

This report shows all the responses to the Fire Risk Assessment survey, including raised tasks.

Asset ID: 9502 **14-17 Vernon Court Block 14-17 Vernon Court, Middlesbrough**

Cover Sheet

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Date of Fire Risk Assessment	27 Jul 2023
Date of Next Fire Risk Assessment	27 Jul 2026
FRA Frequency (Months)	36
Purpose of Fire Risk Assessment	3 year Re-Assessment
Type of Fire Risk Assessment	Type 1 (Common Parts Only - Non Destructive)
Fire & Safety Assessor	Kevin Jones

It is sensible to have arrangements in place to ensure the consistency of Fire Risk Assessments in terms of the assessment of risk and mitigations proposed. In this regard Accent peer validate around 20% of reports, which are available within our audit system.

The Scheme

Scheme Name	Vernon Court
Scheme Address	14-17 Vernon Court Block 14-17 Vernon Court, Middlesbrough
Postcode	TS8 9DQ
Region	North East
Scheme Manager	
Scheme Tel. No	
Scheme Inspection Completed	Yes
Enforcing Fire Authority	Cleveland fire authority
Other staff in attendance	None
Number of on-site Accent staff	Scheme Manager Weekdays
Number of other (non-Accent) staff	None

The Building

Accommodation Type	General Needs (S30)
Build Date	Jan 1 1977
Number Of Homes	4
Homes breakdown	Flat
External wall construction	Facing Brick
External wall finish	Facing Brick
Roof construction	Timber
Roof covering	Interlocking Pitched
PEEPs in place where necessary	N/A
Current Evacuation Strategy	Stay Put (Delayed) Evacuation
Conversion or purpose-built	Purpose Built
Number of storeys	2
Number of floors on which car parking is provided	1
Is there a habitable basement?	No
Number of internal Staircases (protected or unprotected?)	1 unprotected
Number of External Staircases	None
External Balcony part of escape route?	N/A
Unusual features	None
Building Access Conditions for Fire Brigade	Vehicular Access to one or more elevations

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Fire Detection and Warning System	Flats only
Grade of fire alarm	Grade D
Category of fire alarm	LD2 Additional Protection
Emergency Lighting Provision	Not fitted
Portable Fire Extinguishers supplied/fitted	No
Fixed Fire Fighting Installations	No

Customers

Number of occupants	5
Occupant tenure type breakdown	General Needs, Leasehold

Fire Safety Related Customer Safety Servicing

Overdue communal gas safety checks	0
Overdue domestic gas safety checks	0
Overdue communal electrical condition checks	0
Overdue domestic electrical condition checks	0
Overdue alarm call pull chord tests	0
Overdue communal PAT testing	0
Overdue customer mobility scooter PAT testing	0
Overdue Monthly Emergency Lighting Switch Tests	1
Overdue Annual Emergency Lighting tests	1
Overdue Weekly Fire Alarm Testing	0
Overdue Fire Panel - Six Monthly Testing	
Overdue Fire Safety Equipment tests	

Building Fire Safety Surveys - Communal Doors

Failing Communal Fire Doors	0
Communal Fire doors due for replacement within 5 years	0

Dwelling Doors

Failing Dwelling Fire Doors	0
Dwelling Fire doors due for replacement within 5 years	0

Fire Risk Assessment Survey Results

Scheme and Building Information

Photo



Date of Fire Risk Assessment	27/07/2023
FRA Frequency (Months)	36
Purpose of Fire Risk Assessment	3 year Re-Assessment
Type of Risk Assessment	Type 1 (Common Parts Only - Non Destructive)
Quantity	1
Fire & Safety Assessor	Kevin Jones
Enforcing Fire Authority	Cleveland fire authority
Scheme Tel. No	
Other staff in attendance	None
Number of on-site Accent staff	Scheme Manager Weekdays
Number of other (non-Accent) staff	None
Scheme Inspection completed	Yes
Number of occupants	5
Personal Emergency Evacuation Plans in place	N/A
Current Evacuation Strategy	Stay Put (Delayed) Evacuation
Conversion or purpose-built	Purpose Built
Number of Storeys	2
Number of floors on which car parking is provided	1
Is there a habitable basement?	No
No. of internal staircases (protected/unprotected)	1 unprotected
Number of external staircases	None
External balcony part of escape route?	N/A
Unusual features	None

