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location of the horizontal and vertical cavity barriers
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on the elevations; am I right?
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A. Correct.
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Q. But we don't see any cavity barriers at all around the
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windows, do we?
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A. No.
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Q. I don't think you commented there on the absence of
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Q. No. Was that because you had understood from Mr Sounes that they weren't required?
A. That was from -- as I mentioned previously, the strategy was just dealing with the compartments, and that's correct, not round the windows.
Q. Right, I see.

If we can go down to page 12 \{SEA00003160/12\} in the same document set, please, we can see there a horizontal cavity barrier set above the window within the cladding, can't we?
A. Yes.
Q. Just so that everyone else understands what we're talking about, could you just point it out for us on the drawing?
SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: How do you want him to do that?
MR MILLETT: That's a very good point.
Let me put it to you, then. It's the big shaded oblong on the left .
A. Yes, so what you're seeing here is the horizontal cavity barrier, which is -- has an intumescent front, so it's held 25 -mil or thereabouts off the front face of the metal panel, so that allows the -- it's a pressure equalised façade, so it allows the air to freely move up and down the façade.
Q. Right.

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The cavity barrier position has moved from the head of the window on the Studio E drawings to further up. Do you agree that that means that it's now out of line with the compartment floor?
A. No, it's lined with the compartment floor. The concrete behind is the floor.
Q. But it's not at the head of the window, is it, anymore; it 's further up, as you can see.
A. Well, where it should be -- where it should correctly be is in the -- at the extent of the compartment, which is correct, where it's drawn there.
Q. But it's in the middle of the concrete slab; it's not at the line of the concrete slab and the compartment ceiling, is it?
A. Well, you couldn't, because you can see there is a chamfer at the bottom of the concrete slab.
Q. It doesn't comply with diagram 33 of ADB because it's not in line with the line of the compartment.
A. But it is in line.
Q. Do you accept that? You think it is.
A. No, that's not correct. It is in line with the compartment line. The compartment line is the floor.
Q. Can you explain why it's different from Studio E's original drawing?
A. But it fundamentally isn't.
Q. Fundamentally, you say, it isn't?
A. As I recall -- I can't -- I don't have the drawing in front of me, but the drawing would have shown the cavity barrier within the compartment floor or wall -- in this instance, floor -- construction, so it's lining up with the compartment floor.
Q. I see, okay.
Now, if you could look at \{SEA00003160/12\}, the note next to the drawing -- do you see that? -- on the left -hand side says -- and it needs to be expanded, I think, so that we can all read it:
"Firebreak cut around cladding rails . All joints taped on top face."
Did you think about, looking at that, whether the proposal to cut the cavity barriers may affect the ability of the cavity barrier to inhibit fire spread within the cladding?
A. No.
Q. Why is that?
A. Because the contractor's drawn on his philosophy of bringing it round the rails. I mean, this would be a fairly standard way of introducing the cavity barrier across the rail system behind. I mean, there would be no other way to do it.
Q. Right.
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Should it not have occurred to you at the time that Harley needed to explain to you why cutting the cavity barriers was safe or appropriate?
A. Not at all. It's a specialist item, and Harley are specialist contractors. This is what they do every day, so I would expect them to know what they're doing and how they're doing it, in terms of at that level of technical construction. That's the specialism you're paying for when you employ them.
Q. I see.
Did anybody at Harley or, indeed, Siderise ever raise with you the potential for there being a weak link for fire around the windows? Do you recall that being the subject of discussion?
A. No.
Q. We've now looked at Harley's overall design of where cavity barriers should be located. I'm now going to turn to the question of what fire rating the cavity barriers should have had. Okay?
A. Yes.
Q. Just so we're clear about the topic.
Now that we've got to March, at this point,
March 2015, construction was well under way, wasn't it?
A. Yes.
Q. Still, there was no final design reached with regard to
the cavity barriers.
A. That's correct.
Q. Do you agree with me that that should have been something which had been resolved some 14 months earlier at the tender stage?
A. Well, it was at the tender stage because the strategy remained the same from tender stage to now.
Q. The strategy for the cavity barriers around the windows I can see remained the same, but the strategy for the cavity barriers being in line with the compartment floors had changed through the Harley drawings, as we've seen; yes?
A. No.
Q. You say no?
A. No.
Q. All right.

Go to \{EXO0001315\}, please, and I would like you to look at the second email down on the page. This is the email of 3 March 2015 from Kevin Lamb to Simon Lawrence, copied to you and Mr Sounes. We've seen that.

Then the one above it is from you to Terry Ashton, 3 March, do you see that one?
A. Yes.
Q. If we move up to that, you ask the question:
"Hi Terry

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"Just a quick question relating to Grenfell Tower. As part of the re-clad we are we have [sic] added fire breaks around the apartments as per the email below. Can you comment on the level of protection $(90+30)$ as to whether this is suitable. My only query might be that we have different levels of party wall at the lower levels - see attached fire plan with some 60 some 120 walls."

Okay?
Now, at that stage, my question is: did you understand Harley's drawings to show cavity barriers or firestops?
A. I understood them to show cavity barriers. Part of the pretext to Kevin Lamb's email was that we had been having a number of meetings with building control on site. They were quite often at the back of the design team meetings, and when the -- the reason that this figure of $90 / 30$ came up was from a meeting with building control, where building control would request that we had ratings that matched the compartment ratings.
Q. Right.
A. The reason Kevin put 90 on instead of 60 was because they couldn't source 60 -minute cavity barriers, so he ended up speccing it up to 90 .
Q. I see.

If we could look at your witness statement at paragraph 113, which is at \{SEA00014275/41\}, you can see in paragraph 113, in the second line there, you say you referred the query to Exova and you say:
"... as they had produced the fire strategy and so would be best placed to respond to the query. Essentially, I was trying to be proactive in resolving the issue of cavity barriers in a neutral way, which I discuss further from paragraph 229 below."

