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**Subject:** RE: National Grid works - advice please

Janice, in short, we do not usually take a Building Regulation application for this type of work.

Although it is not specifically mentioned in the Building Regulations or the Building Act we would regard it as a repair.

A steel pipe in the stairway enclosure will not pose a particular risk. Where gas risers are enclosed there is a need to ventilate (Vertical and horizontal risers)

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Hi John

Thank you for this information.

In relation to Grenfell Tower the new riser has been installed in a new location – in the means of escape staircase (no space in old riser i believe). It is our understanding that National Grid plan to enclose this with fire-rated boarding, however, we have been seeking confirmation of this and timescales for the work but we are struggling to get this confirmation. Additionally, a number of residents are raising concern about this and we need to provide them with an urgent response.

As we have no contractual relationship with NG we have not been able to control their work and as we now have potential fire safety and Building Regs compliancy concerns we would be grateful for your assistance. Would your team be able to visit site and investigate the work that National Grid has undertaken and raise any concerns with them?

Is this something your team can assist with?

Please advise

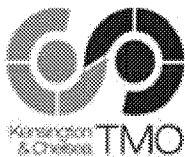
(I'm on leave today but I will be happy to respond to any queries you have.)

Regards

Janice


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Janice, I am content that this work would be regarded as a repair providing there is no change to the fire safety implications. A building regulation application would not be required.

In particular to ensure that the riser replaces a riser in the same position. Gas risers and meters are not generally positioned within stairways or if they are they should be in fire resisting enclosures.

They should also reinstate and firestop any fire resisting enclosures that are affected as part of the installation.

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Hi John

Grateful if you could please let me have some advice. We currently have National Grid in one of our blocks fitting a new gas riser throughout the building - in communal areas and in dwellings. As a utility we cannot stop them doing work and we have no contract with the so we have no real control over them. Unfortunately, they have drilled into some asbestos within an occupied flat and this has now been escalated to the HSE. We had asked if they had sought Building Regs approval for the works they are undertaking and their response was that they are not required to do this and had not submitted an application for any other scheme. Are you able to confirm if this is correct or should they have applied for Building Regs approval for this work in advance – and if so should they now apply retrospectively ?

Or is there any other way that they can be policed and their working methods controlled at your end?

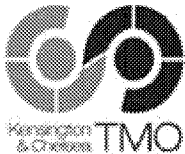
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Thanks


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