

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

Asset ID: 21102 **Community Centre Otterhill Court, Middlesbrough**

Cover Sheet

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Date of Fire Risk Assessment	21 Mar 2024
Date of Next Fire Risk Assessment	21 Mar 2025
FRA Frequency (Months)	12
Purpose of Fire Risk Assessment	Annual 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	Hemlington
Scheme Address	Community Centre Otterhill Court, Middlesbrough
Postcode	TS8 9PY
Region	North East
Scheme Manager	
Scheme Tel. No	
Scheme Inspection Completed	Yes
Enforcing Fire Authority	Cleveland
Other staff in attendance	None
Number of on-site Accent staff	Scheme Manager Weekdays
Number of other (non-Accent) staff	Contract Cleaners in common areas

The Building

Accommodation Type	General Needs (S30)
Build Date	Jan 1 1978
Number Of Homes	0
Homes breakdown	
External wall construction	Facing Brick
External wall finish	Facing Brick, Paint Render
Roof construction	Timber
Roof covering	Interlocking Pitched
PEEPs in place where necessary	N/A
Current Evacuation Strategy	Full (Simultaneous) Evacuation
Conversion or purpose-built	Purpose Built
Number of storeys	1
Number of floors on which car parking is provided	1
Is there a habitable basement?	No
Number of internal Staircases (protected or unprotected?)	None
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	Common areas only
Grade of fire alarm	Grade F
Category of fire alarm	LD3 Minimum Protection
Emergency Lighting Provision	Maintained system - Common areas
Portable Fire Extinguishers supplied/fitted	Yes
Fixed Fire Fighting Installations	No

Customers

Number of occupants	0
Occupant tenure type breakdown	

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	1

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

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Purpose of Fire Risk Assessment	Annual Re-Assessment
Type of Risk Assessment	Type 1 (Common Parts Only - Non Destructive)
Quantity	1
Fire & Safety Assessor	Kevin Jones
Enforcing Fire Authority	Cleveland
Scheme Tel. No	
Other staff in attendance	None
Number of on-site Accent staff	Scheme Manager Weekdays
Number of other (non-Accent) staff	Contract Cleaners in common areas
Scheme Inspection completed	Yes
Number of occupants	0
Personal Emergency Evacuation Plans in place	N/A
Current Evacuation Strategy	Full (Simultaneous) Evacuation
Conversion or purpose-built	Purpose Built
Number of Storeys	1
Number of floors on which car parking is provided	1
Is there a habitable basement?	No
No. of internal staircases (protected/unprotected)	None
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	Common areas only
Grade of Fire Alarm	Grade F
Category of Fire Alarm	LD3 Minimum Protection
Emergency Lighting Provision	Maintained system - Common areas
Portable Fire Extinguishers / Fire Blankets supplied / fitted	Yes
Water Extinguisher(s) present	Yes
Foam Extinguisher(s) present	Yes
Dry Powder Extinguisher(s) present	No
Carbon Dioxide Extinguisher(s) present	Yes
Fire Blanket(s) present	Yes
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 to be in good condition and secured
Valid Electrical Installation Condition Reports held on file? (Common Areas & General Needs Flats)	Yes
Comment	Results are uploaded to Active H
Electrical App/PA Testing - tested within past 12 months?	Yes
Comment	
Absence of trailing leads and adapters?	Yes
Comment	
Evidence that mobility scooters are not being stored/charged in common areas?	Yes
Comment	
Is there a purpose built mobility scooter store/charging area?	No

Comment

Does the building have a lightning protection system?

No

Comment

Not required for building height

Gas installations

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

Yes

Comment

Supply for the heating boiler only

Valid LGSR held on file for fixed communal area gas appliances?
(Boilers)

Yes

Comment

Results are uploaded to Active H

Valid LGSR held on file for residential flats that contains gas appliances?

N/A

Comment

Non residential premises

Are smoke/heat detectors within General Needs flats subject to an annual inspection and the results

N/A

Comment

Other Sources of Ignition

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

Yes

Comment

Adequate security against arson?

Yes

Comment

Secure exits key operated

Are refuse/recycling bin areas managed and suitably located?

N/A

Comment

No refuse bin identified

Are there communal cooking facilities at this scheme?

