

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

**Asset ID: 9503**      **18-21 Vernon Court Block 18-21 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	18-21 Vernon Court Block 18-21 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 B
Category of fire alarm	LD3 Minimum 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

## 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

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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 B
Category of Fire Alarm	LD3 Minimum 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 and secure
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 portable equipment identified
Absence of trailing leads and adapters?	N/A
Comment	
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 entrance doors are key operated

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

External intake in a secured cupboard with individual meter cupboard next to each flat entrance

Are unnecessary accumulations of combustible materials or waste avoided?

Yes

Comment

Good housekeeping observed

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

Yes

Comment

Minimal storage areas available

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

Good housekeeping throughout

### Means of Escape from Fire

Is it considered that the building is provided with reasonable means of escape in case of fire?	Yes
Comment	Single staircase two directional escape routes in opposite directions to final exit
Escape routes unobstructed and safe to use?	Yes
Comment	Clear escape routes
Exits immediately openable without a key and/or failsafe's function correctly?	Yes
Comment	Yale type thumbturn lock
Reasonable distances of travel where there is a single/alternative direction of travel?	Yes
Comment	Minimal travel distance from 1st floor 2 directional final exit escape route on ground floor
Escape routes lead to final exits and open in direction of escape where necessary?	Yes
Comment	

Observation	Priority	Referred To	Required By:	Task ID
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Yale type thumbturn lock on final exit door No Action



### Fire Spread and Development

Is it considered that the compartmentation is of a reasonable standard?	Yes
Comment	Traditional construction of brick and mortar with plaster finish ceilings
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	
As far as can be reasonably ascertained, is the compartmentation within roof spaces of a satisfactory standard?	Yes

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Comment	Traditional construction of brick and mortar with tiled roof unable to access roof
Loft hatches fire resisting?	N/A
Comment	Unable to confirm loft hatches not positioned 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 fitted
Do external walls, doors, windows and anything attached to the exterior, limit fire spread?	Yes
Comment	Traditional construction
If Smoke Control Systems (AOV's) are fitted, are the records of annual testing available?	N/A
Comment	None fitted
Are roller shutter doors that are required to be FR, fire resisting and self-closing?	N/A
Comment	None fitted

**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



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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

1st floor change of level

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

N/A

Comment

None fitted

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

N/A

Comment

None fitted

Observation

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Fire safety and directional signage

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 report uploaded to Active H

How will this sharing be achieved?

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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

### Engagement with Residents

Has information of fire procedures been disseminated to residents? Yes

Comment Signage throughout and induction programme resident portal communication

Is general fire safety information disseminated to residents? Yes

Comment Signage resident communication portal, engagement communication with manager

### FRA Frequency

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

Comment

### Miscellaneous

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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:

**FRA Review Frequency**

<b>MINOR</b>	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).
<b>MAJOR</b>	An outbreak of fire could result in injury of one or more occupants, but is unlikely to lead to fatalities.
<b>CRITICAL</b>	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
<b>Trivial</b>	No action is required
<b>Moderate</b>	Efforts should be made to reduce the risk level and this should be carried out within the specified time periods.
<b>Substantial</b>	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.
<b>Intolerable</b>	The building (or the relevant area) should not be occupied until the risk is reduced.

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