

# FIRE RISK ASSESSMENT

**PROPERTY ASSESSED:**

Crossgate Laundry Crossgate, Staincross  
Barnsley  
South Yorkshire

S75 6BG



**UPRN:** AI96001L

**Inspection Date:** 15/11/2022

**Validation Date:** 25/11/2022

**Valid to:** 25/11/2024

**FRA completed by:** Pennington Choices

**FRA Completed For:** Berneslai Homes



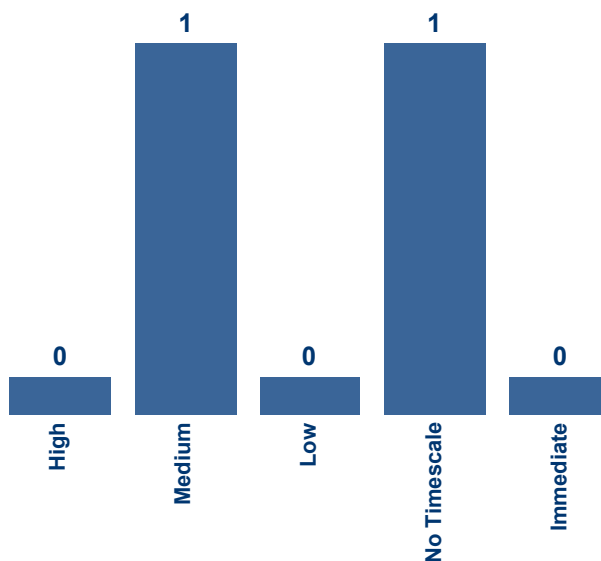
# Executive Summary

FRA Risk Rating:

**Tolerable**



FRA Action Count by Priority



## FRA Action by Type

**Recommendations:**

**1**

**Actions:**

**1**

Premises Risk Rating: **Tolerable**


Reassessment Priority: **Medium - 2 Years**

Recommended evacuation strategy for this building is: **Simultaneous Evacuation**

On satisfactory completion of all remedial works the risk rating of this building may be reduced to: **Tolerable**

## FRA - Summary

Responsible Person	Amanda Garrard - Chief Executive
Property Designation	Commercial
Management Extent	Non Managed – eg GN
No of Floors	1
No of Flats (if applicable)	0
Ground floor Area (m2)	16
Total Area of all floors (m2)	16

FRA Completed By:	Grant Barker
FRA Type:	Type 3
QA Validation Date:	25/11/2022
QA Carried Out By:	Will Ward
Validator's Signature:	

Medium1

Ref.	Category	Priority	Complete By
B2	Smoking Policies	Medium	23/Feb/2023
Finding/Observation		Action/Recommendation	
No evidence of in door smoking was observed at the time of the premises survey.		Display a 'No Smoking' sign near the entry/exit door.	
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No Timescale1

Ref.	Category	Priority	Complete By
F1	Lightning	No Timescale	
Finding/Observation		Action/Recommendation	
A lightning protection system was not observed, however the premises are at a similar height to the other structures within the surrounding area and is not at a higher elevation or in a particularly exposed position, therefore the Assessor considers that the fire risk without a lightning protection system fitted is tolerable and one is not considered essential.		Recommend management undertake a risk assessment of the building to determine if lightning protection is required.	

Reassessment Priority	Medium - 2 Years
Responsible Person	Amanda Garrard - Chief Executive
BAFE Cert	CHES077

## General Information

UPRN	AI96001L
Address	Crossgate Laundry Crossgate, Staincros Barnsley South Yorkshire
Postcode	S75 6BG
Fire Risk Assessor	Grant Barker
Date of Inspection	15/11/2022
Checked by	Will Ward
Reassessment Date	15/11/2024

## General Information

Property Designation	Commercial
Property Type	Public Building
No of Floors	1
No of Flats (if applicable)	0
Ground floor area (m2)	16
Total area of all floors	16
Building Description	It is thought that the premises was originally provided as a single storey Estates Wardens Office but has been repurposed as communal laundry facility . It is thought that the premises was originally constructed in the 1950s. It is attached to a dwelling. There is one entry/exit door. There are no stairways or passenger lifts.
Building Construction	The ground floor is ground bearing concrete. The ceilings are underdrawn with plasterboard. There is a pitched tiled roof roof. From visual observation only from the ground floor level, the exposed surface of external walls gives the appearance of masonry construction.
Extent of common areas	Entrance hallway, laundry area, toilet, and a small room used for storing the Hoover.
Areas of the building to which access was not available	None.
If applicable state which flats were sample inspected	N/A. The whole building was surveyed.



## 1. The Occupants

Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
10	Management Extent	
<b>Answer</b>		<b>Finding/Observation</b>
Non Managed – eg GN		

Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
11	Details of any onsite management (hours onsite etc.)	
<b>Answer</b>		<b>Finding/Observation</b>
Employees of the Responsible Person are not normally present at this premises, although they may visit from time to time in the course of their day to day duties.		

Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
12	Person managing fire safety in premises	
<b>Answer</b>		<b>Finding/Observation</b>
Ryan Beardshall - Fire Safety Officer, Berneslai Homes.		

Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
13	Person consulted during the fire risk assessment	
<b>Answer</b>		<b>Finding/Observation</b>
None, there was no employee presence during the site survey.		

Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
14	Number of occupants (maximum estimated)	
<b>Answer</b>		<b>Finding/Observation</b>
Exact numbers of occupants cannot be realistically calculated without an intrusive poll, however it is assumed that the estimated maximum number of occupants might be 3. This is made up of 2 local residents using the facility and 1 Berneslai Homes employee visiting during their day to day duties.		

Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
15	Approximate maximum number of employees at any one time	
<b>Answer</b>		<b>Finding/Observation</b>
Estimated to be 1 at any one time.		

Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
16	Number of members of the public (maximum estimated)	
<b>Answer</b>		<b>Finding/Observation</b>
Estimated to be 2 residents maximum.		

Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
17	Identify any people who are especially at risk: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- sleeping occupants</li><li>- disabled occupants</li><li>- occupants in remote areas and lone workers</li><li>- young persons</li><li>- others</li></ul>	
Answer		Finding/Observation
This is a laundry facility. The facility is provided for the local residents who reside in Berneslai Homes dwellings in the locality, and as such there may be occupants with varying degrees of physical/mental disability. It is conceivable that there may be young persons and children present (if they are visiting the residents who use the facility). Lone working is a possibility; however it is not considered that remote working is a possibility (due to the very small roof void area). Others at ri		



## 2. Fire Safety Legislation

Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
21	The following fire safety legislation applies to these premises	
<b>Answer</b>		<b>Finding/Observation</b>
Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005		

Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
22	The above legislation is enforced by	
<b>Answer</b>		<b>Finding/Observation</b>
South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service		

Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
23	Other key fire safety legislation (other than Building Regs 2000)	
<b>Answer</b>		<b>Finding/Observation</b>
Electricity at Work Regulations 1989		

Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
24	The other legislation referred to above is enforced by	
<b>Answer</b>		<b>Finding/Observation</b>
The Health and Safety Executive.		

Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
25	Guidance used as applicable to premises and occupation	
<b>Answer</b>		<b>Finding/Observation</b>
Offices & Shops		

Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
26	Is there an alteration or enforcement notice in force?	
<b>Answer</b>		<b>Finding/Observation</b>
No		None known or apparent.

Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
27	Fire loss experience (since last FRA)	
<b>Answer</b>		<b>Finding/Observation</b>
No		None known or apparent.

## A. Electrical Ignition Sources

Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
A1	Is the fixed electrical installation periodically inspected and tested, (include dates if known)?	5 year fixed wire testing in communal areas are on a 5 year schedule. These works are carried out by our partners. All certificates are stored on PIMSS and can be requested at any time from the electrical compliance officer. As and when rewires take place, emergency lighting is being fitted in the stairwells if required.
<b>Answer</b>		<b>Finding/Observation</b>
Yes		5 year fixed wire testing in communal areas are tested/inspected on a 5 year schedule. These works are carried out by Berneslai Homes service partners. All certificates are stored on PIMSS and can be requested at any time from the Electrical Compliance Officer. As and when rewires take place, emergency lighting is being fitted in the stairwells if required.

Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
A2	Is PAT testing in common areas carried out?	Carried out annually by partners on a rolling schedule.
<b>Answer</b>		<b>Finding/Observation</b>
Yes		The only portable electrical appliances present were a Hoover and oil filled electric radiator. Both were PAT tested.

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Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
A3	Is there a policy for personal electrical appliances (consider restrictions of communal supply points such as outlets and T pin outlets)?	
<b>Answer</b>		<b>Finding/Observation</b>
Yes		No significant issues or observations made at the time of the premises survey.

Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
A4	Is the use of adapters and leads limited?	
<b>Answer</b>		<b>Finding/Observation</b>
Yes		No extension leads were present at the time of the premises survey.

Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
A5	Are there any PV cells installed and do they have the appropriate isolation systems and signage to assist the fire and rescue service?	
Answer		Finding/Observation
N/A		There were no PV installations present at the time of the premises survey.

B. Smoking Policies


Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
B1	Are there suitable arrangements to prevent fire as a result from smoking?	
Answer		Finding/Observation
Yes		Berneslai Homes have a no smoking policy in place within the communal premises.

Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
B2	Is the policy being adhered to and are "No smoking" signs provided in the common areas?	
Answer		Finding/Observation
No		No evidence of in door smoking was observed at the time of the premises survey.

Action/Recommendation	Priority	Due Date
Display a 'No Smoking' sign near the entry/exit door.	Medium	23/Feb/2023

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## C. Arson

Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
C1	Are premises secure against arson by outsiders? (Please state how)	
<b>Answer</b>		<b>Finding/Observation</b>
Yes		The assessor considers the area to be a normal risk in respect of arson. Fob entry from the outside.

Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
C2	Are bins secured or fire loading stored in a suitable location? (Please state bin type, location, if and how it is secured)	Blocks of flats that have issues with the storage of bins are waiting bin storage areas. A three year plan is in place to build bin storage areas for all flats with issues.
<b>Answer</b>		<b>Finding/Observation</b>
N/A		No waste facilities exist. It is apparent that waste is removed off-site by the cleaners.

D. Portable Heaters And Heating Installations

Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
D1	If used, is the use of portable heaters regarded as safe?	
Answer		Finding/Observation
Yes		One oil filled electrical radiator observed which is considered to be a low risk appliance, covered within A3

Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
D2	Are fixed heating systems maintained annually?	
Answer		Finding/Observation
Yes		There was a wall mounted electric fan heater present. 5 year fixed wire installations are tested/inspected on a 5 year schedule. These works are carried out by Berneslai Homes service partners. All certificates are stored on PIMSS and can be requested at any time from the Electrical Compliance Officer.

E. Cooking

Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
E1	Are reasonable measures in place to prevent fires as a result of cooking, including replacing filter(where necessary)?	
Answer		Finding/Observation
N/A		There are no communal kitchens provided.

F. Lightning

Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
F1	Does the building have a lightning protection system?	
Answer		Finding/Observation
No		A lightning protection system was not observed, however the premises are at a similar height to the other structures within the surrounding area and is not at a higher elevation or in a particularly exposed position, therefore the Assessor considers that the fire risk without a lightning protection system fitted is tolerable and one is not considered essential.



