

Message

From: Bruce Sounes [bruce@studioe.co.uk]
Sent: 03/03/2014 20:02:10
To: Terry Ashton [Terry.Ashton@Exova.com]
CC: Claire Williams [clwilliams@kctmo.org.uk]; Matt Smith (M.Smith@maxfordham.com) [M.Smith@maxfordham.com]
Subject: RE: Grenfell and smoke vent lobbies - fire brigade session

Terry,

Apologies for taking so long to respond. There are some key issues that need to be addressed.

The tender report is in preparation and I think we have a favourite. The interviews are this Friday and I hope a decision will be made soon. There is inevitably some VE to investigate and we - that is Studio E – will be novated to the Contractor. I am hoping that work can commence soon after so that we can follow up Building Control's response with test reports and a further meeting.

The sooner this happens the better. Unless the TMO decide otherwise I think this discussion will be under the control of the D&B Contractor who will be working to a letter of intent or similar.

Regards

Bruce Sounes

For and on behalf of
STUDIO E LLP

Palace Wharf, Rainville Road, London W6 9HN
T [REDACTED] | F [REDACTED] | www.studioe.co.uk

From: Terry Ashton [mailto:Terry.Ashton@Exova.com]
Sent: 26 February 2014 15:56
To: Bruce Sounes; Claire Williams
Cc: M.Smith@maxfordham.com
Subject: RE: Grenfell and smoke vent lobbies - fire brigade session

Bruce

Sorry for not responding sooner (this is the one that got away!).

Duncan and I spoke about the main issue (the smoke extract system serving the lift lobbies shortly after your original email of 6 January and I sent him an email on 15 January giving my view on this issue. Currently, I don't know where we are with this.

With regard to the other issues raised by Paul Hanson in his memo to John Allen dated 6 December my views are as follows:

Item 3 (connections with different uses)

This is one aspect of the fire strategy which appears to be acceptable.

Item 4 (service risers opening into stairway)

As I see it, there is no practicable way of accessing the service risers labelled "A" from anywhere other than the stair/lift lobby. Having stated that, do we need access to the refuse chute at this level?

Item 5 (refuse chute)

This is an existing situation and, provided we are not making anything worse, I don't believe that any additional measures are necessary.

Item 6 (marked up plans)

WALKWAY + 1 LEVEL

I fail to see what benefits will accrue from providing a smoke detector in the hallway of the three bedroom flat as activation of a single smoke detector in any of the rooms will cause an evacuation signal to be given throughout the flat.

WALKWAY LEVEL

I don't understand why it is necessary to extend the mechanical smoke extract system to this level as the only accommodation which opens into the lift lobby and exitway to the stair is the office stair and the latter has an automatic opening vent 0.4m² in area direct to atmosphere (as shown on your fire drawing).

GROUND FLOOR LEVEL

Requiring a fire rated corridor within the nursery is a little harsh. If the fire alarm system in the nursery is an automatic one (i.e. operated by fire detectors as well as break glass call points), this should give the occupants sufficient early warning of fire to make their escape before a fire becomes life threatening.

I thought that we had specified a self-closing proprietary fire/smoke curtain to the opening between the concierge room and the adjacent entrance hall.

Before we can go back to RBKC, we need to resolve what is happening with regard to the mechanical smoke extract system.

Kind regards

Terry

Terry Ashton: *Associate, Fire Engineering (Europe)*

Exova Warringtonfire

T: [REDACTED] M: [REDACTED]

Exova



From: Bruce Sounes [<mailto:bruce@studioe.co.uk>]

Sent: 14 February 2014 09:57

To: Claire Williams

Cc: M.Smith@maxfordham.com; Terry Ashton
Subject: RE: Grenfell and smoke vent lobbies - fire brigade session

Dear Claire,

Please see attached our fire strategy drawings, both the originals and the documents received from Building Control. I would hesitate sending these as is – they have taken a very conservative line and we haven't begun further negotiations. I'm copying Terry in – he may have an opinion.

Regards

Bruce Sounes

For and on behalf of
STUDIO E LLP

Palace Wharf, Rainville Road, London W6 9HN
T [REDACTED] | F [REDACTED] | www.studioe.co.uk

From: Claire Williams [<mailto:clwilliams@kctmo.org.uk>]
Sent: 12 February 2014 13:43
To: Bruce Sounes
Cc: M.Smith@maxfordham.com
Subject: Grenfell and smoke vent lobbies - fire brigade session

Bruce

Thank you for covering this meeting, and running around to get the paperwork on the table!

As a result we have 2 things happening:

- Site visit with station manager Dan Hallissey who is new to the North Kensington patch, and also Matthew Ramsey who is their high rise man. We talked about this being w/c 24 February, as soon as I get a date I will be in touch.
- Putting together package of information on the smoke venting system proposed for a chat with the fire engineers. Nick Comrey the regulatory safety team leader said he would facilitate this, but mentioned the fire engineers are very busy and would probably prefer a building control submission – but let us see if we can have that chat anyway. Nick is due to retire at the end of March, so should we see if we could do this pre 24 Feb? Do we have sufficient information for an informal chat with them? If so, perhaps Matt, you could email me the relevant information, and I can forward it asap.

Thanks

Claire Williams
Project Manager



t: [REDACTED]
m: [REDACTED]

a: The Network Hub, 292a Kensal Road, London, W10 5BE



This e-mail message has been scanned for Viruses and Content and cleared by **MailMarshal**

DISCLAIMER:

This E-mail and any files transmitted with are intended solely for the use of the individual or entity to whom they are addressed. If you have received this email in error please notify the System Administrator. This message may contain confidential information and is intended only for the individual named. If you are not the named addressee you should not disseminate, distribute or copy this email.

Please note that any views or opinions presented in this email are solely those of the author and do not necessarily represent those of Kensington & Chelsea TMO Ltd. Finally, the recipient should check this email and any attachments for the presence of viruses. Kensington & Chelsea TMO Ltd accepts no liability for any damage caused by any Virus transmitted by this email.

This transmission may contain information that is privileged, confidential and /or exempt from disclosure under applicable Law.

If you are not the intended recipient, you are hereby notified that any disclosure, copying, distribution, or use of the information contained herein is **STRICTLY PROHIBITED**. If you receive this transmission in error, please immediately contact the sender and destroy the material in its entirety, whether in electronic or hard copy format.

Exova is the trading name of Exova Group Limited, Exova Group BV and all subsidiaries therein.

Exova Group Ltd. Registered office: 6 Coronet Way, Centenary Park, Salford, Manchester M50 1RE.
Registered in England and Wales, Company Number 06720350.

Exova Warringtonfire Aus Pty Ltd Registered office: Unit 2, 409-411 Hammond Road, Dandenong, VIC 3175, Australia, ABN 81 050 241 524.

Exova Group BV is registered in The Netherlands.

Please consider the environment before printing this e-mail and any associated attachments.