What did you think was your relationship with Exova at this point which allowed you to use them for advice as and when you felt you needed it?
A. I thought they were employed as consultants.
Q. So same as yesterday, because we looked at the same question yesterday. So nothing had changed?
A. Yes.
Q. I see.

Why did you want to resolve the question, as you put it here, in a neutral way?
A. Because, as I alluded to earlier, we had had meetings with building control and clearly building control's interpretation of both cavity barrier and firestop and the ratings of them were quite different to what -well, what originally Harley had proposed in their RFI,

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and then what I was saying based on what my belief was we should be putting in, ie in line with the employer's requirement scheme.

So going to a higher fire authority, in a way, seemed like a logical way to check: okay, you know, let's get an authority's view on what the correct level and rating should be.
Q. I see. I see.

So would this be right: you were really acting as
a go-between as between Harley on the one hand and building control on the other, and had gone to Exova to, as it were, break the deadlock?
A. I wouldn't necessarily use the word "go-between".
Q. What would you say?
A. Part of the process, trying to resolve the problem.
Q. As an architect or someone occupying that role, was it not up to you, Mr Crawford, to understand the issue and to advise your clients and not act as a neutral party?
A. But I was that, and that's why I took, I suppose, exception to the last phrase you used, is that I was part of that process. But you have to understand, you've got a specialist who has more experience than you, installing these systems every day, who is saying one thing; you've got building control, who ultimately you have to satisfy, they had the last word in terms of
signing the building off in terms of achieving building compliance, so, respectfully, you have to understand what their understanding is. If that contradicts what the specialist 's understanding is and what your understanding is, then it's perfectly logical to then go to a fire consultant, in my view, to help resolve that whole scenario.
Q. Why would you think that building control would have a better understanding of the regulatory requirements than you?
A. Because they sign them off every day.
Q. But as the project architect, using the title that was given to you, was that not your responsibility, at least in part, to understand and have a view?
A. But I did understand and have a view, but it was being contradicted by the other parties.

I mean, you can probably appreciate just from the volume of email correspondence on it, and I've also alluded to the fact that there were meetings which generated some of those proposals, that it was something that had to be resolved, and in co-ordinating the building control approvals process, I had to get it into a shape that was recognised and agreed by everyone to achieve that.
Q. Okay.

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You refer to 60 -minute and 120-minute party wall ratings. Is that because you thought Harley was proposing firestops and not cavity barriers?
A. No, I think Harley were always proposing cavity barriers. I think building control for quite some time became fixated with the idea that it was firestops, and to my mind and to Harley's mind they weren't.
Q. Right. Well, we'll look at that a bit more closely as we go through the documents next.

Can you go, please, to \{SEA00012906\}. This is an email from you to Mr Lamb and Simon Lawrence at Rydon -- Kevin Lamb is at Harley, Simon Lawrence at Rydon -- copied to Bruce Sounes and others. You can see that there is an attachment, "Fire Strategy":
"Hi Kevin
"As per telephone conversation I have asked the question of Exova on the fire break [note the words] but not had anything back. To me the fire breaks would have to follow the ratings of the party walls which are shown on the fire plan attached. You can see some of the low level apartments are separated by 120 mins and others by 60 mins ."

It looks from that -- and correct me if I'm wrong, Mr Crawford -- that you were thinking about firestops, firestopping, and not cavity barriers; yes?

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building control on this issue until later in March.
A. Yes, but we'd had workshops on site with
building control, and one of the things that was discussed was the cavity barrier strategy.
Q. Yes. You say workshops, and you mentioned these workshops yesterday. Do you remember whether any written record was made of these workshops at which these matters were discussed?
A. I personally, beyond the notes I had in my sketch pad, was not making formal notes.
Q. We saw one of those yesterday, the one that said "Fire strategy not approved". You didn't make any other notes of these workshops; correct?
A. Not that I have been able to trace, no.
Q. Have you seen or been shown any other written record of these workshops in the course of putting your witness statement together?
A. Not from the information that we had. But they were very -- I think sometimes -- sometimes it's mentioned on the back of the design team meetings, because what would happen is you would have the design team meeting, then Rydon would bring in either Harley and/or building control, and you would have a sort of workshop off the back of it, let's say.
Q. Forgive me for just taking a timeout on this for
a moment, Mr Crawford, and just pursuing this .
You came into the project in the summer of 2014. When was the first workshop with building control you attended?
A. I would have to go back and check.
Q. All right. You can't remember?
A. I tried to put together, based on the meetings I had in my Outlook diary when I thought those occurred, because there are sort of references to meetings in some emails, and also in relation to some of the design team meetings. Also, Rydon was having separate meetings with building control, so whether I ended up just sitting in those ... it's very difficult to definitively say when all of them were.
Q. How regularly did they happen?
A. There was probably ... there were distinct meetings where the strategy was discussed and mark-ups were done, and those ones are easy to pinpoint. The ones in relation to the cladding, there were at least two or three.
Q. Two or three during the whole of your involvement in the project?
A. Yeah, I think there was one before Christmas, I think there was one about middle of February, there was one late March/Aprilish, something like this.