## G. House-Keeping

Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
G1	Are combustible materials kept away from any sources of ignition, including gas and electrical intake cupboards?	
<b>Answer</b>		<b>Finding/Observation</b>
Yes		No significant issues or observations identified at the time of the premises survey.

Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
G2	Are the escape routes kept clear of items combustible materials or waste and free of any trip hazards?	
<b>Answer</b>		<b>Finding/Observation</b>
Yes		No significant issues or observations identified at the time of the premises survey.

Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
G3	Are mobility scooters or electric vehicles stored in the means of escape? If yes has an assessment been undertaken in line with the NFCC "Mobility Scooter Guidance for Residential Buildings"?	
<b>Answer</b>		<b>Finding/Observation</b>
N/A		None observed at the time of the premises survey.

H. Hazards Introduced By Contractors

Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
H1	Is there satisfactory control over works carried out in the building by contractors (e.g. hot work permits)?	
Answer		Finding/Observation
Yes		Berneslai Homes have a 'No Hot Works' policy, a safer alternative must be used. This also applies to external contractors.

I. Dangerous Substances

Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
I1	If dangerous substances are used, has a risk assessment been carried out as required by the Dangerous Substances and Explosives Atmospheres Regulations 2002 and are they stored correctly?	
Answer		Finding/Observation
N/A		No dangerous or hazardous substances are normally kept on the premises.

J. Other Significant Hazards

Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
J1	Are all issues deemed satisfactory? [1]	
Answer		Finding/Observation
Yes		Dryer lint filters were observed to be clean at the time of the premises survey.

Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
J2	Are all issues deemed satisfactory?	
Answer		Finding/Observation
Yes		

## K. Means Of Escape

Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
K1	Is the escape route design deemed satisfactory? (Consider current design codes)	
<b>Answer</b>		<b>Finding/Observation</b>
Yes		Travel distances to the entry/exit door at 9 metres maximum from any point are well within those recommended within the relevant Guide.

Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
K2	Is the fire-resisting construction (including any glazing) protecting escape routes and staircases of a suitable standard and maintained in sound condition?	
<b>Answer</b>		<b>Finding/Observation</b>
Yes		No significant issues or observations made at the time of the premises survey.

Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
K3	Is there adequate provision of exits (including exit Widths) for the numbers who may be present?	
<b>Answer</b>		<b>Finding/Observation</b>
Yes		No significant issues or observations made at the time of the premises survey.

Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
K4	Are doors on escape routes easily opened? (and are sliding or revolving doors avoided?)	
<b>Answer</b>		<b>Finding/Observation</b>
Yes		The arrangement at this premises is that although a fob is required to enter, one is not required to exit. When the door is closed and hence electro-magnetically secured, the internal door handle overrides the security mechanism. When pushed down, it breaks the circuit and the door opens (any loss of power would cause the door to fail to safe and open).

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Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
K5	Do final exits open in the direction of escape where necessary?	
<b>Answer</b>		<b>Finding/Observation</b>
N/A		Not considered necessary where less than 60 occupants will be present at any one time.

Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
K6	Are travels distances satisfactory? (consider single direction and more than one direction, property risk profile and occupancy characteristics)	
<b>Answer</b>		<b>Finding/Observation</b>
Yes		Travel distances to the entry/exit door at 9 metres maximum from any point are well within those recommended within the relevant Guide.

Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
K7	Are there suitable precautions for all inner rooms?	
<b>Answer</b>		<b>Finding/Observation</b>
N/A		None present.

Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
K8	Are escape routes separated where appropriate?	
<b>Answer</b>		<b>Finding/Observation</b>
N/A		Small single storey premises with limited floor area.

Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
K9	Are corridors sub-divided where appropriate?	
<b>Answer</b>		<b>Finding/Observation</b>
N/A		Small single storey premises with limited floor area.

Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
K10	Do escape routes lead to a place of safety?	
<b>Answer</b>		<b>Finding/Observation</b>
Yes		There is unrestricted escape available once leaving the premises.

Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
K11	Are the stairs and/or lobbies provided with adequate ventilation? (If considered satisfactory, please state provision)	Annual service or AOV's carried out by partner on a rolling schedule. All certificates are stored on PIMSS and can be requested at any time from the Fire Officer.
<b>Answer</b>		<b>Finding/Observation</b>
N/A		Small single storey premises with limited floor area.

Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
K12	Is there any other issues that could affect the means of escape, for example plastic conduit/loose cables not secured by fire rated fastening?	
Answer		Finding/Observation
No		No significant issues or observations made at the time of the premises survey.

L. Flat Entrance Doors

Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
L1	Are the sample inspection flat entrance door or doors in good condition and appropriately fire rated?	Flat fire doors are inspected every six months to check function of the door and highlight any maintenance requirements. All reports are available upon request from the Fire Safety Officer. Cross corridor doors are inspected every 3 months in High Rise Blocks and every six months in low rise blocks months to check function of the door and highlight any maintenance requirements. All reports are available upon request from the Fire Safety Officer.
Answer		Finding/Observation
N/A		No flat entrance doors present.



M. Common Area Fire Doors

Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
M1	Are all common area fire door and frames in good condition and appropriately fire rated?	Flat fire doors are inspected every six months to check function of the door and highlight any maintenance requirements. All reports are available upon request from the Fire Safety Officer. Cross corridor doors are inspected every 3 months in High Rise Blocks and every six months in low rise blocks months to check function of the door and highlight any maintenance requirements. All reports are available upon request from the Fire Safety Officer.
Answer		Finding/Observation
Yes		There are three doors present that lead to rooms off the hallway and all are low density domestic type doors. Due to the limited distance of escape (9 metres maximum from any point), fire doors are not considered essential.