Fire Risk Assessment Survey Results

Building access conditions for Fire Brigade	Vehicular Access to one or more elevations
Surroundings: Residential/Commercial	Residential
Fire Detection and Warning System	Flats only
Grade of Fire Alarm	Grade D
Category of Fire Alarm	LD2 Additional Protection
Emergency Lighting Provision	Not fitted
Portable Fire Extinguishers / Fire Blankets supplied / fitted	No
Water Extinguisher(s) present	No
Foam Extinguisher(s) present	No
Dry Powder Extinguisher(s) present	No
Carbon Dioxide Extinguisher(s) present	No
Fire Blanket(s) present	No
Fixed Fire Fighting Installations supplied / fitted	No
Dry Riser(s) present	No
Wet Riser(s) present	No
Sprinkler System present	No
Hosereel(s) present	No
Automatic Opening Vent(s) present	No

Electrical Sources of Ignition

Electrical installation within common areas in good condition and no obvious damage?	Yes
Comment	Appears in good condition
Valid Electrical Installation Condition Reports held on file? (Common Areas & General Needs Flats)	Yes
Comment	Uploaded to Active H
Electrical App/PA Testing - tested within past 12 months?	N/A
Comment	No appliances identified during inspection
Absence of trailing leads and adapters?	N/A
Comment	Sterile communal areas
Evidence that mobility scooters are not being stored/charged in common areas?	No
Comment	None identified during FRA
Is there a purpose built mobility scooter store/charging area?	No

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Comment

Does the building have a lightning protection system?

No

Comment

Not required for this property

Gas installations

Is there a commercial/domestic gas supply to the scheme?

No

Comment

Other Sources of Ignition

Is there a no smoking policy in place, which is enforced and adhered to?

Yes

Comment

Communal areas only

Adequate security against arson?

Yes

Comment

Both entry doors operate on key entry

Are refuse/recycling bin areas managed and suitably located?

Yes

Comment

Designated refuse area

Are there communal cooking facilities at this scheme?

No

Comment

Housekeeping

Are all electrical/intake/service cupboards secure and free from general waste, contractors waste and residents personal items?

Yes

Comment

Secures intake cupboard and individual meter box's at each flat

Are unnecessary accumulations of combustible materials or waste avoided?

Yes

Comment

Are combustible materials and substances separated from ignition sources and stored appropriately?

Yes

Comment

Minimal storage areas

Furniture/furnishings in good condition, fire retardant/resistant and comply with modern standards and regulations?

N/A

Comment

None provided

Other Significant Fire Hazards

Are all other significant fire hazards adequately controlled?

Yes

Comment Sterile communal areas good housekeeping identified throughout scheme

Means of Escape from Fire

Is it considered that the building is provided with reasonable means of escape in case of fire? Yes

Comment Two final exits doors opposite directions

Escape routes unobstructed and safe to use? Yes

Comment Clear stairway and corridors

Exits immediately openable without a key and/or failsafe's function correctly? Yes

Comment Yale type thumb turn

Reasonable distances of travel where there is a single/alternative direction of travel? Yes

Comment Minimal travel distance 2 directional exit route

Escape routes lead to final exits and open in direction of escape where necessary? Yes

Comment

Fire Spread and Development

Is it considered that the compartmentation is of a reasonable standard? Yes

Comment Traditional construction plaster finished

Is there reasonable limitation of surface finishes that might promote fire spread (walls, floors, ceilings)? Yes

Comment

Are fire dampers/shutters provided in ducts/refuse chutes to protect means of escape against fire, smoke and combustion products? N/A

Comment None provided

As far as can be reasonably ascertained, is the compartmentation within roof spaces of a satisfactory standard? Yes

Comment No access to loft space from communal areas. Building is constructed using traditional construction methods, brick and mortar with plaster finish

Loft hatches fire resisting? N/A

Comment Unable to identify loft hatch not in communal areas

As far as can be reasonably ascertained, is the fire stopping above cross corridor fire doors within suspended ceiling void of a satisfactory standard? N/A

Comment No cross corridor doors on site

Do external walls, doors, windows and anything attached to the exterior, limit fire spread? Yes

Comment Traditional construction of brick and mortar UPVC windows and doors

If Smoke Control Systems (AOV's) are fitted, are the records of annual testing available? N/A

Comment

Are roller shutter doors that are required to be FR, fire resisting and self-closing? N/A