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Q. Those are quite specific recollections, Mr Crawford, of these meetings.
A. Yes.
Q. I don't think we see any sign of those in your witness statement.
A. Possibly not because we couldn't pin down --
Q. Why is that?
A. Because we couldn't pin down precise dates and times. They were quite informal meetings, and this is why I'm making the sort of connection to them happening off the back of maybe design team meetings and so on. But drawings were put out and they were discussed, and you remember them because you remember items in the meetings.
Q. You have given us three such meetings: Christmas 2014, February 2015, March 2015.
A. March/April. And this is the problem, I can't say definitively, because --
Q. No.
A. -- I don't have --
Q. Trying the best you can to remember, who was present at each of those meetings?
A. Harley and building -- well, there were building control meetings, there were two or three Harley, there were at least two or three workshops, and some of them had both.
Q. Who from Harley? Let's start with them. Who was present at each of those?
A. In some instances it was Ray and Ben, and in some instances Kevin.
Q. Who from building control, please?
A. John and Paul.
Q. And --
A. But Paul not necessarily at all of them, but John certainly .
Q. Can you remember what occasioned or caused each of these meetings to happen when they did?
A. Rydon were meeting the parties in the background, and I think they strategically saw them as, "Let's have a discussion on this or that", or let's say they were aware of the issues that were arising from the development of the cladding package.
Q. What issues arose from the development of the cladding package that occasioned the Christmas 2014 meeting?
A. I couldn't say specifically .
Q. What issues that arose out of the cladding package occasioned the February 2015 meeting?
A. I mean, I think the way I'd phrase it is there was the initial conversation about the cavity barriers that precipitated a meeting with building control and Harley to help resolve it, and I suspect that was the one

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before Christmas, and possibly again the one round about mid to end February.
Q. Right.

Same question in relation to the March/April meeting: what issues arising out of the cladding package occasioned that meeting?
A. That was a discussion, the progress of the building and the materials that were being used on the building.
Q. Okay. You have given us some quite detailed evidence just now about three meetings at which Harley and building control individuals were present, and we don't get any of that from your witness statement. My question is: why not?
A. Well, I suppose for the reasons that I'm making clear now, that we didn't have anything concrete to pin the date -- we couldn't pin the dates on them, and we couldn't pin the precise, let's say, conversations, the notes. I mean, this is purely recollection, my memory, and I knew meetings took place. Even the dates I'm giving you, I'm not sure; it could be a month this way or a month that way. We don't have records to definitively say, I just know those meetings took place.
Q. Can you explain to us, please, why you can remember those meetings in a little bit of detail at least now, when giving evidence to the Inquiry today, but couldn't
do so or didn't do so when you produced your statement in November 2018?
A. I did have that recollection when I wrote the statement -- the witness statement.
Q. But we don't, I think, find any reference to these workshops or meetings in the statement, do we, Mr Crawford?
A. No, because --
Q. Really I just want to know why that is.
A. It's a good point. Probably they should have been in there. I mean, they were discussed in putting the statement together, but the statement was done with limited resources and time, and I couldn't be
definitive. I suppose there's reluctance to put anything in when you can't be -- pinpoint -- it's like you know something's happened and you remember bits of it, but, you know, was it -- was it December, was it January, exactly who was at which one ... I mean, it's ...
Q. Right.

The second thing that arose out of that answer which is now several pages back in the transcript -- I have it at page 13 \{Day11/13:13-19\} -- is where you were talking about:
"... parts lower down the building where it is
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actually a firestop because it's a curtain wall coming into the floor slab as opposed to a bit of overclad. So ... there's a room for slight misinterpretation, depending on which part of the building you're looking at."
A. Oh, I don't think that's necessarily what was being discussed there.
Q. Well, looking back at the email, if we can come back to where we were, you are expressing an opinion, aren't you, to Mr Lamb that the firebreaks would have to follow the ratings of the party walls, because you say, "To me ... [they] would have to follow the ratings of the party walls"?
A. Yeah, I think this is after I'd had the conversation with Paul Hanson where he had kind of implied that that's what they should do. I probably adopted his opinion in that respect.
Q. When was that conversation?
A. There was a ... there was an email, I think -- what date is this?
Q. 6 March 2015.
A. Well, it might have been in one of the workshops or it could have been in one of the emails round about then, I don't know.
Q. Right.
A. There was certainly -- there was a lot of confusion over the -- let's say there was difference of opinion on what the ratings should be and where it should apply.
Q. Coming back to my original question, having gone through this, would you accept that in this email you are expressing the opinion about firestopping and not cavity barriers, which is why you say that they would have to follow the ratings of the party walls?
A. No, I've used the term "firebreaks", which is not firestopping. To be honest, I never thought there should have been firestopping within the build-up. The notion of the firestopping came from building control. I was trying to reconcile in my head why they thought that, whether they thought -- actually the building has, let's say the upper floors, a concrete slab, and it has a built-in -- there's a built-in beam that runs between the columns, so it's cast in, it's actually part of the structure.

Because building control kept putting forward this notion that it's firestopping, I thought: well, okay, are they seeing this as the edge of the slab and somehow the cladding fitting in front of that and it being firestopping?

So there's a confusion as to -- because normally the firestopping would go to the back line of a cladding

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wall. So, for example, say you didn't have that concrete upstand and you had SFS, for example, sitting on the slab, or structural SFS right at the front, you would have firestopping to the back of the, let's say, CP board or something. That's how you would do it in a new construction -- typically you might do it in a new construction.

So I think what's happened was seeds of trying to understand the thinking of building control. I had to get to a point where building control agreed with our interpretation of what was being proposed, and that was part of this process. It may be that the terminology was getting confused in some of the emails, or the adopted position was shifting in thinking. But from my perspective, it was always started as cavity barriers. I didn't agree with the cavity barrier strategy that Harley had, but I was trying to get to a position with building control that they would accept what we were proposing, that our interpretation was acceptable to them. At the end of the day, they were signing it off, and they had the last word on compliance, so there had to be an agreed position.
Q. Two further questions on this, and then we will move on from it.

