

FIRE RISK ASSESSMENT

PROPERTY ASSESSED:

Junction Close Block 1-4
Wombwell
South Yorkshire

S73 0SQ



UPRN: AR68002B

Inspection Date: 01/11/2022

Validation Date: 15/11/2022

Valid to: 15/11/2024

FRA completed by: Pennington Choices

FRA Completed For: Berneslai Homes

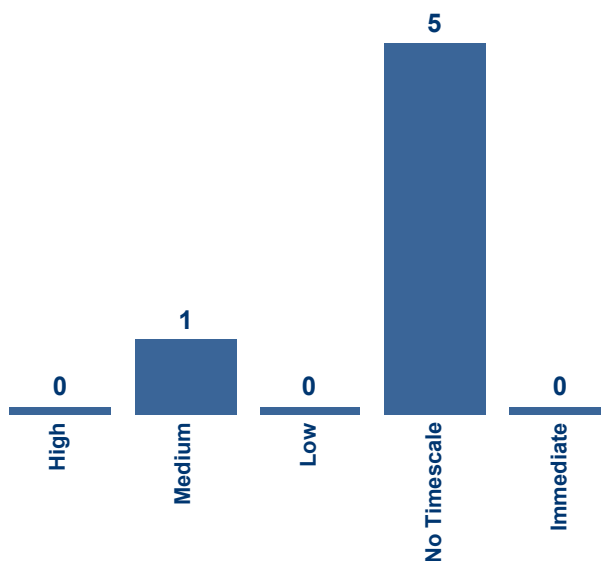
Executive Summary

FRA Risk Rating:

Tolerable



FRA Action Count by Priority



FRA Action by Type

Recommendations:

5

Actions:

1

Premises Risk Rating: **Tolerable**


Reassessment Priority: **Medium - 2 Years**

Recommended evacuation strategy for this building is: **Stay Put**


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

FRA - Summary


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| Responsible Person | Amanda Garrard (Chief Executive Berneslai Homes). |
| Property Designation | General needs |
| Management Extent | Non Managed – eg GN |
| No of Floors | 2 |
| No of Flats (if applicable) | 4 |
| Ground floor Area (m2) | 250 |
| Total Area of all floors (m2) | 500 |

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| FRA Completed By: | Grant Barker |
| FRA Type: | Type 3 |
| QA Validation Date: | 15/11/2022 |
| QA Carried Out By: | Paul Doodson |
| Validator's Signature: |  |

Medium1

| Ref. | Category | Priority | Complete By |
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| K4 | Means Of Escape | Medium | 13/Feb/2023 |
| Finding/Observation | | Action/Recommendation | |
| Electro-magnetically secured block entrance door with manual emergency override provided. The legacy thumb-turn mechanism is still present and is functioning, thereby allowing the door to locked with two separate mechanisms. | | As it is considered bad practice to have to operate two mechanisms to open a fire exit door in an emergency, remove the thumb-turn as per other blocks in the vicinity. | |
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No Timescale5

| Ref. | Category | Priority | Complete By |
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| C2 | Arson | No Timescale | |
| Finding/Observation | | Action/Recommendation | |
| Wheelie bins are currently stored up against the external walls in close proximity to windows. | | Provide a bin compound away from the block as currently intended within the three-year plan. | |
| <div>Image: C21</div> <div></div> | | | |


| Ref. | Category | Priority | Complete By |
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| F1 | Lightning | No Timescale | |
| Finding/Observation | | Action/Recommendation | |
| A lightning protection system was not observed. | | Recommend management undertake a risk assessment of the building to determine if lightning protection is required. | |
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Findings & Actions Summary

