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Subject: Grenfell and finger blocks - visit with fire brigade

Hi Janice

I had a great time on site this am with our architect and Daniel Hallissey and Matthew Ramsey and a.n.other from the fire brigade. We talked through our Grenfell scheme, specifically 4 issues:

1 We need to submit our airflow calculations to building regulations to evidence our smoke strategy to the internal lobbies is viable

2 Matthew was very unhappy about the existing state of the smoke vents to each lobby - of those looked at about 30% were not in the right position. I have been chasing RGE for 2 months now on their servicing records and had nothing back. Janice, do you want to chase Simon Coleman or Dil on this as I am obviously getting nowhere. Matthew said about issuing us with notice to confirm fully functional in 6 weeks, but maybe I can deal with Daniel on this, assuming that we do have some servicing records?

3 The ramp can go, but they were unhappy with the arrangements to accessing the finger blocks which need to be updated to make sure that the existing fire arrangements work. The assumption is that the tenders are parked outside Grenfell on the service road, and then that the fire fighters go through the basement garages to the hydrants, and then do a 'loop' so that they can get water at the floors the water is needed at. Please see the bullet points below.

4 Carl, can you please confirm that the lifts are either fireman's or fire fighting - I did not realise there was a difference!

Carl/Janice, you may want to do a review of the finger blocks in relation the FRA - the issues raised today were:

- * insecure entrances, a couple of those looked at today were open and therefore giving access for illegal/fire setting people in the basement garages
- * non-standard locks on hydrants (the same applied to the dry risers in Grenfell)
- * signage from basement not pointing out that the basement gives access to the upper floors of the finger blocks, and which numbers - and generally
- * the atrium rooflight control panel is in Grenfell concierge room - I do not know if anyone checks it. Currently it is showing that the rooflight at Hurstway nearest the podium access has an issue. Who deals with this? I would want to get rid of this panel, as it is no use to Grenfell and I suspect it is not serviced/managed.
- * LESS WORRIED ABOUT cross ventilation to garages not happening now. It seems as if for security, that the fanlights have been blocked up allowing some, but not as designed, ventilation levels.
- * LESS WORRIED ABOUT garage doors have numbers at top of doors, which would not be legible with smoke rising
- * LESS WORRIED ABOUT our contractor OCS storing flammable materials in their store under Hurstway

Shout if you want to sit down and talk to this.

Janice - please let me know if you have any joy with RGE re testing the smoke vents in the lobbies.

Thanks

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