

ACCENT HOUSING - FIRE RISK ASSESSMENT



Region : North West

Scheme Name : Moss Side B - Cheetham Meadow

Scheme Address : Cheetham Meadow, no's 25a-f, 26a-f
Leyland
PR26 7UB

Date of Assessment: 14/03/2024

Date of Next Assessment: 14/03/2025

FRA Frequency: Annual Re-Assessment

Fire & Safety Assessor Ian Potter

This Fire Risk Assessment has been conducted upon the instruction of Accent Housing.

Scheme Details		Moss Side B - Cheetham Meadow
Region:		North West
Scheme Name:		Moss Side B - Cheetham Meadow
Site Address:	Street:	Cheetham Meadow, no's 25a-f, 26a-f
	Town:	Leyland
	Post Code:	PR26 7UB
Block & Asset No.		Block 25: 9210
Block & Asset No.		Block 26: 9211
Date of this Assessment		14/03/2024
Date of Next Review		14/03/2025
Fire Risk Assessment Frequency		Annual
Purpose of Fire Risk Assessment		Annual Re-Assessment
Fire & Safety Assessor		Ian Potter
Director of Customer Experience		Louise Graham Smith
Customer Partnership Manager		Kayley Scott
Contract Manager		Emma Watkinson
Scheme Manager/Customer Partner		Lauren Hawthorn
Other staff in attendance		None
Use of Building		General Needs
Approximate Number of occupants		Up to 12 per block
Occupancy Profile		Mixed
Familiarity of the occupants		Fully Familiar
Likely state of the Occupants		Alert
PEEPs in place where necessary		N/A
Number of on-site Accent staff		None
Number of other (non-Accent) staff		Contract cleaners in common areas
Support Agency (Supported Housing)		N/A
Current Evacuation Strategy.		Stay Put (Delayed) Evacuation
Evidence that residents have been notified of the evacuation procedure		Advice notices displayed in common areas
History of fires in the building		None
Business Continuity Plan in place?		Yes
Scope of Assessment		Type 1 (Common Parts Only - Non Destructive)
Applicable Fire Safety Guidance		Purpose-built flats guide LACORS Guide

Building Details	Moss Side B - Cheetham Meadow
Construction Date	1978
Construction Type	Concrete Frame
Roof Finish	Pitched-Clay Tile
External Wall Finish	Brick
Are there any areas of external wall cladding	No
Are there any balconies	No
Conversion or purpose-built	Purpose Built
Number of flats (self-contained)/rooms (HMOS, shared houses)	Six per block a-f
Number of storeys above ground	Two
Number of storeys below ground	None
Is there a habitable basement?	No
Number of internal Staircases per Block (protected or unprotected?)	One-Protected
Number of External Staircases per Block	None
External Balcony part of escape route?	No
Unusual features	None
Building complexity	Simple
Building Access Conditions for Fire Brigade	Vehicular Access to one or more elevations
Surroundings: Residential/Commercial	Residential
Fire Provision Currently in Place	
Fire Detection and Warning System	Flats only
Grade of fire alarm	Grade D
Category of fire alarm	LD3 Minimum Protection
Additional Comments:	
Evacuation Alert System (EAS)	No
Additional Comments:	
Emergency Lighting Provision	Non Maintained System - Common Areas
Additional Comments:	
Portable Fire Extinguishers	None fitted
Additional Comments:	
Fixed Fire Fighting Installations	None fitted
Additional Comments:	

Significant Findings - Fire						
Moss Side B - Cheetham Meadow					14/03/2024	
Action Ref:	Potential Area of Fire Risk	Yes-No-N/A	Observation/Comments/ Actions Required	Risk Rating	Target Completion Date	Referred To:
Fire Hazards						
1	Electrical Sources of Ignition:					
1.1	Electrical Installation within common areas (Fixed Wiring, sockets, switches, light fittings) in good condition and no obvious damage	Yes	None seen	.		
1.2	Valid Electrical Installation Condition Reports held on file.(Common Areas)	Yes	Both blocks checked, and in date on ActiveH	.		
1.3	Valid Electrical Installation Condition Reports held on file. (General Needs Flats)	Yes	All checked and in date on ActiveH	.		
1.4	Electrical App/PA Testing - all portable appliances tested within past 12 months	N/A	No communal appliances	.		
1.5	Absence of trailing leads and adapters	N/A	None seen	.		
1.6	Mobility Scooters - Stored/charged in common areas, purpose built store/resident flat	N/A	No mobility scooters on site	.		
2	Smoking:					
2.1	Are there any risks associated with smoking in the building?	Yes	Smoking allowed in flats - no smoking signage in place for communal areas	.		
3	Arson:					
3.1	Adequate security against arson?	Yes	Front door entry system fitted	.		
3.2	Is there an absence of unnecessary fire load in close proximity to building?	Yes	None seen	.		