| Ref. | Category | Priority | Complete By |
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| P7 | Means Of Giving Warning In Case Of Fire | No Timescale | |
| Finding/Observation | | Action/Recommendation | |
| <p>The resident in flat 1 allowed access and there was a hard-wired smoke alarm in the hallway and an interlinked hard-wired heat alarm in the kitchen. Upgrading to a Grade D1 LD2 system by providing smoke alarm coverage in the lounge is not advised due to the open plan lounge/kitchen arrangement and the likelihood of numerous false alarms.</p> | | <p>It is known by the assessor that in other flats of this archetype within the neighbourhood, this level of fire alarm system is not present. Although the current revision of the Home Office Guide advises that an LD3 system is appropriate for general needs flats, it is PCL policy that a Grade D1 LD2 system should be installed in the flat and any other flats similarly affected as per British Standards recommendations. It is recommended that this performed in the longer term, e.g., during the next programmed EICR. A Grade D1 LD2 system will be appropriate for those flats where a door exists between the lounge and kitchen (these appear to have been fitted by the residents). It is recommended that in those flats where no door exists, an interconnected hardwired heat alarm is provided in the kitchen. This could be performed in the longer term, e.g., during the next programmed EICR. Upgrading to a Grade D1 LD2 system by providing smoke alarm coverage in the lounge is not advised due to the open plan lounge/kitchen arrangement and the likelihood of numerous false alarms.</p> | |

| Ref. | Category | Priority | Complete By |
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| Q4 | Measures To Limit Fire Spread And Development | No Timescale | |
| Finding/Observation | | Action/Recommendation | |
| Roof voids are checked annually by Berneslai Homes, and records are maintained centrally. The roof void access hatch in the common areas has been sealed up, and there were no residents present to grant access to any of the top floor flats. In other identical blocks within the immediate neighbourhood, the access hatches within the top floor flats were considered to be of low fire resistance. | | If not already done so, in the longer term, such as during a major refurbishment of the top floor flats, replace the roof void access hatches in the hallways with ones that have the same fire resistance as the ceilings they are installed in (30-minutes minimum). This is considered to be a very low priority recommendation as within other identical blocks sampled there was a masonry wall in the roof void between the flats and the common area. | |
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Findings & Actions Summary

| Ref. | Category | Priority | Complete By |
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| Q5 | Measures To Limit Fire Spread And Development | No Timescale | |
| Finding/Observation | | Action/Recommendation | |
| The electric meters at ground and first floor level are currently within cabinets that will provide some fire protection to the common areas, but are unlikely to provide a full 30-minutes fire resistance. | | In the longer term, such as during a significant refurbishment of the premises, replace the electric meter cabinets are ground and first floor level with cabinets that have a minimum of 30-minutes fire resistance. | |
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| Reassessment Priority | Medium - 2 Years |
| Responsible Person | Amanda Garrard (Chief Executive Berneslai Homes). |
| BAFE Cert | CHES077 |

General Information

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| UPRN | AR68002B |
| Address | Junction Close Block 1-4 Wombwell South Yorkshire |
| Postcode | S73 0SQ |
| Fire Risk Assessor | Grant Barker |
| Date of Inspection | 01/11/2022 |
| Checked by | Paul Doodson |
| Reassessment Date | 01/11/2024 |

General Information

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| Property Designation | General needs |
| Property Type | Purpose built block of flats |
| No of Floors | 2 |
| No of Flats (if applicable) | 4 |
| Ground floor area (m2) | 250 |
| Total area of all floors | 500 |
| Building Description | The premises was purpose built as flats. It is thought that the premises was originally constructed in the 1960s. There is one entry/exit door. There is a single stairway in the internal common area. There are no passenger lifts present. There is no ancillary usage (the premises is all residential). |
| Building Construction | The ground floor is ground bearing concrete. The floor construction between levels is a form of concrete construction. There is one internal stairway of concrete construction. There is a pitched tiled roof. From visual observation only from the ground floor level, the exposed surface of external walls gives the appearance of masonry construction with spandrel panels on the front elevation and balconies on the rear elevation. Note - this is not the FRAEW as required by the Fire Safety Act 2021. |
| Extent of common areas | Hallway, stairway and first floor landing. |
| Areas of the building to which access was not available | None. |

If applicable state which flats were
sample inspected

Flat 1.