## N. Emergency Lighting

Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
N1	If emergency lighting is provided, is the coverage sufficient and in good repair? (Internal and external)	
<b>Answer</b>		<b>Finding/Observation</b>
N/A		The premises is single storey and the layout is straight forward. Specific circumstances do not appear to be present, such as a lack of windows, omission of reasonable levels of municipal street lighting etc, therefore it is considered that emergency escape lighting is not essential for this premises and it has not been provided.

Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
N2	If EL not provided, is borrowed/artificial lighting sufficient for escape? (Internal and external)	
<b>Answer</b>		<b>Finding/Observation</b>
Yes		Based upon a visual survey of the local municipal lighting scheme.

O. Fire Safety Signs & Notices

Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
O1	Is there adequate provision of visible fire safety signs and notices? (Consider directional, exits, stairs, fire action notices, Fire door keep shut, fire equipment and 'do not use lift' signage)	
Answer		Finding/Observation
Yes		Due to the limited size and single entry/exit door, it is not expected that emergency exit directional signage need be provided and it has not.

Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
O2	Wayfinding Signage (buildings over 11 metres in height). Are there clear markings for flat and floor recognition provided?	
Answer		Finding/Observation
N/A		

## P. Means Of Giving Warning In Case Of Fire

Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
P1	Is a reasonable fire detection and fire alarm system provided in the common areas, where necessary?	
<b>Answer</b>		<b>Finding/Observation</b>
Yes		A hard-wired smoke alarm is fitted in the hallway. This was fitted as a per the recommendation from the 2020 fire risk assessment carried out by the assessor. Prior to this, if the door from the hallway to the laundry area was closed, there was no means of warning the occupants of a fire developing in any of the other rooms.

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Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
P2	If installed, is the common area AFD adequate for the occupancy and fire risk?	
<b>Answer</b>		<b>Finding/Observation</b>
Yes		

Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
P3	If not installed, are the premises deemed safe without a common area AFD system?	
<b>Answer</b>		<b>Finding/Observation</b>
N/A		

Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
P4	If there is a communal fire detection and fire alarm system, does it extend into the dwellings?	
<b>Answer</b>		<b>Finding/Observation</b>
N/A		



Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
P5	Where appropriate, has a fire alarm zone plan been provided?	
<b>Answer</b>		<b>Finding/Observation</b>
N/A		

Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
P6	Where appropriate, are there adequate arrangements for silencing and resetting an alarm condition?	
Answer		Finding/Observation
N/A		

Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
P7	If applicable, is a separate domestic hard-wired smoke/heat alarm within the flats installed to a suitable standard?	
Answer		Finding/Observation
N/A		


Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
P8	If applicable (Sheltered scheme) is the smoke detection within the flats monitored by an alarm receiving centre/on site scheme manager via a telecare system?	
Answer		Finding/Observation
N/A		


## Q. Measures To Limit Fire Spread And Development

Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
Q1	Is there adequate levels of compartmentation between floors and between flats and the common escape routes?	
<b>Answer</b>		<b>Finding/Observation</b>
Yes		This Fire Risk Assessment should not be considered as fulfilling the requirements of a full fire compartmentation survey. Where defects were readily observable, any deficiencies will be commented upon. No fire compartmentation is considered necessary for means of escape purposes. The only fire compartmentation required is the wall between this facility and the attached dwelling. There are voids around a vent pipe and some pipework that pass through the ceiling of the washing machine area. A survey of the roof void fire compartmentation between the laundry and the dwelling next door confirmed that a solid masonry wall exists between the two within the roof void, and these suspected breaches did not present a risk to the neighbouring residents. No issues or significant observations were made at the time of the premises survey.
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Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
Q2	Are hidden voids appropriately enclosed and/or fire-stopped? (consider above suspended ceilings)	
<b>Answer</b>		<b>Finding/Observation</b>
Unknown		There are no suspended ceilings are present. Due to the non-destructive nature of a Type-3 fire risk assessment survey, the assessor cannot comment on 'hidden voids' etc. Where defects were readily observable, any deficiencies will be commented upon. The only fire compartmentation required is the wall between this facility and the attached dwelling. No issues or significant observations were made at the time of the premises survey.

Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
Q3	Is there adequately fire protected service risers and/or ducts in common areas, that will restrict the spread of fire and smoke?	
<b>Answer</b>		<b>Finding/Observation</b>
N/A		None present at the time of the premises survey.

Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
Q4	Is compartmentation maintained in the roof space?	
<b>Answer</b>		<b>Finding/Observation</b>
Yes		From visual observations made from the second step on a portable set of step ladders, no issues were observed. The party wall between this premises and the neighbour appeared to be free from issues.
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Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
Q5	Are electrics, including embedded meters, enclosed in fire rated construction?	
<b>Answer</b>		<b>Finding/Observation</b>
Yes		No embedded meters present, there is a surface mounted steel cabinet. No significant issues or observations made at the time of the premises survey.
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Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
Q6	As far as can reasonably be ascertained, are fire dampers provided as necessary to protect critical means of escape against passage of fire, smoke and products of combustion in the early stages of a fire?	
<b>Answer</b>		<b>Finding/Observation</b>
No		A full investigation of the design of heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems is outside the scope of this fire risk assessment. No fire dampers were observed during the premises survey and none are considered necessary.

Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
Q7	Is there reasonable limitation of linings to escape routes that might promote fire spread?	
<b>Answer</b>		<b>Finding/Observation</b>
Yes		No significant issues or observations made at the time of the premises survey.

Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
Q8	Are soft furnishings in common areas appropriate to limit fire spread/growth?	
<b>Answer</b>		<b>Finding/Observation</b>
N/A		No upholstered furniture present. One timber chair is provided for waiting purposes. No significant issues or observations made at the time of the premises survey.

Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
Q9	Does the premises have any external balconies, cladding or materials which may promote external fire spread?	
<b>Answer</b>		<b>Finding/Observation</b>
Unknown		This occupancy type is outside the scope of The Fire Safety Act 2021 and Fire Safety (England) Regulations 2022, which require a Fire Risk Appraisal of the External Walls (FRAEW) to be carried out. The assessor is bound by the terms of their indemnity insurance that forbids any consultations, determinations or recommendations regarding external wall systems. No further comments will be made in this matter, other than to state, at the time of the premises survey, there was no legal requirement to carry out an FRAEW of this premises.

Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
Q10	Has a note been prepared of the external walls of the building and details of construction materials used? Does the note include and identify the level of risk that the design and materials used?	
<b>Answer</b>		<b>Finding/Observation</b>
Unknown		Refer to Question Q9.

Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
Q11	Does the External wall note include any mitigating circumstances that may have been taken to reduce the risk?	
<b>Answer</b>		<b>Finding/Observation</b>
Unknown		Refer to Question Q9.

Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
Q12	Has the responsible person reviewed the external wall note on a regular basis and revised it if there have been any significant changes in the external walls.	
<b>Answer</b>		<b>Finding/Observation</b>
Unknown		Refer to Question Q9.



Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
Q13	Are all other fire spread/compartmentation issues satisfactory?	
Answer		Finding/Observation
Yes		No other significant issues were identified or observations were made at the time of the premises survey.

R. Fire Extinguishing Appliances

Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
R1	if required, is there reasonable provision of accessible portable fire extinguishers?	
Answer		Finding/Observation
N/A		There are no fire extinguishers installed and none are recommended due to the modest size and the occupancy that is predominantly members of the public. Such equipment should only be used by those trained in its use. It is not considered appropriate or practicable for members of the public to receive such training. Neither is it expected that occupants should need to tackle a fire to make their escape. Occupants should leave the premises and call the Local Fire and Rescue Service.


S. Relevant Automatic Fire Extinguishing Systems

Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
S1	Are there any automatic fire suppressant systems on site?	
Answer		Finding/Observation
No		

Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
S2	Are there any fixed fire fighting mains within the premises?	
Answer		Finding/Observation
No		

Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
S3	If any other relevant systems / equipment is installed, state type of system and comment as necessary	
Answer		Finding/Observation
N/A		

## T. Procedures And Arrangements

Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
T1	Recommended evacuation strategy for this building is	
<b>Answer</b>		<b>Finding/Observation</b>
Simultaneous Evacuation		Fire action notices displayed describe a simultaneous full evacuation procedure for this premises.
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Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
T2	Has a competent person(s) been appointed to assist in undertaking the preventative and protective measures including in house checks?	
<b>Answer</b>		<b>Finding/Observation</b>
Yes		Ryan Beardshall - Fire Safety Officer, Berneslai Homes.

Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
T3	Are there appropriate documented fire safety arrangements and procedures in place in the event of fire?	
<b>Answer</b>		<b>Finding/Observation</b>
Yes		Fire action notices will suffice locally.

Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
T4	Are there suitable arrangements for liaison and calling the Fire Service?	
<b>Answer</b>		<b>Finding/Observation</b>
Yes		It is considered that this would happen if the occupants are guided by the fire action notices and common knowledge.

Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
T5	Are there suitable fire assembly points away from any risk?	
<b>Answer</b>		<b>Finding/Observation</b>
Yes		The occupants can gather a safe distance away from the premises. It is not considered reasonably practicable to provide fire assembly point signage in public areas not under the control of Berneslai Homes.

Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
T6	Are there adequate procedures in place for the evacuation of disabled people who are likely to be present?	
<b>Answer</b>		<b>Finding/Observation</b>
Yes		Due to the modest size of the premises, it is not anticipated that any undue hinderance will occur.

Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
T7	Are staff nominated and trained on the use of fire extinguishing appliances?	
<b>Answer</b>		<b>Finding/Observation</b>
Yes		Answer refers to times when employees of the Responsible Person might be present during their day to day duties. All employees receive fire safety awareness training at induction commensurate with their role and this is periodically refreshed as part of their ongoing general health and safety training. The training includes fire extinguisher identification however there is recommendation that these should be provided. Records are maintained centrally.

Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
T8	Are staff nominated and trained to assist in evacuation (Where applicable e.g. Offices, supported schemes)?	
<b>Answer</b>		<b>Finding/Observation</b>
N/A		There is not normally a Berneslai Homes employee presence at this premises.

## U. Training

Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
U1	Do staff receive adequate induction and annual refresher fire safety training? (To include fire risks in the premises, fire safety measures in the building, action in the event of fire and on hearing alarm, location and use of fire extinguishers, calling the fire service)	
<b>Answer</b>		<b>Finding/Observation</b>
Yes		Answer refers to times when employees of the Responsible Person might be present during their day to day duties. All employees receive fire safety awareness training at induction commensurate with their role and this is periodically refreshed as part of their ongoing general health and safety training. The training includes fire extinguisher identification however there is recommendation that these should be provided. Records are maintained centrally.

Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
U2	Are employees nominated to assist in the event of fire given additional training?	
<b>Answer</b>		<b>Finding/Observation</b>
Yes		Answer refers to times when employees of the Responsible Person might be present during their day to day duties. All employees receive fire safety awareness training at induction commensurate with their role and this is periodically refreshed as part of their ongoing general health and safety training. The training includes fire extinguisher identification however there is recommendation that these should be provided. Records are maintained centrally.