First, it's right, isn't it, that we don't see
anywhere in this email you telling Mr Lamb that you had had a discussion with Paul Hanson about the firebreak requirements and that you were reflecting his views? Why is that?
A. Well, not in this email, but --
Q. No. Why is that?
A. Well, as I said, there were a number of workshops and that's where Kevin got the 90 from, or 60 , he got 60 at that point, because there was definitely a meeting, and I'm sure it was the pre-Christmas one, where we sat with building control and they made -- and they put forward this notion of marrying up to the compartment wall ratings. So that's where that's coming from, and there's been conversations obviously in between and then that's generated what I've written in that email.
Q. Where did these workshops take place?
A. On site.
Q. You see, according to the RBKC records, we have the dates of site visits of 29 August, 29 September, 24 November, 27 November, and then none until 15 May 2015. If that's correct, where do these workshops fit into that?
A. Sorry, you're talking about site visits by RBKC. That's completely separate.
Q. Right. RBKC, yes, building control.

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A. Oh, sorry, RBKC building control.
Q. Yes. Sorry, by RBKC I meant building control site visits.
A. Right.
Q. So how do your workshops fit into that?
A. Can you read the dates again, sorry?
Q. Yes. 29 September, 24 November, 27 November, all 2014, and there is one in August as well, and then none until 15 May 2015, Mr Crawford.
A. Okay. To me, they were definitely on site within the early half of -- early portion of 2015. I mean, those earlier dates could all have been credible ones, which I may or may not have been at.
Q. Right. You can see why I'm pressing this, because there are other people we will have to ask about this and this is the first we've heard --
A. Yes, no, I understand. This is perhaps the reason why I was so reticent to put it into the witness statement, because I didn't have the precise dates. I was just aware that there were a series of meetings and I can't specifically point to when they were.
Q. I see.

Well, let's move on, because later on the same day, you actually emailed Paul Hanson at RBKC building control, and let's look at that. It's

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\{SEA00000252\}. This is an email from you to him, as
I say, at 15.49 , copied to John Hoban at RBKC building control, Simon Lawrence, Kevin Lamb and others. You make reference to some attachments at the top there: "Hi Paul
"Following our conversation this afternoon, this reminded me of another issue. Where we are over cladding what fire rating do we need to allow for within the wall build up between apartments (see below and attached)?"
Now, it looks from that that you were actually raising this issue with Mr Hanson for the first time on 6 March.
A. Yeah. I mean, what I would say is that most of the conversation is with John, John Hoban. I considered Paul to have a greater fire knowledge than John, so in this instance I've deliberately -- this is as I recall, that I was deliberately giving sort of, if you like, an abstract description of where -- asking about where I thought the cavity barriers were going to go in order to get his view, in order for him to quantify what he thought was the appropriate solution in those locations. Because I felt with John, you know, I was being shown things that I didn't agree with.
Q. Why didn't you ask the question to John Hoban?
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A. But I think the conversations before were with John.
Q. Why were you asking this question of Paul Hanson and not John Hoban?
A. Because, in my view, Paul had a greater fire understanding than John.
Q. I see.

Turning to the question itself, "Where we are over cladding what fire rating do we need to allow for within the wall build-up", you don't identify the design or the materials in the cladding system or the wall build-up as you refer to it, do you?
A. Not in this email.
Q. Were you expecting him to work that out from the drawings you were attaching?
A. Paul had sat in workshops with us, he knew the scheme, he knew where we were and what we had been working on, so it's not like I'm -- it's something out of the blue.
Q. Let's look at the drawings which we can see listed in your statement at paragraph 230, if we can look at that, please, \{SEA00014275/71\}. You can see at the bottom of the page, in the fourth line, you say you attached Harley drawings. If you just go over the page, please, Mr Operator, to the top of page 72 \{SEA00014275/72\}, you say -- and I'm afraid it's split over two pages:
"I note by the combination of Harley Drawings and

C1059-100 rev A, building control could have been aware of a number of the materials proposed for the over cladding system."

## Yes?

A. $\mathrm{Mm}-\mathrm{hm}$.
Q. So you say they could have been aware. They could have, of course, but you didn't draw to their specific attention the materials that you were proposing to use, did you?
A. We had a workshop where the specific materials were discussed.
Q. I see, workshops.

Was this email the first time you had provided drawings relating to the overcladding system to building control?

## (Pause)

A. That depends when the workshop took place, because we had been having systematic meetings with them, discussing --
Q. Right.
A. -- what was happening in terms of the building envelope. So I don't agree that they wouldn't have known what was going on, but I can't specifically give you dates and times.
Q. Was Mr Sounes at any of these workshops that you refer

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to?
A. Not that I recall, no.
Q. Right. Did you report back to Mr Sounes about what you had discussed at these workshops?
A. I may have done.
Q. Did Mr Sounes know about the workshops?
A. He would have known that the workshops were going on, there was a meeting on site .
Q. You say he would have done; do you have a recollection of actually telling him, such as, "Bruce, I'm going to a workshop" or "I have just been at a workshop"?
A. Six years ago, no.
Q. Now, you don't explain in your email what you wanted Mr Hanson to do with these drawings, did you? We can go back to the email, if you like.
A. Well, as I mentioned before, we had had a series of workshops and the cladding had been discussed, so I don't think this was a case of just firing something off to someone blindly, because they had followed -they had followed and understood, in my mind, what was happening with the scheme from the workshops and interactions that had taken place on site.
Q. At these workshops, did you hand drawings to RBKC building control for them to take away, or did you show them the drawings and then take them away yourself?
A. No, they were quite informal, and I remember they were
almost always with Simon. He kind of orchestrated them,
Simon Lawrence, and we sat with him, sometimes John,
sometimes Paul as well, and Harley representatives, and
we would discuss the drawings on the table, and John
usually took things away.
Q. Right.
A. I mean, John I would summarise as being quite old school
in terms of he liked paper copies, and he would always
say, "Oh, I've got to go to the next job so I'm going to
take this with me" and this kind of thing.
Q. Right, I see, okay.
So when you emailed Mr Hanson on 6 March 2015 --
A. Yeah.
Q. -- and sent him these drawings, were you just expecting
him to refresh his memory about what had happened at any
of these workshops and then answer the question from
that?
A. I mean, he knew the project, he knew the scheme.
Q. I see.
Let's see the response he gives to you.
\{SEA00012927/1\}, please. It's a response to you, copied
to John Hoban at RBKC building control, 10 March, 11.49:
"Hi Neil,

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reference but effectively, if you mean fire resistance, the walls between apartments are compartment walls so the construction should achieve the same fire time as the elements of construction for the building - the fire time depends upon the height of the building as described in 1.A of Table A2 ADB)."