1. The Occupants

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

| Ref. | Question | Policy Principles |
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| 11 | Details of any onsite management (hours onsite etc.) | |
| Answer | | Finding/Observation |
| 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 |
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| 12 | Person managing fire safety in premises | |
| Answer | | Finding/Observation |
| Ryan Beardshall - Fire Safety Officer, Berneslai Homes. | | |

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

| Ref. | Question | Policy Principles |
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| 14 | Number of occupants (maximum estimated) | |
| Answer | | Finding/Observation |
| Exact numbers of occupants cannot be realistically calculated without an intrusive poll, however it is assumed that the estimated number of occupants might be 16. This is made up of 2 residents and 2 visitors per flat. | | |

| Ref. | Question | Policy Principles |
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| 15 | Approximate maximum number of employees at any one time | |
| Answer | | Finding/Observation |
| Estimated to be 2 at any one time. | | |

| Ref. | Question | Policy Principles |
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| 16 | Number of members of the public (maximum estimated) | |
| Answer | | Finding/Observation |
| None, the premises is residential and not open to the public. | | |

| Ref. | Question | Policy Principles |
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| 17 | Identify any people who are especially at risk: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- sleeping occupants- disabled occupants- occupants in remote areas and lone workers- young persons- others | |
| Answer | | Finding/Observation |
| Residents. As this is a general needs premises the residents may have (in line with the general population) sensory, mobility or other impairments to some degree. Elderly persons might be present. It is expected that young persons and children might be present as part of the families residing within the flats. Lone working would take place as might remote working e.g. roof voids. No dangerous or hazardous substances are normally kept on the premises. | | |

2. Fire Safety Legislation

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

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

| Ref. | Question | Policy Principles |
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| 23 | Other key fire safety legislation (other than Building Regs 2000) | |
| Answer | | Finding/Observation |
| Housing Act 2004 | | |

| Ref. | Question | Policy Principles |
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| 24 | The other legislation referred to above is enforced by | |
| Answer | | Finding/Observation |
| The Local Authority. | | |

| Ref. | Question | Policy Principles |
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| 25 | Guidance used as applicable to premises and occupation | |
| Answer | | Finding/Observation |
| Home Office (September 2021) Fire Safety in Purpose Built Blocks | | |

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

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

A. Electrical Ignition Sources

| Ref. | Question | Policy Principles |
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| 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. |
| Answer | | Finding/Observation |
| Yes | | See policy principle. |
| Ref. | Question | Policy Principles |
| A2 | Is PAT testing in common areas carried out? | Carried out annually by partners on a rolling schedule. |
| Answer | | Finding/Observation |
| N/A | | No portable electrical appliances are provided by Berneslai Homes. No portable electrical appliances were observed in the common areas at the time of the premises survey. |
| 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)? | |
| Answer | | Finding/Observation |
| 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? | |
| Answer | | Finding/Observation |
| Yes | | No extension leads were present in the common areas 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 |
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| 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 common areas. Residents and their visitors are permitted to smoke within their individual flats and away from the building. |


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

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C. Arson

| Ref. | Question | Policy Principles |
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| C1 | Are premises secure against arson by outsiders? (Please state how) | |
| Answer | | Finding/Observation |
| Yes | | The assessor considers the area to be a normal risk in respect of arson. Fob entry from the outside at the block entry/exit door. |
| 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. |
| Answer | | Finding/Observation |
| No | | Wheelie bins are currently stored up against the external walls in close proximity to windows. |
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D. Portable Heaters And Heating Installations

| Ref. | Question | Policy Principles |
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| D1 | If used, is the use of portable heaters regarded as safe? | |
| Answer | | Finding/Observation |
| N/A | | There were no portable heaters observed in use within the common areas at the time of the premises survey. |
| Ref. | Question | Policy Principles |
| D2 | Are fixed heating systems maintained annually? | |
| Answer | | Finding/Observation |
| Yes | | There are no fixed heating systems present within the common areas. It is understood that the heating systems within the flats are inspected and maintained by NPS under a service contract. All certificates are stored on PIMSS and can be requested at any time from the Fire Safety Officer. Any faults are dealt with on a 24 hour priority order. |