V. Testing And Maintenance

Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
V1	Are all fire safety provisions for the building (AFD, Emergency Lighting, sprinklers etc.) routinely tested and maintained?	Six monthly service is carried out by partner on a rolling schedule. All certificates are stored on PIMSS and can be requested at any time from the Fire Officer. Weekly tests are carried out in house, records are kept but are sometimes not kept on site. The records of these tests can be requested anytime from the Fire Officer. Any faults are dealt with on a 24 hour priority order
Answer		Finding/Observation
Yes		Refer to policy principle.

W. Records

Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
W1	Is all routine testing and staff training including fire drills suitably recorded and available for inspection?	
Answer		Finding/Observation
Yes		Fire drills are not considered essential for this type of occupancy. Refer to policy principle regarding training.



X. Premises Information Box

Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
X1	Is a Premises Information Box located at the premises accessible to the Fire and Rescue Service, secure from unauthorised access and kept up to date?	
Answer		Finding/Observation
N/A		A premises information box has not been provided and one would not be considered necessary under Berneslai Homes policy unless any specific circumstance were present that necessitated one being provided.

Y. Engagement With Residents

Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
Y1	Has all Fire Safety information & procedures been disseminated to the residents?	
Answer		Finding/Observation
Yes		The assessor has observed evidence that this occurs, such as posters etc that explain when and why fire door surveys, fire risk assessments etc are taking place. It is also understood that resident engagement meetings are held periodically.

Z. Any Other Information

Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
Z1	Are all issues deemed satisfactory? [1]	
Answer		Finding/Observation
Yes		The submission of to the Responsible Person constitutes neither a warranty of future results by the assessor, nor an assurance against risk. This fire risk assessment represents the assessors best judgement, and may be based, in part, on information provided by others (either verbally, in writing or electronically). Although the assessor had no reason to doubt the validity of such information at the time of the production of this fire risk assessment, no liability whatsoever is accepted for the accuracy of such information supplied by others, which was taken in good faith.

Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
Z2	Are all issues deemed satisfactory?	
Answer		Finding/Observation
Yes		

## ZAAR. Assessment Risk Ratings

Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
ZAAR1	<p>Likelihood of Fire</p> <p>Low: Unusually low likelihood of fire as a result of negligible potential sources of ignition.</p> <p>Medium: Normal fire hazards (e.g. potential ignition sources) for this type of occupancy, with fire hazards generally subject to appropriate controls (other than minor shortcomings).</p> <p>High: Lack of adequate controls applied to one or more significant fire hazards, such as to result in significant increase in likelihood of fire</p>	
<b>Answer</b>		<b>Finding/Observation</b>
Medium		

Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
ZAAR2	<p>Potential Consequences of Fire</p> <p>Slight harm: Outbreak of fire unlikely to result in serious injury or death of any occupant.</p> <p>Moderate harmful: Outbreak of fire could foreseeably result in injury (including serious injury) of one or more occupants, but it is unlikely to involve multiple fatalities.</p> <p>Extreme harm: Significant potential for serious injury or death of one or more occupants likely to involve multiple fatalities</p>	
<b>Answer</b>		<b>Finding/Observation</b>
Slight Harm		

Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
ZAAR3	<p>Premises Risk Rating</p> <p>Trivial: No action is required and no detailed records need be kept</p> <p>Tolerable: No major additional controls required. However, there might be a need for improvements that involve minor or limited cost.</p> <p>Moderate: It is essential that efforts are made to reduce the risk. Risk reduction measures should be implemented within a defined time period. Where moderate risk is associated with consequences that constitute extreme harm, further assessment might be required to establish more precisely the likelihood of harm as a basis for determining the priority for improved control measures.</p> <p>Substantial: Considerable resources might have to be allocated to reduce the risk. If the building is unoccupied, it should not be occupied until the risk has been reduced. If the building is occupied, urgent action should be taken.</p> <p>Intolerable: Building (or relevant area) should not be occupied until the risk is reduced</p>	
<b>Answer</b>		<b>Finding/Observation</b>
Tolerable		

Ref.	Question	Policy Principles
ZAAR4	On satisfactory completion of all remedial works the risk rating of this building may be reduced to:	
Answer		Finding/Observation
Tolerable		

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### 1. Inspection Details

11	Has a Type 3 dwelling survey been performed?	Yes
12	Which flat number was accessed?	The whole building was surveyed.
13	Is there appropriate detection in place?	Yes

### 2. What Detection Is In Place?

21	Mains Smoke Detector in Hall	Yes
22	Main Smoke Detector in Lounge	N/A
23	Mains Heat Detector in Kitchen	N/A
24	Main Detection in Bedroom(s)	N/A
25	Battery Smoke in hall	No
26	Link Heat detector in hall	N/A
27	Other	N/A

### 3. General

31	If on the ground or 1st floors, is there secondary means of escape from each habitable room? Door or window of at least 0.33m <sup>2</sup> with no single dimension smaller than 450mm.	N/A
32	Does the layout of the flat meet the relevant Building Regulations (Travel distance, protected entrance hall, alternative escape etc.?)	N/A
33	Are there any extraction fans that are not vented directly to an external wall?	No
34	Are there any missing internal doors?	No
35	Is the fixed electrical test in date?	Yes
36	Are there any signs of hoarding?	No
37	Is the cooker in a safe position?	N/A
38	Assessor's Miscellaneous Comments or observations - please consider compartmentation within the flat or any tenant alterations?	None.

