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To: Bruce Sounes
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Hello Bruce

I'm actually on holiday at the moment for some reason my auto reply is not working. I did point out to Cathrin that I cannot give specific CDM advice for projects, that's not what we do. You should refer any design issues to the CDM Co-ordinator for the project and the Principal Contractor.

Best regards

Martin

From: Bruce Sounes [bruce@studioe.co.uk]
Sent: 31 July 2012 16:22
To: Martin Somerfield
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Dear Martin,

I understand you are our point of call for CDM related issues. I hope you are able give us some input on this one.

We are involved in an overcladding project for Kensington and Chelsea, a 24 storey tower block near Latimer Road Tube Station.

As a residential tower there is a need for opening windows, not just for ventilation but also for cleaning. The existing sliding windows are cleanable using a squeegee but it's less than ideal. We've put together some options, attached.

The tilt and turn is the favourite from a safety point of view but won't provide enough fresh air, especially on the east and west –facing units. We could augment the ventilation using louvers or more windows.

Do you have any experience on this? The consensus within the client and design teams is that the windows need to be safe in normal operation and any restrictor device needs a very deliberate action to override. It's a common problem but not one that we've encountered as a practice before.

Many thanks.

Bruce Sounes

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