E. Cooking

| Ref. | Question | Policy Principles |
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| 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 in the common areas. |

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. |

G. House-Keeping

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

| Ref. | Question | Policy Principles |
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| G2 | Are the escape routes kept clear of items combustible materials or waste and free of any trip hazards? | |
| Answer | | Finding/Observation |
| Yes | | There were no items in contravention of the Berneslai Homes policy observed in the internal common areas at the time of the premises survey. |

| Ref. | Question | Policy Principles |
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| 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"? | |
| Answer | | Finding/Observation |
| N/A | | None observed at the time of the premises survey. |

H. Hazards Introduced By Contractors

| Ref. | Question | Policy Principles |
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| 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 |
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| 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 | | There were no dangerous or flammable substances within the common areas or in close proximity to the premises that could be readily observed at the time of the premises survey. |

J. Other Significant Hazards

| Ref. | Question | Policy Principles |
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| J1 | Are all issues deemed satisfactory? [1] | |
| Answer | | Finding/Observation |
| N/A | | |

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

K. Means Of Escape

| Ref. | Question | Policy Principles |
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| K1 | Is the escape route design deemed satisfactory? (Consider current design codes) | |
| Answer | | Finding/Observation |
| Yes | | Travel distances are within those recommended within the Home Office Guide. |

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

| Ref. | Question | Policy Principles |
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| K3 | Is there adequate provision of exits (including exit Widths) for the numbers who may be present? | |
| Answer | | Finding/Observation |
| Yes | | There is one block entry/exit door. Each ground floor flat also has an additional entry/exit door of their own and first floor flats have access to a balcony which provides an alternative escape route as a last resort. |

| Ref. | Question | Policy Principles |
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| K4 | Are doors on escape routes easily opened? (and are sliding or revolving doors avoided?) | |
| Answer | | Finding/Observation |
| No | | Electro-magnetically secured block entrance door with manual emergency override provided. The legacy thumb-turn mechanism is still present and is functioning, thereby allowing the door to be locked with two separate mechanisms. |

| Action/Recommendation | Priority | Due Date |
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| As it is considered bad practice to have to operate two mechanisms to open a fire exit door in an emergency, remove the thumb-turn as per other blocks in the vicinity. | Medium | 13/Feb/2023 |

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Detailed Risk Assessment

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

| Ref. | Question | Policy Principles |
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| K6 | Are travel distances satisfactory? (consider single direction and more than one direction, property risk profile and occupancy characteristics) | |
| Answer | | Finding/Observation |
| Yes | | Travel distances are within those recommended within the Home Office Guide. |

| Ref. | Question | Policy Principles |
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| K7 | Are there suitable precautions for all inner rooms? | |
| Answer | | Finding/Observation |
| N/A | | None present in the common areas. |

| Ref. | Question | Policy Principles |
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| K8 | Are escape routes separated where appropriate? | |
| Answer | | Finding/Observation |
| N/A | | Single stairway, hallway and associated first floor landing only. |

| Ref. | Question | Policy Principles |
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| K9 | Are corridors sub-divided where appropriate? | |
| Answer | | Finding/Observation |
| N/A | | Single stairway, hallway and associated first floor landing only. |

| Ref. | Question | Policy Principles |
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| K10 | Do escape routes lead to a place of safety? | |
| Answer | | Finding/Observation |
| Yes | | There is unrestricted escape available from both the block entry/exit door and the ground floor flats have their own independent entry/exit doors. |