# Limitations Statement

The purpose of the fire risk assessment is solely to provide an assessment of the risk to life from fire, and, where appropriate, to make recommendations to reduce the risk to life from fire. This assessment does not address fire risks to property or business continuity.

Under Article 5(4) of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 or other devolved equivalent regional legislation and relevant United Kingdom law, we have been appointed to provide advice to the Responsible Person only. We have no control over any part of the premises covered within this fire risk assessment, and we have no responsibility for undertaking any of the recommendations made. The assessment is intended to assist the Responsible Person to comply with their responsibilities under the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005.

Any policy principles included within this Fire Risk Assessment have been provided by the responsible person or their representative and been added in good faith. We cannot take responsibility for the accuracy of the policy principles with regard to the client's internal policies, British Standards or codes of practice.

Any test certificates supplied as part of the Fire Risk Assessment process will be considered but we take no responsibility or liability whatsoever is accepted for the accuracy of such information supplied by others.

The findings of the fire risk assessment will be based upon the conditions found at the Premises at the time the assessment is to be carried out and on relevant information provided by the Responsible Person or others either prior to, during or after the Fire Risk Assessment of the premises.

We consider the External Wall System as part of the Fire Risk Assessment process; however, we take no responsibility for a fire risk appraisal of external wall construction on existing buildings and work to the guidance and limitations detailed in PAS 9980:2022 0.2 Fire risk assessments. Any information supplied to the Fire Risk Assessor is taken in good faith and we accept no responsibility for the accuracy of the information supplied.

No responsibility is accepted for any change in the conditions or circumstances prior after the Fire Risk Assessment has been undertaken.

It is stressed that the assessment should not be regarded as a structural survey for fire safety purposes as such a survey should only be entrusted to a qualified building surveyor.

The Fire Risk Assessment did not involve destructive exposure (Unless specifically requested as part of a contractual arrangement), and therefore it is not always possible to survey less readily accessible areas. It is, therefore, necessary to rely on a degree of sampling and reasonable assumptions and judgements.

All services or penetrations traversing fire resisting compartments are not confirmed as being sufficiently fire stopped with fire resisting material to the appropriate standard. If fire compartments\fire dampers\voids (ceilings, floors or other voids) are considered inaccessible for safety reasons or any other reason and cannot be physically accessed or are outside the visual range of the assessor, technical comment on these areas cannot be provided.

This fire risk assessment will not necessarily identify all minor fire-stopping issues that might exist within the building and should be considered to be a sample of fire compartmentation. Unless a full fire compartmentation survey is contractually included within the scope of the assessment.

If there are reasons to suspect the fire resistance within the Premises has not been sufficiently maintained the responsibility to provide this technical information rests with the Responsible Person\duty holder.

This fire risk assessment will not necessarily identify all minor fire door issues that might exist within the building and should be considered a sample of fire doors. Unless a full fire door survey is contractually included within the scope of the assessment.

A full investigation of the design of heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems is outside the scope of this fire risk assessment.

Although reference in the report may be made to relevant British Standards, Codes of Practice and Guides the assessment will not, nor is it intended to, ensure compliance with any of the documents referred to in the assessment. However, deviations from generally accepted codes, standards and universally recognised good fire safety practice will be identified in the assessment.

Where an emergency escape lighting system is present, comments are based upon a visual assessment of the system coverage and condition, but no illuminance tests or verification of the installation to the relevant British Standards were carried out.

Where a fire alarm system is present, comments are based upon a visual assessment, but no audibility tests or verification of full compliance with the relevant British Standards were carried out.

Where manual firefighting equipment is present, comments are based upon a visual assessment, but no verification of full compliance with the relevant British Standards or codes of practice were carried out.

It is the expectation that any reference to the testing and maintenance of passive or active fire protection systems within the premises are undertaken to the relevant current British Standards, Codes of Practice and Guides it is the responsible person's duty to ensure this is undertaken.

There will be a brief review of procedures at the time of this fire risk assessment. An in-depth review of documentation is outside the scope of this fire risk assessment, unless otherwise stated in the contract.

The report will highlight the Significant Findings (Split into Recommendations and Action(s)) that the Fire Risk Assessor found at the time of the assessment.

It is the responsibility of the Responsible Person to ensure that any deficiencies found during the assessment and subsequently reported to the Responsible Person, by the report or other means, are their responsibility to rectify to a satisfactory standard to meet the requirements of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005.

It is wholly the responsibility of the Responsible Person and/or their agent to implement and maintain the Fire Precautions at the Premises to a satisfactory standard and condition to comply with the requirements of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005.

Failure to address and/or rectify any deficiencies mentioned in the report may result in serious harm, injury and or death to any relative person, employee, visitor, you or any other person in, on, within or without the perimeter of the Premises.

Failure to address any of the deficiencies highlighted in the report may be considered to be a breach of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 and may result in prosecution by the enforcing authority.

Responsibility for the ongoing management of the Premises and even, if necessary, the decision to allow the Premises to be used for their present purpose, and in the current condition remains with the Responsible Person.

Responsibility for management procedures regarding, evacuation management, and maintenance of firefighting equipment, Fire alarms systems, emergency escape lighting, and any other emergency-related provisions remains a duty of the responsible person, not the fire risk assessor as this is not within their control.

Any faults or deficiencies in any emergency emergency-related staffing levels and/or staff training are the responsibility of the Responsible Person and/or the duty holder.

Portable or moveable items and items brought into the Premises are the responsibility of the Responsible Person and/or the duty holder.

It is recommended that the Assessment is reviewed annually or when there is a significant change, material alteration, change in the use of the Premises, a change in working practices, or following any incident, including fire, which may affect the Fire Precautions of the Premises.

