

Freedom of Information request reference number: FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) 8164.1

Date of response: 3rd January 2024

Request:

Request for documentation in relation to 127-159 Creek Road, Greenwich, London SE8 3BU (now known as 'Meridian Point') ('the Property').

Project Ref: 05557933

The documents that would be of particular assistance, are:

Documents relating to the design and construction of the Property;

• Specification documents relating to the fire design, including fire-stopping and fire compartments/separation measures;

- Fire related engineering reports including the Fire Strategy Report and London Fire Brigade approval;
- Plans/drawings which may assist investigations, including fire drawings by the architect/fire engineer;
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The London Fire Brigade's Prevention & Protection (Fire Safety Regulatory) team confirmed that we do not hold the documentation relating to the design and construction of the property for Meridian Point Creek Road, Greenwich, London SE8 3BU.

If the building consultations has been sent to LFB (London Fire Brigade) HQ they are raised and assigned to an inspecting officer (IO) to be audited. Once this process is complete the IO destroys the hard copy documents as the LFB are not obligated to keep or retain the information. The responsibility for retaining the material will lie with the local authorities Planning and Building Control department.

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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 Meridian Point, Creek Road which were carried out by S2 Partnership Ltd on 09/05/2022. We consider these documents to be exempt under <u>Section 31</u> of the FOIA ("law enforcement" – Section 31(1)(g) combined with 31(2) (a) and 31(2) (c)).

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 <u>https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/safety/property-management/changes-to-fire-safety-law-how-it-affects-you/</u> 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.

In relation to Meridian Point, Creek Road a previous FOIA was requested regarding NODs which may be useful.

https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/media/7089/foia-68701-response-meridian-point-creek-road-deptford.pdf

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 <u>on our website</u>.