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Subject: FW: Trellick Tower
Attachments: Trellick Wet Riser Annual Certificate .6th January 2012.pdf; fire fighting lifts in TMO properties.criteria met.July 2010.htm; roca_FIRE FIGHTING LIFTS list.March 2010.xlsx

Carl

Hope you had a good holiday and thanks for the Anchor House FRA. For info here is my response to LFB. Nick phoned on Thursday to say he and Collette (and an operational colleague) were visiting Trellick the following day - so I met them there. Seemed to go ok but Collette was carrying out her audit so will no doubt get something in writing as follow-up

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From: Janice Wray
Sent: 29 May 2012 13:03
To: 'nicolas.comery@london-fire.gov.uk'
Subject: RE: Trellick Tower

Nick

Apologies for the delay in responding to you e-mail. I have liaised with our technical officers and in response to your queries I would advise as follows -

1. I have attached the certificate for the last annual test on the wet rising main (dated January 2012) which sets out the pressures attained at each floor level. I am led to understand that requirement is to meet the standard when the riser was installed and so it is likely that it does not currently meet the requirements of BS5306. However, we have just appointed a Services Consultant Engineer to undertake a review of areas of Trellick Tower's services and compliance with BS5306 is to be included in the brief. (I am advised that the initial report is due to be produced in August 2012.)
2. Happy to install a sign to clarify that the box provides access to the fire control switch. However, our consultant has asked, for the avoidance of ambiguity, could the Station Manager clarify precisely how you need this notice to be worded.
3. In discussions with your predecessors we clarified that many of our lifts meet the majority, but not all, of the criteria for fire fighting lifts. (For example we do not install a trap door / hatch in the roof of the car etc.) It was agreed that we would clarify the criteria that our "fire fighting lifts" do meet and I have attached an e-mail to the then Borough Commander, Brian Deans, setting out these criteria. Additionally, I attached a list of the blocks where these lifts are located and you will see this includes Trellick Tower.
4. I am unaware of any "engineered" provision for smoke extract from the corridors and believe the only provision is the periodic louvred ventilation panels. This is not an area that has been highlighted by either the Fire Risk Assessment or the LFB's Deficiency Notice as requiring attention. Additionally, this has not been raised with us following any fire at this block. You may be aware that we recently completed a programme of major works on this building which included a significant element of fire safety works. In particular, tenanted flat entrance doors were upgraded to meet the required standards and corridor doors, staircase doors etc. were also upgraded. Are you advising that this is an area that we need to investigate further? Please advise
5. Happy to consider a Premises Information Box at this location. Would be inclined to use the one produced by GERDA as we already use their high security locks. I will ask our Consultant to progress this.

You have requested a copy of the current Fire Risk Assessment. Following the conclusion of the major works this is currently being drafted by the Fire Risk Assessor, however, he is on a couple of weeks annual leave so grateful if you could bear with me until his return when this will be finalised.

Hope this is helpful. Grateful if you could advise on our queries.

Thanks

Janice

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Subject: Trellick Tower
Importance: High

Janice,
The station commander at North Kensington fire station - Steven Cunningham, is reviewing the firefighting tactics at Trellick Tower.
He has raised the following questions :

1.
So the question is for TMO is what pressure and flow can we expect from the wet rising main. This should be available from the last test done on the riser, which should have been recently when they worked on the pumps. The BS 5306 states that a flow of 1500 litres per minute should be available which equates to three outlets in use at 4-5 bar each supply at 500 litres per minute, this BS came in after Trellick Tower was built.
2.
On another note the Box containing the Fire Lift switch is opened using a drop down key. This could be misconstrued as operating the Fire Lifts, as this is how we take charge of the lift in many premises, instead of just opening the Box to reveal the switch and phone. Local crews are aware but it may not be them that attend. There needs to be a sign along the lines of:
Fire Lift control switch inside this box.
3.
Can they confirm that all 3 lifts are Fire fighting Lifts.
4.
Can they supply us with information on the engineered solution for how the corridors are vented of smoke and the products of combustion for fire fighting purposes.
5.
Would they consider a Premises information Box for the building where we could put plans and operational information on the wet riser and tactics to be used for the premises.

If I could have your comments on the above questions I would be grateful. I would also be grateful for the latest copy of the fire risk assessment.
Reference question 3 if they are not technically firefighting lifts, could it be confirmed that the operational of the firefighters switch means that the lifts are controlled from the buttons inside the lifts and that they have a back up power supply.
Thank you very much.
Nick

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