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Dear Board Members

On 6th January we were formally served with an Enforcement Notice in respect of Adair Tower. The notice is dated 23rd December 2015 and was hand delivered by the London Fire Brigade Borough Commander, Rob Davies at a meeting with Robert Black.

The key requirements of the Notice (steps considered necessary) are as follows:

1. All flat entry doors must be fitted with self closing devices;
2. The windows in the protected (escape) staircase must have controlled opening. *Currently the windows in this stair case can be easily opened which could allow smoke to re-enter the staircase due to proximity to smoke vent outlets;*
3. The corridors, lobbies and stairs used for access to the flats are intended for use as a protected route (both the main accommodation staircase and the escape staircase). The protected route has been compromised by flat entry doors without self closers and where remedial work may be required to ensure walls have a minimum 60 minute fire resistance and openings (doors, entrance ways, service openings, holes around trunking and pipework) have a minimum of 30 minutes fire resistance;
4. Provide adequate signage to the protected staircase and In the Event of Fire emergency instructions in all communal parts.
5. Prevent obstructions to the Dry Rising Main inlet. *This inlet was obstructed by the fencing erected around the scaffolding left by the roofing contractor now in administration. Although obstructed it was a temporary moveable structure which was moved on the day of the incident. An audit of the other sites where the contractor had left scaffolding showed no other issues;*
6. Make arrangements for the storage, handling and use of LPG cylinders found on the roof. *These cylinders were left by the roofing contractor now in administration and have since been removed. An audit of all other sites the contractor had commenced work on identified no other similar issues. We have raised this issue with our consultants who were responsible for this aspect of the work.*

The Notice requires that all steps must be taken by 23rd June 2016.

It should be noted that points 1 to 4 are a change in policy by the London Fire Brigade as a direct result of the fire, and none of these points have been noted in any previous audits undertaken.

Points 5 and 6 arose as a result of works partially completed and abandoned as the result of the contractor now in administration. These matters were rectified at the time of the incident or within the following few days.

The Executive Team together with relevant TMO staff are now reviewing the steps considered necessary and will prepare an action plan to ensure compliance by 23rd June 2016. A further update will be provided to the Board in March.

We are still expecting to receive an Enforcement Notice in relation to Hazelwood Tower but have yet to receive one.

Regards

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