Do you see that?
A. Yes.
Q. He is saying cavity barriers should have the same fire resistance as compartment walls.

Let's just go back to your statement, please, page 72 \{SEA00014275/72\} and let's look at paragraph 231 together. You say there, having referred to his email of 10 March:
"I did not agree with Building Control's response because I think Paul had misunderstood the question I was asking which was in relation to the fire rating within the [external] wall cavity on the compartment lines as opposed to party walls between apartments on the floor plate which were already defined on the fire strategy drawings. I asked a further question to clarify the nature of my query the next day."

So you say you thought that building control had got it wrong; yes?
A. Yes.
Q. And that he had misunderstood the question.

Is one of the reasons that he had misunderstood the question that you hadn't given him proper context and told him what the materials were, and given him any kind of guidance as to the design of the overcladding system?
A. No. I think, going back to what I said earlier, you had Kevin's email. Kevin's email I understood off the back of the workshop that he had assumed the rating that had been implied in the workshops. I was going back to Paul because I understood his, let's say, fire understanding generally overall to be greater than John's, and so what I was doing is -- and I knew he was primarily concerned with B1 and B5 issues, but I thought: okay, if I describe it in abstract terms, let's see if his response marries up with John's, because it may be that, you know, they operate in different portions of the part B regs, but his insight may be more in line with ours, which would satisfy me that we were doing the right thing and that we could get it signed off, which was the ultimate objective.
Q. Either way, one thing you're not talking about here is cavity barriers, are you?
A. Erm --
Q. Neither of you.
A. Well, I'm trying to get him to say whether his

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interpretation is -- should it be a cavity barrier or firestop, because John's interpretation had been firestop.
Q. Well, let's move on.

Your initial view that you had given to Exova and Harley, as you had said, was that the firebreaks had to match the rating of the party wall. We saw that, didn't we?
A. Yes, which had come from building control.
Q. You say that had come from building control, and so it 's right, isn't it, that at the time you actually agreed with Mr Hanson's advice, didn't you?
A. Well, I think that advice had come from John originally.
Q. All right. Mr Hoban's advice. Your initial view that you had expressed to Exova and Harley was that firebreaks did have to match the rating of the party wall.
A. Well, I was adopting his view. I mean, I'm not sure if it was clear in my mind what the rating should be at this point. I mean, this is why I was trying to -let's say, okay, there's a Studio E strategy which I understood, there is the Harley strategy and there is the building control strategy.
Q. Right, okay. Well, let's look at the --
A. I --

## SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Sorry --

MR MILLETT: I'm so sorry, finish your answer.
A. What I'm trying to do is get to a position where building control were in agreement, because ultimately, for the building to be complete, they need to agree that it's compliant. If there's a difference of opinion, the only recourse I've got to try to resolve that is either having the conversation between the parties to resolve it, or and then going to the fire specialist to try and clarify it, let's say, from a perspective of someone at a higher level of authority, at least in terms of fire related matters.

So that's the context in which I was operating. The problem is you're seeing a lot of emails that are all jumbled up with other things, so I appreciate it's very difficult to assemble that, but that's in my head what was happening and what I was doing at the time.
Q. Let's see how far we go with this .

If you go to the next document, which is your email the next day, it's \{SEA00000260\}. Now, this is your response both to Paul Hanson and John Hoban at RBKC building control; yes?
A. Yes.
Q. 11 March at 12.30 , copied to Harley and indeed Rydon: "Hi Paul/John
"To clarify what we were trying t o understand here was the requirement for fire stopping within the wall build up where the cladding cassettes are mounted over the old cladding. Are you saying these should mirror the internal compartments (ie 60 min and 120 min [60min horizontally at floors ])?"

Do you see that?
A. Yes.
Q. What did you think the right answer was at that point?
A. I thought the right answer was to have cavity barriers at the compartment lines in line with our employer's requirement strategy. I mean, that is personally what I believed the correct strategy to be.
Q. But Mr Hanson isn't talking about cavity barriers in that or, indeed, any other location, is he?
A. Quite.
Q. He is talking about--
A. Firestopping.
Q. So why, when you responded to him did you not say to him, "Look, we're at cross-purposes. I want to know about where to put cavity barriers and what those cavity barrier resistances should be, not firestopping"?
A. But in a sense that's what I am asking, because -- and I explained this in the sort of pretext beforehand -I didn't -- I was trying to get my head round why he was
thinking it was firestopping. I think we all were trying to understand, because to me, the ratings were following what you would do if you were using firestopping, and this is why I was giving him this description of the position rather than anything else to try and precipitate out his thinking of, you know, why was he adopting a firestopping perspective rather than a cavity barrier perspective.
Q. But, Mr Crawford, your reply to him, which we have just looked at, where you clarify what you are trying to understand, is, "the requirement for firestopping within the wall build up". So you're not talking about cavity barriers; you're asking him about firestopping.
A. Yes, but that's because I'm quoting what he's asked for .
Q. Well, did you understand the difference between cavity barriers and firestopping?
A. Yes. I mean, I've spent my entire career doing curtain walling systems, stick systems, where you do firestopping, and then brick-skin windows where you put a brick-skinned SFS construction external walls where you use cavity barriers. So I understood the difference and where you can apply them.