| Ref. | Question | Policy Principles |
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| 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. |
| Answer | | Finding/Observation |
| Yes | | There is a large, glazed unit at first floor level, although no manually openable windows are present within it. Currently, this could be used to control smoke levels if the Fire and Rescue Service resorted to breaking the window out. Additionally, the assessor knows that there protected hallways in the flats of this archetype. The assessor has been consulted on behalf of HMGOV by those appointed to produce new guidance to replace the current Home Office Guide and has been asked to comment on draft guidance for smaller blocks (i.e., no more than three storeys and with no more than six flats). This block falls into the scope of the draft guidance and the guidance states that stairway ventilation is not considered essential. On this basis, the assessor considers that the current situation should be accepted 'as is'. |


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| 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 | | Some plastic conduit evident but the fixings are steel. No other significant observations made at the time of the premises survey. |


L. Flat Entrance Doors

| Ref. | Question | Policy Principles |
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| 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 |
| Yes | | This Fire Risk Assessment should not be considered as fulfilling the requirements of a full fire door survey. Where defects were readily observable from the common area side of the flat entrance doors, or where residents allowed access, any deficiencies will be commented upon. The assessor has compared the flat entrance doors against the recommendations contained within the current revision of the Home Office Guide to assess suitability. The resident in flat 1 allowed access and no issues were identified. There were no labels or plugs present on the flat entrance door denoting its fire resistance certification. It was identified as a timber fire door. The assessor considered that the door is a self-closing 'notional FD30S' fire door and suitable for continued use. No other issues were observed with any of the flat entrance doors when surveyed from the common area side. See policy principle. |
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M. Common Area Fire Doors

| Ref. | Question | Policy Principles |
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| 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 |
| N/A | | There are no common area fire doors present. There is a draught door at ground floor level provided to protect the common areas from the elements, but this serves no fire safety function. |
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N. Emergency Lighting

| Ref. | Question | Policy Principles |
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| N1 | If emergency lighting is provided, is the coverage sufficient and in good repair? (Internal and external) | |
| Answer | | Finding/Observation |
| Yes | | Where an emergency escape lighting system is present, comments are based upon a visual inspection of the system coverage and condition, but no illuminance tests or verification of full compliance with the relevant British Standards was carried out during the premises survey. The provision of emergency escape lighting was considered adequate, and no significant observations were made during the premises survey. |
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| Ref. | Question | Policy Principles |
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| N2 | If EL not provided, is borrowed/artificial lighting sufficient for escape? (Internal and external) | |
| Answer | | Finding/Observation |
| N/A | | |

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 | | The Home Office Guide advises that fire exit signage is not considered necessary within a block provided with only a single stairway, and it has not been provided. 'Fire Door Keep Locked Shut' signage is displayed as required. |

| Ref. | Question | Policy Principles |
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| 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? | |
| Answer | | Finding/Observation |
| N/A | | A fire alarm system has not been provided within the common areas. Due to the purpose-built nature of the premises with non-combustible materials forming fire compartments, the Home Office Guide advises that a fire alarm system in the common area is not considered necessary for this type of low-rise purpose-built block. |

| Ref. | Question | Policy Principles |
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| P2 | If installed, is the common area AFD adequate for the occupancy and fire risk? | |
| Answer | | Finding/Observation |
| N/A | | |

| Ref. | Question | Policy Principles |
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| P3 | If not installed, are the premises deemed safe without a common area AFD system? | |
| Answer | | Finding/Observation |
| Yes | | |

