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Subject: RE: Grenfell Tower - Lobby Smoke Venting

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Claire,

We have been trying to progress the testing of the smoke venting system so we can make a submission to RBKC building control.

Prior to arranging for a specialist commissioning/testing company to come to carry out the testing, we have been trying to get confirmation from RGE Services, who maintain the system, that the system is fully operational and ready for testing.

Matt met one of their engineers on site on the 22 Jan who wasn't terribly familiar with the project. We have since spoken to Dil Singh of RGE who has promised to get written confirmation to us, but despite several chase-ups, we have yet to receive anything. Would you contact them please and stress the urgency of this as we don't seem to be getting anywhere quickly with them.

Sorry to be a pain, but as their client, you may hold more sway than we do.

Dill's contact details are:

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Please be mindful that Matt and I have 2 appointments organised which may impact.

23 Jan – with the TMO fire consultant

12 Feb – with our local Fire Brigade station managers (who I can only access once I have had the above meeting) who meet the TMO quarterly and have previously had a familiarisation visit at our request

I don't know how the fire brigade will feed back to the building regulations team, but I think the more people who understand our proposal and can 'come on side' the better!

Thanks

**Claire Williams**  
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Philip,

As you are aware, we have been trying for some time to produce a ventilation strategy for smoke-venting of the lift lobbies at each of the residential levels which would be acceptable to RBKC Building Control and also for them to feel confident about presenting this to the Fire Brigade.

Bruce sent us on the 8 Jan 2014 a copy of the memo he received from RBKC Building Control dated 6 Dec 13 (copy attached) which summarises their views on the question of smoke venting.

Essentially, RBKC are asking for site testing of the system to establish air flow rates achieved by the current system or for a CFD study to be carried out to predict what a reasonable air flow rate would be. We have been trying to satisfy them by offering what we and Exova considered to be a reasonable air flow rate, but they seem to be insistent that we take the measurement or CFD route in order to establish the required air flow rate.

While in theory it should be relatively straightforward to take measurements, from our visual inspections of the system, it is likely that some problems may arise. The system is very old and appears to be not well maintained, indeed tender documents for replacement of the system were produced by AECOM in October 2011. We would therefore anticipate that site measurement may prove to be difficult.

The alternative of providing a CFD model is outside our scope of works and not within our expertise. I believe Exova could provide this, but do not think CFD is the appropriate way of resolving matters: Terry - could you comment on this.

It is rather frustrating that we can't seem to persuade RBKC Building Control that our proposals are reasonable and would provide a better and more reliable system than what is there at present, however, we need to move things along and decide how to proceed as the intention was to resolve this and reach agreement with RBKC Building Control and the Fire Brigade before appointing a contractor.

Once Terry has had a chance to consider and comment, we can discuss further.

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