What I was trying to understand was where he was coming from, particularly in relation to the fact it was overcladding and what he perceived as the edge of the

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slab or back of slab relative to the back of cladding. So back of slab to the back of the new cladding or back of slab to the old cladding.

To me, I didn't understand. I didn't understand where he was coming from in terms of his firestopping classification, full stop, so I was trying to get inside his head to get him to explain it or qualify it.
Q. I mean, this is a gentleman with whom you say you had had these informal workshops on a number of occasions; would it not have been simpler just to come clean, explain your view and ask him to comment?
A. But I think we had up to then -- the proposals that we had discussed with them was a cavity barrier solution.
Q. Let's look at another email. \{SEA00012953/1\}, please. This is an email to you from Ben Bailey, and I should just show you the emails below it. We start with the one I showed you earlier from Kevin Lamb. This is at the bottom of page 1 over to 2 . Do you see that?
A. Yes.
Q. Which we looked at before, and indeed yesterday.

Then up the page we have your email to Kevin Lamb of 10 March, "Please see response from Paul Hanson regarding cladding firebreaks (attached)", which is how it gets in to Harley. Do you see that?
A. $\mathrm{Mm}-\mathrm{hm}$.
Q. Then Ben Bailey's response comes back to you 18 March at 11.17, to you and to Simon Lawrence. So this is coming from Harley to you:
"Hi Neil
"The firebreak supplier (who it seems was involved with Grenfell at the specification stage) has made a comment and I'd like to clarify what firebreaks are required.
"Could you confirm what the vertical and horizontal requirement is please, the spec and supplier technical rep say very different things!"
Do you see that?
A. Yes.
Q. Now, let's just pursue this a bit further, because you say something about this in your statement. Can we have that, please, at page 72 \{SEA00014275/72\}. At paragraph 233, towards the bottom of page 72 , you say you have had a conversation with building control in the morning:
"... and John Hoban (Building Control) emailed me afterwards saying ..."
And we'll look at that email in a moment.
Just on the statement, you refer to a discussion with building control in the morning; who was that with, please?

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A. I think it was John Hoban.
Q. You think it was John Hoban, okay.

Let's look at the email you refer to. You've given the reference in your statement. It's \{SEA00012963\}.

It's his response to the message you had sent to
Paul Hanson, so it looks like your efforts to go to a higher authority on fire had not succeeded because Mr Hoban was coming back to you. Mr Hoban says to you and to Paul Hanson, copied in:
"Dear Neil,
"The Building Regulations 2010 (as amended)
"Grenfell Tower, Grenfell Road, Refurbishment.
"Thank you for returning my call this morning.
"Further to my conversation with you today, I would confirm that the fire time for the new Elements of Structure [new columns, beams, sections of compartment floor etc] in Grenfell Tower is 120 minutes, as specified in section 1a of Table A2, Appendix A of Approved Document B...
"I would also draw your attention to diagram 33 of Approved Document B and highlight the detail between compartment floors and external cladding. In the meantime should you wish to discuss any other aspects of the project Neil, then please do not hesitate to call me ..."

And he gives you a contact number.
Do you see that?
A. Yes.
Q. So he's saying, when he refers to ADB, he is giving his view that the fire time for the new elements of structure should be 120 minutes.

Now, my first question is : what did you discuss with John Hoban during your conversation with him that morning which preceded that email?
A. Erm ... I think this may have been in relation to the new works that were going on on the lower floors. So I think there's changes that were happening around about then with the entrance lobby and the community space and some new steelwork going in, supporting steelwork.
I think it might have been connected to that.
Q. I see. He says in his email:
"Further to my conversation with you today, I would confirm ..."

And he goes on to talk about the new elements of structure and 120 minutes, et cetera.

Was what he was confirming there all in relation to matters in the lower part of the building?
A. I believe so.
Q. So the conversation, and indeed this email, or at least that paragraph of this email, is not about cavity

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barriers within the cladding structure, is it?
A. I don't think so, no.
Q. Did you have any other discussion with him about other elements of the cladding, such as insulation, ACM panels, et cetera?
A. At that time, in relation to this email? I couldn't say definitively.
Q. Did you go back to him and say, "Look, actually my question" -- and you can see this from the second email down -- "was where we are overcladding, what fire rating do we need to allow for within the wall build-up between apartments"? Did you not think to press him on that issue so that his answer didn't simply relate to the lower part of the building but the whole building?
A. I may have done, I don't recall .
(Pause)
I mean, this first section, it may have been that he misinterpreted that in relation to John Hoban's -sorry, Paul Hanson's commentary. I'm not sure, actually .
Q. Right. Okay. Let's then move on.

It's right to say, isn't it, that you didn't respond to Mr Hoban and say that you disagreed with him, did you?
A. I couldn't say. I don't recall.
Q. Let's look at \{SEA00013001\}, please, moving on in time.

This is an email from Kevin Lamb of Harley to you of 25 March where he sends you some drawings. You can see them there set out as attachments. He says:
"Simon,
"Further to our meeting yesterday ..."
I'm so sorry, this is an email to Simon Lawrence,
but it's copied to you and Bruce Sounes:
"Simon,
"Further to our meeting yesterday, please find attached details for the firebreaks, all now upgraded to 120 min ."

So that's where that happens.
Next, before I start asking you about that, I would like you to go, please, to \{SEA00013022\}. Now, we will need to look at the whole email chain.

As you can see, the last email in it is at the top of page 1 from you to Simon Lawrence, copied to Simon O'Connor, of 27 March 2015. But if you scroll down to the bottom, please, you can see that the first email in it is an email from Ricky Kay. If you could be shown that bottom email, which is on page 2 \{SEA00013022/2\} and over to page 3 \{SEA00013022/3\}. Page 2 at the bottom will do.