Comment

Observation	Priority	Referred To	Required By:	Task ID
Designated refuse area	No Action			



Emergency Escape Lighting

Is the emergency lighting correctly specified and installed as per current standards? N/A

Comment None fitted

Emergency lighting units in good condition and securely fixed to walls/ceilings? N/A

Comment

Records of monthly/annual testing available? N/A

Comment

Fire Safety Signs and Notices

Are the correct Fire Action/Advice notices displayed in prominent locations within the common areas? Yes

Comment

Directional fire escape signage in place and adequate? Yes

Comment On 1st floor direction change of level

Is there suitable LIFT signage i.e. do not use in case of fire? N/A

Comment

Do common area fire doors display the correct signage on both sides where applicable? N/A

Comment

None fitted

Observation

Priority

Referred To

Required By:

Task ID

Directional and no smoking signs evident in scheme

No Action



Means of giving Warning in case of Fire

Is the scheme fitted with a communal area fire alarm?

No

Comment

Fire Extinguishing Equipment

Is fire extinguishing equipment and/or fixed fire fighting installations provided at this scheme?

No

Comment

Management of Fire Safety

Are these premises regulated by the Building Safety Regulator under the Building Safety Act?

Yes

Comment

Will this FRA be shared will all Accountable Persons for the premises?

Yes

Comment

FRA uploaded to Active H

How will this sharing be achieved?

Active H records

Are there other Responsible Persons who share or have fire safety duties in respect of the premises?

No

How will this sharing be achieved?

Is an office or IL scheme being inspected?

No

Comment

Passenger Lift

Is the scheme fitted with a passenger lift?

No

Comment

Premises Inspection Box

Is there a premises information box for fire & rescue service use?

No

Comment

Evacuation Policy

Are there suitable arrangements for summoning the fire service?

Yes

Comment

999 call from resident

Taking FRA findings, is the evacuation policy appropriate for the scheme as per latest guidance?

Yes

Comment

Observation	Priority	Referred To	Required By:	Task ID
Clearly displayed	No Action			



Engagement with Residents

Has information of fire procedures been disseminated to residents?

Yes

Comment

Signage throughout scheme and during induction programme

Is general fire safety information disseminated to residents?

Yes

Comment

Signage ,residence portal communication with residents

FRA Frequency

Taking the findings of this assessment into account, is the frequency of the FRA correct?

Yes

Comment

4 flats in well maintained and managed property with good housekeeping evident

Miscellaneous

Are there any other observations/actions to raise that are not covered above. No

Are there fire related remedial works required at this property, that will affect the fabric of the building? No

Comment

Were there any unsatisfactory aspects of the Fire Risk Assessment? (Visible on Building Safety Report). No

Risk Calculator - Fire

The following risk estimator is based on the general health and safety risk level estimator contained within BS 8800: 1996. Guide to occupational health and safety management systems.

1. Taking into account the fire prevention measures observed at the time of this risk assessment, it is considered that the hazard from the fire (the probability of ignition) at this building is:

LOW MEDIUM HIGH

2. Taking into account the nature of the building, the occupants, the fire protection afforded and any procedural arrangements observed at the time of the assessment, it is considered that the consequences for life safety in the event of a fire would be:

MINOR MAJOR CRITICAL

The definition of the above terms is as follows:

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MINOR	Outbreak of fire is unlikely to result in serious injury or death of any occupant (other than the occupant sleeping in a bedroom in which a fire occurs).
MAJOR	An outbreak of fire could result in injury of one or more occupants, but is unlikely to lead to fatalities.
CRITICAL	There is significant potential for serious injury or death of one or more occupants.

3. The above estimates are then read into the following matrix table to give the overall risk level for the site:

Fire Hazard	Minor	Major	Critical
Low	Trivial	Tolerable	Moderate
Medium	Tolerable	Moderate	Substantial
High	Moderate	Substantial	Intolerable

When the level of risk is established, the action level can be read from the table below:

Risk Level	Guide to actions and appropriate timescales
Trivial	No action is required
Moderate	Efforts should be made to reduce the risk level and this should be carried out within the specified time periods.
Substantial	Considerable resources may have to be allocated to reduce the risk level. It may be necessary to limit the occupation of some parts until urgent remedial action is taken.
Intolerable	The building (or the relevant area) should not be occupied until the risk is reduced.

The Overall Risk Level for this asset is: **Trivial**