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

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


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


| Ref. | Question | Policy Principles |
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| P7 | If applicable, is a separate domestic hard-wired smoke/heat alarm within the flats installed to a suitable standard? | |
| Answer | | Finding/Observation |
| Yes | | The resident in flat 1 allowed access and there was a hard-wired smoke alarm in the hallway and an interlinked hard-wired heat alarm in the kitchen. Upgrading to a Grade D1 LD2 system by providing smoke alarm coverage in the lounge is not advised due to the open plan lounge/kitchen arrangement and the likelihood of numerous false alarms. |

| Ref. | Question | Policy Principles |
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| 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? | |
| Answer | | Finding/Observation |
| 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. The general provision of fire compartmentation in the areas where access was possible was considered reasonable with the exceptions of the minor improvements recommended in Q4 and Q5 and no other issues were identified or other significant observations were made at the time of the premises survey. |
| Ref. | Question | Policy Principles |
| Q2 | Are hidden voids appropriately enclosed and/or fire-stopped? (consider above suspended ceilings) | |
| Answer | | Finding/Observation |
| 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. The general provision of fire compartmentation in the areas where access was possible was considered reasonable with the exceptions of the minor improvements recommended in Q4 and Q5 and no other issues were identified or other 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? | |
| Answer | | Finding/Observation |
| N/A | | None observed at the time of the premises survey. |

| Ref. | Question | Policy Principles |
|--|---|---|
| Q4 | Is compartmentation maintained in the roof space? | |
| Answer | | Finding/Observation |
| No | | Roof voids are checked annually by Berneslai Homes, and records are maintained centrally. The roof void access hatch in the common areas has been sealed up, and there were no residents present to grant access to any of the top floor flats. In other identical blocks within the immediate neighbourhood, the access hatches within the top floor flats were considered to be of low fire resistance. |
| Images | | |
| <p>Image: Q41</p>  | | |

| Ref. | Question | Policy Principles |
|--|--|--|
| Q5 | Are electrics, including embedded meters, enclosed in fire rated construction? | |
| Answer | | Finding/Observation |
| No | | The electric meters at ground and first floor level are currently within cabinets that will provide some fire protection to the common areas, but are unlikely to provide a full 30-minutes fire resistance. |
| Images | | |
| <p>Image: Q51</p>  | | |

| 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? | |
| Answer | | Finding/Observation |
| 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. |

| Ref. | Question | Policy Principles |
|---------------|--|--|
| Q7 | Is there reasonable limitation of linings to escape routes that might promote fire spread? | |
| Answer | | Finding/Observation |
| 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? | |
| Answer | | Finding/Observation |
| N/A | | No soft furnishing appear to have been provided by Berneslai Homes and none were present in the common areas 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? | |
| Answer | | Finding/Observation |
| Unknown | | The FRAEW as required by The Fire Safety Act 2021 and Fire Safety (England) Regulations 2022 is contractually excluded from the scope of this fire risk assessment. Berneslai Homes is aware of the requirements to undertake a Fire Risk Appraisal of External Wall (FRAEW) construction and cladding of existing blocks of flats based upon the BSI Code of Practice PAS 9980:2022. As Berneslai Homes are aware of the requirements to undertake a Fire risk appraisal of external wall (FRAEW) construction, the assessor considers that no further reminders are appropriate, other than to provide information in a goodwill manner and without prejudice, that there are features of the external walls that Berneslai Homes may wish to include in the FRAEW of this premises. |

Images

Image: Q91



| 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? | |
| Answer | | Finding/Observation |
| 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? | |
| Answer | | Finding/Observation |
| 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. | |
| Answer | | Finding/Observation |
| 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 within the common area and none are recommended. The provision of fire extinguishers and other forms of fire-fighting equipment in common parts for use by residents is problematic. Such equipment should only be used by those trained in its use. It is not considered appropriate or practicable for residents in a block of flats to receive such training. Neither is it expected that residents should need to tackle a fire in their flats to make their escape. Indeed, to obtain a fire extinguisher located in the common parts for this purpose would involve the person leaving their flat in the first place, from which they 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 | |
| Answer | | Finding/Observation |
| Stay Put | | Fire action notices displayed are the standard Berneslai Homes versions that describe a policy that aligns more with a 'Stay-Safe' policy, which is considered by most housing providers to be more appropriate and the assessor supports this. |
| Images | | |
| <p>Image: T11</p>  | | |