This is an email that you didn't receive yourself,
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but it was sent by Ricky Kay of Siderise to Ben Bailey, copied to Kevin Lamb and Mark Stapley at Harley, among others. It's 26 March 2015:
"Hi Ben,
"Apologies for the day ...
"Please find below extract from the Approved Document B of the Building Regulations."

Then he sets out an extract from it. You can see that it says cavity barriers, integrity: 30, insulation:
15. Do you see?
A. Yes.
Q. Mr Kay, who I should say is the national façades manager at Siderise, says:
"Here you can see that it clearly states that 30 minutes fire integrity and 15 minutes insulation is all that is required from a cavity fire barrier. This is reference to rainscreen cladding applications where the cavity barrier is deemed to be on the outside of the building. Our RH25-90/30 will offer 90 minutes fire integrity and 30 minutes fire insulation, therefore exceeds minimum requirements.
" 120 minute fire rating is generally the industry standard for curtain wall to concrete slab edge firestopping where the firestop is located on the inside of a building and is considered to be a continuation of
the floor slab.
"Please get in touch ..."
So you see that, and this is, as I say, part of the email string that you received in copy, and we see that from the next-but-one email. I' ll just run up with you, if I can.

The next one is Ben Bailey to Simon Lawrence and Simon O'Connor at Rydon, copied to others in Harley \{SEA00013022/1\}:
"Simon,
"As discussed, please see the email below from the firebreak supplier. There is quite a large cost difference between what Siderise and the spec recommend, and upgrading to the 120 min barriers we discussed on Tuesday.
"Could you forward this to the client's representative for approval please."

Then it comes to you, you see? Simon Lawrence on 27 March sends the email string to you:
"Hi Neil,
"Following Tuesdays design meeting, Harley via their supply chain are questioning the rating of the cladding firebreaks. Apparently by going to 2 hrs as we discussed has a cost increase of around $£ 12 \mathrm{k}$. Their supplier is saying it only needs to be 30 mins everywhere as per the 43

Regs extract below.
"Could you take a look to see what you think and discuss with John Hoban please?"

Do you see that?
A. Yes.
Q. Then your response to that is on 27 March, a little bit later in the morning, to Simon Lawrence, copied to Simon O'Connor:
"Hi Simon
"Have spoken with John and he wasn't happy with Harley's email as we are talking about fire stopping as opposed to cavity barriers. I have explained again the specifics of our scenario and he will have a conversation with Paul Hanson to see if there is a reduced spec they can agree to and will then speak with Harley's directly ."

Now, I've shown you the whole of that email string, so my questions on it are this : do you accept that the long and the short of this email exchange is that if you were talking about cavity barriers as opposed to firestops, then 120 minutes was not necessary and that the upgrade to 120 minutes for cavity barriers would be to increase cost and possibly delay?
A. Absolutely.
Q. Yes.

Do you agree that there was some pressure on site, so far as you could understand, to avoid having to specify cavity barriers with a resistance of 120 minutes?
A. Yes.
Q. And the main concern was cost and delay as opposed to fire safety.
A. Well, I can't speak on behalf of the other participants in that conversation, but you might read that into what they had written, yes.
Q. If we then move forward, we can see what you say to John Hoban. Go, please, to \{SEA00000264\}, because we can see you forward Mr Kay's email to John Hoban. You see that? Here we see on page 1 the Ricky Kay 26 March email; yes?
A. Yes.
Q. Which you then send on to John Hoban on 27 March at 10.53 in the morning:
"Hi John
"There has been a lot of conversation on site about the cavity fire barrier requirements to be fitted between the existing concrete external wall panels and the new external rain screen aluminium cassettes.
"Can you please see the proposal by the cladding contractor below and confirm if this is acceptable to 45
you."
So you're now talking -- quite clearly, I would suggest to you -- about cavity barriers; yes?
A. Yes.
Q. Yes, and we've seen what Mr Kay says, and you ask Mr Hoban if he will confirm Siderise's proposal.

If we go back, please, to \{SEA00013022\}, here is the email we looked at a moment ago of 11.03. So about 15 minutes or so after you send the Ricky Kay email to John Hoban, you tell Simon Lawrence at Rydon:
"Hi Simon
"Have spoken with John ..."
I'm assuming that's John Hoban?
A. Yes.
Q. "... and he wasn't happy and he wasn't happy with

Harley's email as we are talking about fire stopping as opposed to cavity barriers."

So there we see the issue.
A. Yeah. So can I just add that, to me, I mean, that's making quite clear that you can see that John thinks it's firestopping and he wants the higher rating.
Q. Yes, indeed, and this is an email from you to Simon Lawrence at Rydon, but you don't give your view in this email, do you? You don't say that he's at cross-purposes.
A. Well, let's just say, from the outset, we had a strategy, and that's our strategy and I've stuck by it. The fact is that other people have not accepted that strategy or put forward other strategies. In co-ordinating building control submission, it is my role to get to a point where there was an agreement that building control could sign it off.
Q. Right.

Did you actually think that the issue was about firestopping as per your initial view, as we saw earlier, or was your main concern just to go easy with building control in order to get a sign-off?
A. No, my view was that it was cavity barriers to start with. I wanted to entertain some of -- or try to entertain some of building control's thinking to understand whether we'd collectively as a design team missed something, so, for example, there may have been some legitimacy to their thinking of it as firestopping and hence the higher rating, test that with the design team, and then get to a position where there was a collective agreement.