The circumstances of the Premises may change over time and with use and/or occupancy, therefore, failure to review the fire risk assessment by the date indicated may mean that the fire risk assessment is no longer valid.

This Fire Risk Assessment is not a Health and Safety Report. A Health and Safety review should be conducted to ensure compliance with the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974.

Compliance with all other legislation is the responsibility of the Responsible Person. We accept no responsibility for loss, damage or other liability arising from a fire, loss and/or injury due to the failure to observe the safety, observance and practises identified in the Assessment

The Responsible Person will always remain responsible for the outcome of the Fire Risk Assessment and/or its review. This includes the accuracy of details contained within this report.

By signing for, by payment for services or acknowledgement of receipt of the report you accept full responsibility and accountability for implementing the findings of the report.



The following simple risk level estimator is based on a more general health and safety risk level estimator of the type contained in BS 8800:

Likelihood of fire	Potential consequences of fire		
	Slight Harm	Moderate Harm	Extreme Harm
Low	Trivial	Tolerable	Moderate
Medium	Tolerable	Moderate	Substantial
High	Moderate	Substantial	Intolerable

Taking into account the fire prevention measures observed at the time of this risk assessment, it is considered that the hazard from fire (likelihood of fire) at these premises is:

**Medium**

In this context, a definition of the above terms is as follows:

**Low:** Unusually low likelihood of fire as a result of negligible potential sources of ignition.

**Medium:** Normal fire hazards (e.g. potential ignition sources) for this type of occupancy, with fire hazards generally subject to appropriate controls (other than minor shortcomings).

**High:** Lack of adequate controls applied to one or more significant fire hazards, such as to result in significant increase in likelihood of fire.

Taking into account the nature of the building and occupants, as well as the fire protection and procedural arrangements observed at the time of this fire risk assessment, it is considered that the consequences for life safety in the event of fire would be:

**Slight Harm**

In this context, a definition of the above terms is as follows:

**Slight harm:** Outbreak of fire unlikely to result in serious injury or death of any occupant.

**Moderate harmful:** Outbreak of fire could foreseeably result in injury (including serious injury) of one or more occupants, but it is unlikely to involve multiple fatalities.

**Extreme harm:** Significant potential for serious injury or death of one or more occupants likely to involve multiple fatalities.

Accordingly, it is considered that the risk to life from fire at these premises is:

**Tolerable**

A suitable risk-based control plan should involve effort and urgency that is proportional to risk. The following risk-based control plan is based on one advocated by BS 8800 for general health and safety risks:

Risk Level	Action and time table
Trivial	No action is required and no detailed records need be kept.
Tolerable	No major additional controls required. However, there might be a need for improvements that involve minor or limited cost.
Moderate	It is essential that efforts are made to reduce the risk. Risk reduction measures should be implemented within a defined time period. Where moderate risk is associated with consequences that constitute extreme harm, further assessment might be required to establish more precisely the likelihood of harm as a basis for determining the priority for improved control measures.
Substantial	Considerable resources might have to be allocated to reduce the risk. If the building is unoccupied, it should not be occupied until the risk has been reduced. If the building is occupied, urgent action should be taken.
Intolerable	Building (or relevant area) should not be occupied until the risk is reduced.

(Note that, although the purpose of this section is to place the risk in context, the above approach to fire risk assessment is subjective and for guidance only. All hazards and deficiencies identified in this report should be addressed by implementing all recommendations contained in the following action plan. The fire risk assessment should be reviewed regularly.)



## Life Safety Fire Risk Assessment Certificate of Conformity

This certificate is issued by the organization named in Part 1 of the schedule in respect of fire risk assessment provided for the person(s) or organization named in Part 2 of the schedule at the premises and / or part of the premises identified in Part 3 of the schedule.

### Schedule:

Part 1a	Name & Address of Certified Organisation:
	Pennington Choices, Broofield House, Grimsditch Lane, WA4 4EA
Part 1b	BAFE registration number of issuing Certified Organization:
	102119
Part 1c	SSAIB 3rd Party Certificate Number:
	CHES077
Part 2	Name of Client:
	Amanda Garrard - Chief Executive
Part 3a	Address of premises for which the fire risk assessment was carried out:
	Crossgate Laundry Crossgate, Staincros, Barnsley, South Yorkshire, S75 6BG
Part 3b	Part or parts of the premises to which the fire risk assessment applies:
	Entrance hallway, laundry area, toilet, and a small room used for storing the Hoover.
Part 4	Brief description of the scope and purpose of the fire risk assessment:
	Life Safety (as per agreed Specification)
Part 4b	Limitations of FRA:
	See Limitation Statement
Part 5	Effective date of the fire risk assessment:
	15/11/2022
Part 6	Recommended date for reassessment of the premises:
	15/11/2024
Part 7	Unique reference number of this certificate:
	110141

Signed for and on behalf of the issuing Certificated Organization:

James Hutton

Dated: 11/25/2022

## Appendix 1. Action Details

Ref.	Category	Priority	Comments	Recommendation	Quantity	To Be Completed By	Photo Ref.
B2	SMOKING POLICIES	Medium	No evidence of in door smoking was observed at the time of the premises survey.	Display a 'No Smoking' sign near the entry/exit door.		23/02/2023	B21
F1	LIGHTNING	No Timescale	A lightning protection system was not observed, however the premises are at a similar height to the other structures within the surrounding area and is not at a higher elevation or in a particularly exposed position, therefore the Assessor considers that the fire risk without a lightning protection system fitted is tolerable and one is not considered essential.	Recommend management undertake a risk assessment of the building to determine if lightning protection is required.			