| 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? | |
| Answer | | Finding/Observation |
| 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? | |
| Answer | | Finding/Observation |
| Yes | | Fire action notices will suffice to inform residents locally. |

| Ref. | Question | Policy Principles |
|---------------|---|--|
| T4 | Are there suitable arrangements for liaison and calling the Fire Service? | |
| Answer | | Finding/Observation |
| Yes | | It is considered that this would happen if the residents 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? | |
| Answer | | Finding/Observation |
| Yes | | The residents 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? | |
| Answer | | Finding/Observation |
| Yes | | Person Centred Fire Risk Assessments have been carried out on all tenants in Independent Living Schemes and are reviewed on an annual basis for changes. Any issues identified during the assessment are referred to the Fire Safety Officer. In General needs blocks of flats only tenants that have been identified as having a vulnerability are offered an assessment. All assessments are stored on Share Point. |

| Ref. | Question | Policy Principles |
|---------------|--|--|
| T7 | Are staff nominated and trained on the use of fire extinguishing appliances? | |
| Answer | | Finding/Observation |
| 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 no expectation that employees would use these unless they felt that it was safe to do so. 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)? | |
| Answer | | Finding/Observation |
| 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) | |
| Answer | | Finding/Observation |
| Yes | | 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 no expectation that employees would use these unless they felt that it was safe to do so. Records are maintained centrally. |

| Ref. | Question | Policy Principles |
|---------------|---|--|
| U2 | Are employees nominated to assist in the event of fire given additional training? | |
| Answer | | Finding/Observation |
| 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 no expectation that employees would use these unless they felt that it was safe to do so. 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 appropriate for this type of residential 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 |
| No | | 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 |
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| Z2 | Are all issues deemed satisfactory? | |
| Answer | | Finding/Observation |
| Yes | | |

ZAAR. Assessment Risk Ratings

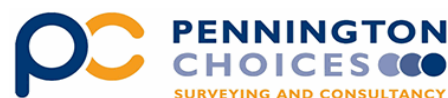
| Ref. | Question | Policy Principles |
|---------------|---|----------------------------|
| ZAAR1 | <p>Likelihood of Fire</p> <p>Low: Unusually low likelihood of fire as a result of negligible potential sources of ignition.</p> <p>Medium: Normal fire hazards (e.g. potential ignition sources) for this 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> | |
| Answer | | Finding/Observation |
| 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> | |
| Answer | | Finding/Observation |
| 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> | |
| Answer | | Finding/Observation |
| 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 | | |

Risk Assessment - Type 3



Flat 1.

1. Inspection Details

| | | |
|----|--|---------|
| 11 | Has a Type 3 dwelling survey been performed? | Yes |
| 12 | Which flat number was accessed? | Flat 1. |
| 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 | No |
| 23 | Mains Heat Detector in Kitchen | Yes |
| 24 | Main Detection in Bedroom(s) | No |
| 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 ² with no single dimension smaller than 450mm. | Yes |
| 32 | Does the layout of the flat meet the relevant Building Regulations (Travel distance, protected entrance hall, alternative escape etc.?) | Yes |
| 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? | Yes |
| 38 | Assessor's Miscellaneous Comments or observations - please consider compartmentation within the flat or any tenant alterations? | None. |

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:

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| 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 Berneslai Homes). |
| Part 3a | Address of premises for which the fire risk assessment was carried out: |
| | Junction Close Block 1-4 Wombwell South Yorkshire S73 0SQ |
| Part 3b | Part or parts of the premises to which the fire risk assessment applies: |
| | Common Parts only (not dwellings, where applicable) |
| Part 4 | Brief description of the scope and purpose of the fire risk assessment: |
| | Life Safety (as per agreed Specification) |
| Part 5 | Effective date of the fire risk assessment: |
| | 01/11/2022 |
| Part 6 | Recommended date for reassessment of the premises: |
| | 01/11/2024 |
| Part 7 | Unique reference number of this certificate: |
| | 107255 |

