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## **Existing Dry riser – email chain regarding control under Building regulations**

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**Sent:** 02 September 2014 15:59  
**To:** 'John.hoban@rbkc.gov.uk'  
**Cc:** Terence McLaughlin; Robin Thorne; Alan Whyte; 'Simon Lawrence'; Simon O'Connor; 'Neil@studioe.co.uk'; 'Bruce Sounes'  
**Subject:** Grenfell Tower

Hi John,

Simon Lawrence from Rydon has passed on your details, I'd like to introduce myself as I am currently working on the refurbishment of the above mentioned project. We will be carrying out the mechanical and electrical works associated with the refurbishment.

One of the items I need to discuss with you is the modifications to the existing dry riser. We are not increasing the high of the existing riser but we are adding two additional floors at low level which were previously walkways. We understand the existing riser is above the current permitted height of 50 meters, we would therefore need to discuss the proposed modification and what measures we need to take to gain approval for the new system.

I have tried to call but I understand you are currently out of the office, please call me when you can on the number below, alternatively I will try calling again tomorrow morning. Thank you.

Kind regards,

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**Sent:** 03 September 2014 08:06

**To:** Hanson, Paul: PC-BlgCtrl; 'John.hoban@rbkc.gov.uk'

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**Subject:** FW: Grenfell Tower

Morning Paul,

I sent a message to John Hoban yesterday regarding the dry riser at Grenfell Tower, however I've been informed you may be the person to speak to regarding fire issues?

Kind regards,

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**Subject:** RE: Grenfell Tower

Hi David,

Thank you for your email and I note:-

. We are not increasing the high of the existing riser but we are adding two additional floors at low level which were previously walkways. We understand the existing riser is above the current permitted height of 50 meters, we would therefore need to discuss the proposed modification and what measures we need to take to gain approval for the new system.

This sounds like a matter of control rather than a technical question, I have spoken to John Hoban the area surveyor, who would normally deal with matters on control, and he agreed in this instance with my sending you this response.

Essentially the building regulations cannot require you to improve the system to serve the existing floors over 50m.

The regulations only apply to the work being carried out and additionally you must not adversely affect the existing building.

If this does not answer the question please give me a ring to discuss further.

Regards.

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