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Subject: Ardmore & RS5000

Update on Ardmore and RS5000.

1. Response letter for Octavia Street sent by RW on Tuesday.
2. Jonathan Roome met with Ardmore on Wednesday over two separate meetings to discuss future projects. One of these meetings included Richard Hunt who sent the initial complaint letter to us.
3. Richard had received the letter and speaking with Jonathan Roome I think has general frustration that he does not have a simple solution he can use on all buildings above 18m
4. Richard still felt there could be an issue on Octavia Street but at the afternoon meeting the Construction Director of Ardmore explained that he had argued with NHBC that due to the building design the risk of fire spreading through the façade was not relevant.
5. It appears that the building design incorporates balconies at regular intervals of this project and the slab at each balcony then extends around the building and in to the cavity providing an additional fire break.

Ardmore are keen to work with us in developing a range of systems that are accepted for use and have some high profile projects in their pipeline to support RS5000. I have explained to Jonathan that once are initial investigations for desktop research (he is not aware of who or what we are doing this area) that we have the chance to discuss this in more detail.

Following conversation with Jonathan Roome, we have also now heard that Minster Aylesford have been on to Jon Roper requesting a price for 80mm RS5000 on this project. I have agreed with Jonathan & Jon that they liaise with each other on whether we have full go-ahead from NHBC to be used on this site as despite the meetings yesterday have not had official confirmation of acceptance (nor are we likely to get it).

Given NHBC have now written to us with their position on Above 18m and also the fact that façade systems which we would assume are not compliant are now being accepted due to building design details that we would struggle to be made aware of, we do need to respond to NHBC with our position on what we are telling the market.

Whilst informing that RS may not be suitable for use on certain projects, I believe we need to revisit our wording here as it could be that specific design details are incorporated into projects that we are not aware of and could be turning down projects by only having limited information.

In what is again a record month for RS5000, it does mean we will need to work very closely with the various parties on these projects. Hopefully some positive news from BRE which we are due to get next week will start to allow us to get approval on more projects.

Let's try and discuss when we are all at Hadleigh.

Thanks
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