Signed for and on behalf of the issuing Certificated Organization:

James Hutton

Dated: 11/15/2022

Appendix 1. Action Details

| Ref. | Category | Priority | Comments | Recommendation | Quantity | To Be Completed By | Photo Ref. |
|------|---|--------------|---|--|----------|--------------------|------------|
| C2 | ARSON | No Timescale | Wheelie bins are currently stored up against the external walls in close proximity to windows. | Provide a bin compound away from the block as currently intended within the three-year plan. | | | C21 |
| F1 | LIGHTNING | No Timescale | A lightning protection system was not observed. | Recommend management undertake a risk assessment of the building to determine if lightning protection is required. | | | |
| K4 | MEANS OF ESCAPE | Medium | Electro-magnetically secured block entrance door with manual emergency override provided. The legacy thumb-turn mechanism is still present and is functioning, thereby allowing the door to locked with two separate mechanisms. | As it is considered bad practice to have to operate two mechanisms to open a fire exit door in an emergency, remove the thumb-turn as per other blocks in the vicinity. | | 13/02/2023 | K41 |
| P7 | MEANS OF GIVING WARNING IN CASE OF FIRE | No Timescale | The resident in flat 1 allowed access and there was a hard-wired smoke alarm in the hallway and an interlinked hard-wired heat alarm in the kitchen. Upgrading to a Grade D1 LD2 system by providing smoke alarm coverage in the lounge is not advised due to the open plan lounge/kitchen arrangement and the likelihood of numerous false alarms. | It is known by the assessor that in other flats of this archetype within the neighbourhood, this level of fire alarm system is not present. Although the current revision of the Home Office Guide advises that an LD3 system is appropriate for general needs flats, it is PCL policy that a Grade D1 LD2 system should be installed in the flat and any other flats similarly affected as per British Standards recommendations. It is recommended that this performed in the longer term, e.g., during the next programmed EICR. A Grade D1 LD2 system will be appropriate for those flats where a door exists between the lounge and kitchen (these appear to have been fitted by the residents). It is recommended that in those flats where no door exists, an interconnected hardwired heat alarm is provided in the kitchen. This could be performed in the longer term, e.g., during the next programmed EICR. Upgrading to a Grade D1 LD2 system by providing smoke alarm coverage in the lounge is not advised due to the open plan lounge/kitchen arrangement and the likelihood of numerous false alarms. | | | |

| Ref. | Category | Priority | Comments | Recommendation | Quantity | To Be Completed By | Photo Ref. |
|------|---|--------------|---|--|----------|--------------------|------------|
| Q4 | MEASURES TO LIMIT FIRE SPREAD AND DEVELOPMENT | No Timescale | Roof voids are checked annually by Berneslai Homes, and records are maintained centrally. The roof void access hatch in the common areas has been sealed up, and there were no residents present to grant access to any of the top floor flats. In other identical blocks within the immediate neighbourhood, the access hatches within the top floor flats were considered to be of low fire resistance. | If not already done so, in the longer term, such as during a major refurbishment of the top floor flats, replace the roof void access hatches in the hallways with ones that have the same fire resistance as the ceilings they are installed in (30-minutes minimum). This is considered to be a very low priority recommendation as within other identical blocks sampled there was a masonry wall in the roof void between the flats and the common area. | | | Q41 |
| Q5 | MEASURES TO LIMIT FIRE SPREAD AND DEVELOPMENT | No Timescale | The electric meters at ground and first floor level are currently within cabinets that will provide some fire protection to the common areas, but are unlikely to provide a full 30-minutes fire resistance. | In the longer term, such as during a significant refurbishment of the premises, replace the electric meter cabinets are ground and first floor level with cabinets that have a minimum of 30-minutes fire resistance. | | | Q51 |