Yes

Comment

Kitchen used occasionally for drinks and warming snacks

Are reasonable measures taken to prevent fires as a result of cooking?

Yes

Comment

Where there is extraction in communal kitchens, are filters and ductwork changed/cleaned regularly?

N/A

Comment

No extraction fitted

Housekeeping

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

Yes

Comment

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Are unnecessary accumulations of combustible materials or waste avoided?	No
Comment	Collection of combustibles in office area. Requested to be removed made to scheme manager
Are combustible materials and substances separated from ignition sources and stored appropriately?	Yes
Comment	
Furniture/furnishings in good condition, fire retardant/resistant and comply with modern standards and regulations?	Yes
Comment	Sample inspection carried out furniture compliant

Other Significant Fire Hazards

Are all other significant fire hazards adequately controlled?	Yes
Comment	

Means of Escape from Fire

Is it considered that the building is provided with reasonable means of escape in case of fire?	Yes
Comment	
Escape routes unobstructed and safe to use?	Yes
Comment	
Exits immediately openable without a key and/or failsafe's function correctly?	Yes
Comment	Main entrance key operated emergency rear exit door push bar operation
Reasonable distances of travel where there is a single/alternative direction of travel?	Yes
Comment	Minimal travel distances
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 of brick and mortar and plaster finish
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	Bolted ceiling to lounge area small space in loft above kitchen housing the heating boiler
Loft hatches fire resisting?	Yes
Comment	
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 in premis
Do external walls, doors, windows and anything attached to the exterior, limit fire spread?	No
Comment	
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	None provided

Emergency Escape Lighting

Is the emergency lighting correctly specified and installed as per current standards?	N/A
Comment	No 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	Numerous around prenis
Directional fire escape signage in place and adequate?	Yes
Comment	
Is there suitable LIFT signage i.e. do not use in case of fire?	N/A
Comment	No lift fitted

Do common area fire doors display the correct signage on both sides where applicable? No
 Comment Signage required for kitchen door

Means of giving Warning in case of Fire

Is the scheme fitted with a communal area fire alarm? Yes
 Comment

Is fire detection and warning system appropriate for occupancy and fire risk, as per BS 5839-1:2017? Yes
 Comment

Is the fire detection and warning system maintained/tested and all certificates saved on file? Yes
 Comment Results are uploaded to Active H

Fire alarm components in good condition and securely fixed to walls/ceilings? Yes
 Comment Appear to be in good condition and secured

Hold open devices operate at the sounding of the alarm and are in a serviceable condition? N/A
 Comment None fitted

Are there heat detectors located in the Kitchen, Boiler, Plant Room and Laundry? Yes
 Comment

Is the fire alarm panel remotely monitored, and if so are there records of regular testing? No
 Comment Not remotely monitored

Fire Extinguishing Equipment

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

Portable fire extinguishers - appropriate type/number/position? Yes
 Comment

Correct signage displayed by each fire extinguisher? Yes
 Comment

Fire blanket in communal kitchen, secured to the wall, complete with signage? Yes
 Comment

Dry risers - Inlet/outlet boxes secured and/or securing straps fitted to outlet valves? N/A
 Comment None installed

Records available of fire fighting equipment servicing within past 12 months?

Yes

Comment

Results are uploaded to Active H

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 with all Accountable Persons for the premises?

Yes

Comment

How will this sharing be achieved?

FRA Uploaded to Active H

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

Office space available but not used.

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 telephone

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

Yes

Comment

Engagement with Residents

Has information of fire procedures been disseminated to residents?

Yes

Comment

Not residential property, Signs within the premises

Is general fire safety information disseminated to residents? N/A

Comment Non residential

FRA Frequency

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

Comment

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? Yes

Comment

Can work be conducted without the need for an asbestos survey. If no, task Customer Safety Surveyor - Asbestos. Yes

Comment

Were there any unsatisfactory aspects of the Fire Risk Assessment? (Visible on Building Safety Report). Yes

Some fire doors did not fully close so works orders have been raised with our contractors. Yes

Some minor works were required which have been raised with our contractors. No

Unauthorised items were found in communal areas and arrangements were made for their removal. Yes

Not all records were up to date, as noted in the table below. Arrangements have been made for these to be completed. No

A number of fire doors were found to be wedged or propped open. Fire doors are there to keep you safe and me kept shut at all times. Yes

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**