4 Heating Installations (Portable/fixed) Gas Installations - Common Areas & General Needs Residential flats.						
4.1	If portable heaters are used, are there suitable controls?	N/A	None in Communal areas	.		
4.2	Are fixed heating installations subject to regular maintenance?	N/A	None in Communal areas	.		
4.3	Valid LGSC held on file for each residential flat that contains gas appliances.	Yes	All checked and in date on ActiveH	.		
5 Cooking:						
5.1	Are reasonable measures taken to prevent fires as a result of cooking?	N/A	No Communal Kitchen	.		
5.2	Where there is extraction ventilation in communal kitchens are filters changed/ cleaned and ductwork cleaned regularly?	N/A	No Communal Kitchen	.		
6 Lightning Protection System:						
6.1	Does the building have a lightning protection system, If so, is it adequately maintained?	N/A	Not required	.		
7 Housekeeping:						
7.1	Is the standard of housekeeping adequate?	No	Pram found in communal stairs of Block 26. Item stickered to inform customer to remove. HP informed	Low	30/4/24	Customer Partner
7.2	Are all electrical/intake/service cupboards secure and free from general waste, contractors waste and residents personal items.	Yes	Most found open at time of inspection, all secured by Fire Assessor. HP to remind residents to keep them secured.	.		
7.3	Are combustible materials separated from ignition sources and stored appropriately?	Yes		.		
7.4	Are unnecessary accumulations of combustible materials or waste avoided?	Yes	None seen	.		
7.5	Are hazardous materials stored appropriately (i.e. oxygen cylinders, flammable materials, explosive products, oxidising products, aerosols)	N/A	None in Communal areas	.		

8	Furniture/furnishings on escape routes and other communal areas:				
8.1	Furniture/furnishings in good condition, fire retardant and complies with 1988 Regulations.	N/A	None in Communal area	.	
9	Other Significant Fire Hazards:				
9.1	Are there other significant fire hazards that are inadequately controlled?	No	None seen	.	
Fire Protection Measures					
10	Means of Escape from Fire:				
10.1	Is it considered that the building is provided with reasonable means of escape in case of fire?	Yes		.	
10.2	Escape routes unobstructed and safe to use?	Yes	No obstructions seen	.	
10.3	Exits easily and immediately openable where necessary, without a key?	Yes		.	
10.4	Reasonable distances of travel where there is a single/alternative direction of travel?	Yes		.	
10.5	Escape routes lead to final exits and open in direction of escape where necessary?	Yes		.	
10.6	Do failsafe's on locked exit doors function correctly?	N/A	None on scheme	.	
10.7	Is it considered that the building is provided with reasonable arrangements for means of escape for disabled people?	No	People with mobility issues may be unable to escape from upper floors	.	
11	Measures to Limit Fire Spread and Development:				
11.1	Is it considered that the compartmentation is of a reasonable standard?	Yes		.	
11.2	Is there reasonable limitation of surface finishes that might promote fire spread (walls, floors, ceilings)?	Yes	Painted walls, no carpets on stairs	.	

11.3	Are fire dampers/shutters provided in ducts/refuse chutes to protect means of escape against fire, smoke and combustion products?	N/A	None at scheme	.		
11.4	Compartmentation within roof spaces of a satisfactory standard?	N/A	Unable to access	.		
11.5	Loft hatches fire resisting?	N/A	Inside residents flats	.		
11.6	Fire stopping above cross-corridor fire doors within suspended ceiling void of a satisfactory standard	N/A	None fitted	.		
11.7	Smoke Control Systems (AOV's) Are records of annual testing available?	N/A	None fitted	.		
11.8	Roller shutter doors (fire resisting)	N/A	None fitted	.		
11.9	Do the external walls, windows, balconies etc pose a risk of significant fire spread?	No	Brick	.		
12	Communal Area Fire Doors (Inspection to include - construction, hinges, closure devices, intumescent/smoke seal condition, glazing systems and maximum gaps between door and frame.)					
12.1	Communal fire doors to FD30s standard and in a serviceable condition,	No	Smoke seal damaged on door into foyer of 26 C&D	Low	30/4/24	Fire Safety Manager
12.2	"Fire door keep shut/locked" signage displayed on both sides of all applicable doors.	Yes	.	.		
12.3	Hold open devices operate at the sounding of the alarm and are in a serviceable condition	N/A	None fitted	.		
13	Flat entrance doors (Internal Common Areas)					
13.1	Do flat entrance doors open onto internal escape routes?	Yes	If yes, see "Residents Front Doors Sheet"	.		
14	Flats with a single direction of escape to a single escape stairway. (External Balcony)					
14.1	Do the flat entrance doors that open onto an external balcony have to be passed during an escape?	N/A	If yes, see "Residents Front Doors Sheet"	.		

