear and unobstructed. From the courtyard to the street they have a main exit via an archway onto Stoke Newington Church Street and an additional double-door 7m wide entrance leading to Barn Street.

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

**SAFETY CRITICAL
Safety Evaluation**
Broadly Compliant

Observations

At the time of the audit adequate, through Q&A I learned that a simple get out and stay out plan was in place and the owner knew to gather away from the building and to call the fire service In case of an emergency.

Article 17 - Maintenance

**SAFETY CRITICAL
Safety Evaluation**
Broadly Compliant

Observations

At the time of the time of the audit there was no FFE, EEL or AFA to maintain. The entrance door to the unit was damaged to allow entry into the unit to extinguish the recent fire and the RP was in the process of appointing someone to repair it.

Article 21 - Training

**SAFETY CRITICAL
Safety Evaluation**
Broadly Compliant

Observations

At the time of the audit the RP displayed a good knowledge of the safe handling of the facilities in their premises that use heat and electricity to conduct their work

Article 8 - General fire precautions

Safety Evaluation
Broadly Compliant

Observations

At the time of the audit it was found that the RP was carrying out their general fire precaution responsibilities. Suitable fire separations to walls and floors was established when inspected no holes or breeches were evident.

Article 10 - Principles of prevention to be applied

Safety Evaluation
Broadly Compliant

Observations

At the time of the audit it was found that protective measures were in place to manage the kiln within the premises, the risk was massively reduced as they were maintaining regularly and turning the equipment off when not in use.

Article 10
(continued)

Through Q&A, I learned that the RP used to regularly appoint a competent and qualified person to carry out PAT testing of their premises but has stopped carrying this out when COVID began. I suggested that PAT testing within the premises is a good practice of the principles of protection.
The RP carries out yearly maintenance of their kiln and evidenced this electronically post-audit - Serviced by Cromartie Hobbycraft LTD on 07/03/22

Article 12 - Elimination or reduction of risks from dangerous substances

Safety Evaluation
Not Applicable**Observations**

The premises does not store dangerous substances within their premises

Article 13 - Fire Fighting Equipment

Safety Evaluation
Broadly Compliant**Observations**

Premises had a basic dry powder fire extinguisher with no service dates observed.

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

Safety Evaluation
Not Applicable**Observations**

This article is not applicable to this premises as they do not have dangerous substances.

Article 18 - Safety assistance

Safety Evaluation
Not Applicable**Observations**

As per guidance notes, this article cannot be used as no fire risk assessment has taken place, as the preventative and protective measures can only be identified by the fire risk assessment process.

Article 19 - Provision of information to employees

Safety Evaluation
Not Applicable**Observations**

This article is not applicable to this premise as there are no other employees except for the RP.

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

Safety Evaluation
Not Applicable**Observations**

The premises does not employ self-employed persons or contractors

Article 22 - Co-operation and co-ordination

Safety Evaluation

Not Applicable

Observations

This article does not apply to this premises as the RP does not share duties or responsibilities with other persons.

Article 23 - General duties of employees at work

Safety Evaluation

Broadly Compliant

Observations

At the time of the audit , through Q&A, evidence of reasonable care being taken by employees was evident, to prevent harm to others who may be affected by their acts or omissions at work as RP kept knew to keep combustibles away from sources of ignition. Additionally, RP evidenced regular maintenance of the kiln.

Article 37 - Fire fighters switches for luminous tube signs

Safety Evaluation

Not Applicable

Observations

This article is not applicable to this premises as there are no fire-fighters' switches.

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

Safety Evaluation

Not Applicable

Observations

This article is not applicable to this premises as there are not facilities, equipment or devices for the protection of fire-fighters.

Article 24 - Power to make regulations

Safety Evaluation

Not Applicable

Observations

None

Article 27 - Powers of inspectors

Safety Evaluation

Not Applicable

Observations

None

Article 29 - Current alterations notices

Safety Evaluation

Not Applicable

Observations

None

Article 30 - Current enforcement notices

Safety Evaluation

Not Applicable

Observations

None

Article 31 - Current prohibition notices

Safety Evaluation	Observations
Not Applicable	None

Article 32 - Offences

Safety Evaluation	Observations
Not Applicable	None

Overall safety standard

Broadly Compliant

Management compliance level

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

Audit Conclusion

Date audit carried out

17/07/2023

Time of audit

12:00

Reason for audit;

Post-fire audit

Conclusion

I attended this Audit with Inspecting Officer (IO) [REDACTED] and Fire Safety Advisors (FSA) [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

Prior to the inspection, contact was made with the Responsible Person for the premises [REDACTED]. This was to arrange a mutually convenient time to inspect the premises.

Pre- audit investigations to gather information included use of the following databases:

- Farynor and FS Portal
- Companies House
- IMS, Power BI and I-mapping
- Primary Authority checks
- Google Maps

Premises descriptions:

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The extent of the audit was mutually agreed with the Responsible Person and was broken down into three distinct areas. Firstly, to inspect and discuss all appropriate records kept in regards to fire safety, however, The RP was a lone worker and therefore did not need a fire risk assessment. The premises used a 'shout in case of fire' system deemed suitable for the size of premises. Additionally, the RP sent me proof of maintenance for the kiln post-audit. Secondly, a walkthrough the premises to inspect all areas of the premises.

Lastly to summarise our findings and provide advice where necessary.

The inspection included doors, corridors, compartments leading off the corridors, compartmentation, access panels and stairwells.

During the inspection, it was evident that the 'shout in case' of fire system in place is suitable for the size of the premises. The audit conclusion was conducted by me with responsible person [REDACTED], where a discussion was held on the suitability of their fire safety management for the size of the premises. The discussion was held in the presence IO [REDACTED] and FSAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

Extent of premises audited

A full inspection was carried out of the premises, escape routes and exits. The premises was checked for its access to ultimate safety.

Justification of audit outcome

The fire safety arrangements were suitable for the size of the premises.

Verbal Advice Given

None given

Other Authorities to notify

None

Weeks to Complete Work

N/A

Specific instructions for Admin to Action

None

Compliance calculation & signature

Compliance Level	1 - Well above average
Property Risk Group	D - Workplace familiar
Life Risk	-8.6
Actual Risk Score	2.67
Risk Score	2.75

Audit Timings

Audit Duration
60

Travel Time
80

Post Audit Processing Duration
60