14.2	Are the separating walls between the flats and the balcony floor that have to be passed during an escape, fire-resisting up to a height of 1.1m?	N/A		.		
15 Emergency Escape Lighting:						
15.1	Is the emergency lighting correctly specified and installed as per BS 5266-1:2016	Yes		.		
15.2	Are all emergency lighting units in good condition and securely fixed to walls/ceilings	Yes		.		
15.9	Are records of monthly testing available?	Yes	Tested by Tunstall 02/04/24	.		
15.10	Are records of annual testing available?	Yes	Tested 21/08/23 by Tunstall	.		
16 Fire Safety Signs and Notices:						
16.1	Are the correct Fire Action/Advice notices displayed in prominent locations within the common areas?	Yes		.		
16.3	Directional fire escape signage in place and adequate?	Yes		.		
16.4	Is there a suitable LIFT sign i.e. do not use in case of fire.	N/A	No lift	.		
17 Means of giving Warning in case of Fire:						
17.1	Is the fire detection and warning system appropriate for the occupancy and fire risk?	N/A	No communal alarm	.		
17.2	Is the fire detection and warning system correctly specified and installed as per BS 5839-1:2017	N/A		.		
17.3	Is the fire detection and warning system maintained/tested and all certificates saved on file. (BS 5839-1:2017)	N/A		.		
17.4	Are there heat detectors located in the Kitchen, Boiler, Plant Room and Laundry?	N/A	No communal high risk rooms	.		

17.5	Is the fire alarm panel remotely monitored, and if so are there records of regular testing?	N/A	No panel	.		
17.6	Are smoke/heat detectors within General Needs flats subject to an annual inspection and the results recorded on an in date Landlord Gas Safety Record (LGSR)	Yes	See 4.3 above	.		
18	Fire Extinguishing Equipment:					
18.1	Portable fire extinguishers - appropriate type/number/position?	N/A	None on scheme	.		
18.2	Correct signage displayed by each fire extinguisher?	N/A		.		
18.3	Fire blanket in communal kitchen, secured to the wall, complete with signage?	N/A	No communal kitchen	.		
18.4	Hose Reels - fitted, maintained?	N/A	None fitted	.		
18.5	Dry/wet risers - Full access to all inlet/outlet boxes. All inlet/outlets secured and/or securing straps fitted to outlet valves?	N/A	None fitted	.		
18.6	Records available of fire fighting equipment servicing within past 12 months	N/A		.		
19	Management of Fire Safety					
19.1	Are there suitable arrangements for summoning the fire service?	Yes	999 by residents	.		
19.2	Do relevant staff carry out regular fire safety checks	Yes	15/02/2024	.		
19.3	Sheltered Schemes & Regional Offices - Are there sufficient number of qualified Fire wardens.	N/A		.		
19.4	Offices - Are there suitable arrangements for ensuring the premises are evacuated?	N/A		.		

19.5	Offices - Are there suitable arrangements for evacuating disabled people?	N/A		.		
19.6	Offices - Are there suitable arrangements for meeting the fire service on arrival and providing relevant information?	N/A		.		
19.7	Offices/IL Schemes - Is there a suitable assembly point?	N/A		.		
19.8	Offices - Are fire drills carried out at appropriate intervals?	N/A		.		
20	Evacuation Policy					
20.1	Taking the findings of the FRA into account, is the evacuation policy appropriate for the scheme?	Yes		.		
21	Miscellaneous					

Photographs - Fire

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Photo No. 1

Pram in stairwell Block 26



Photo No. 2

Damaged Smoke seal foyer door in 26 c and d

6. 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:

(please insert x below)

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:

(please insert x below)

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
Intolerable	The building (or the relevant area) should not be occupied until the risk is reduced.

Action Plan - Fire					
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Trivial					
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Fire Hazards					
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