Ultimately, building control had to agree to whatever solution was being proposed. If they were insistent on a cavity barrier or firestopping of a higher value, then -- well, first of all, you couldn't 47
do firestopping, that's the reality, but if they insisted on a cavity barrier solution of a higher rating, and that was the only way to get them to sign it off, then you would put in a higher rating, and you would say, well, okay, you might have been able to a lower rating, but a higher rating is going to err on a positive side, so it's ...
Q. You were under contract to Rydon at this point.
A. Yes.
Q. Why didn't you simply set out your professional advice to your client in this email to Mr Lawrence --
A. Well --
Q. -- about what the cavity barrier rating should be?
A. Well, he knew. He knew what our position was.
Q. Right.

Why didn't you tell Rydon that you were going to go back to building control and put them right?
A. Simon knew that's what I was trying to do.
Q. Right.
A. He knew that -- I mean, he had asked me to speak to building control, and the reason he had asked me to speak to building control was to try and broker an acceptable solution.
Q. I see. So you were really acting as a broker -- your word -- between two conflicting views?

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A. No, I said to broker a solution. I don't consider myself a broker as such.
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## MR MILLETT: All right .

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Mr Chairman, that may be a convenient moment for a break.
SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes. I'm just wondering, since we have gone over the hour, if we had a slightly longer break at this stage and came back, let's say, at 11.20 , we might then run up until 1 o'clock or nearly. Would that be acceptable?
THE WITNESS: Erm ... yeah.
SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Let's do that. We will break now until 11.20 , and then we will see if we can get through the rest of the morning.
THE WITNESS: Okay.
SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Would you like to go with the usher, please.
(Pause)
Right, 11.20.
( 11.07 am )
(A short break)
(11.20 am)
SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: All right, Mr Crawford? THE WITNESS: Yes.
SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Now, I think I was being a bit too
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ambitious when I suggested we could go through the rest
1 of the morning without a break, so I have suggested to Mr Millett that he find a convenient place around 12.05. That will give you roughly 45 minutes, then a break, and another 45 minutes. All right?
THE WITNESS: Yes, that's fine.
SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes, Mr Millett.
MR MILLETT: Mr Crawford, first of all, can I just correct or fill in some dates of site meetings in the record that we have, and just add a few more so that we're clear.

There were meetings on site at 16 January, 17 February, 26 March, 17 April and 22 April 2015 -they were site visits, not necessarily meetings on site, and at the moment we are still exploring who was present, but I didn't want you to think that the list of dates I had given you earlier were the only dates that we have in the record.

Secondly, just a couple of other questions that arose out of this question about workshops.

Did you keep an architect's notebook?
A. I have my sketchbooks, which I would generally carry with me and would ... depending on how involved I am in the meetings, I may or may not, you know, take notes or sketch in.
Q. Did you keep a diary of your appointments?
A. Generally, if I'm out of the office, it would go into the Outlook diary, so I would put "At Grenfell site" or whatever. It's not foolproof, but if, for example, you knew you had a design team meeting coming up and you're going to be out Tuesday morning, then I usually put that in.
Q. From about Christmas 2014, where was your office? Was it at London Bridge or were you still at Rainville Road? A. 2014 ...

## (Pause)

I can't remember precise dates. I need to check.
Q. Do you remember whether you entered into your Outlook diary the workshops that you were to attend?
A. Some of those workshops were kind of informal off the back of design team meetings and things like that, so that's why I don't have a formal record of them.
Q. Just to go back, then, to the email string or traffic that we were looking at before the break, we now come to late March 2015. I will take these quite quickly just to show you the documents and ask one or two questions on them.

Go first, please, to \{SEA00013034\}. This is an email from you to John Hoban at RBKC, 30 March 2015: "Hi John

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"Ben Bailey from Harley's is who you might ask for ."
And you give a phone number.
Do you know whether Mr Hoban ever did speak to Ben Bailey?
A. I don't know.
Q. Did you ever follow it up?
A. I can't recall . I mean ...
Q. Right.

Then we go, please, to the next document, which is \{SEA00013036\}, please.

This is John Hoban's reply to you, which we've seen before. Perhaps we haven't. It's similar to the one we saw before. He says:
"Dear All ..."
And he refers again to the Building Regulations:
"Please find detailed below a copy of an email sent to various persons on the 20th of March 2015 ..."

You can see that underneath it. We looked at that earlier this morning, and it is quite similar in layout:
"... concerning the topic relating fire stopping of the compartment floors to the building. I would advise you that it is my interpretation of diagram 33 of Approved Document $B$ is that the detail between compartment floors and external cladding is not a cavity barrier, therefore it must be fire stopped to at least
the standard of the existing compartment floor [120 minutes]. Therefore the methods described in clause 9.13 would not be appropriate in this particular case."
Do you see that?
A. Yes.
Q. Then you reply the next day, if we can bring that up, please, \{SEA00000265\}, and you say:
"Hi John
"Unfortunately this problem is not going away.
"The subject of fire barriers is raising a lot of concern on site not least because of program and cost. I have forwarded a copy of diagram 33 and the typical floor detail and we are all miffed as to why this detail is not a cavity barrier in this location - please see attached."
Do you see that?
A. Yes.
Q. "The relationship between the back of the slab and the cladding remains the same as the original cladding (concrete) is retained and therefore the integrity of this relationship at floor level has not been affected. The new cladding constitutes an additional layer applied on top not a new floor slab interface and therefore the interpretation is that this constitutes a cavity barrier

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and not a fire stop. This has now become something of an issue on site due to program bottle neck and so your earliest response to this would be appreciated ..."
You attach to that email, as we can see from the attachment, a drawing. Do you see that? And also a copy of "BR PDF AD B2 2013". So there are two documents. Do you see that? So you send him a drawing and you send him ADB ?
A. Yes.
Q. That turns out to be diagram 33.
A. Yes, with a red box --
Q. With a red box. Let's just look at that: \{EXO00001296\}. We can see the red box at the bottom as you just referred to it:
"Our firestopping is in the grey location and not between floor slab/back of retained concrete cladding."
You see?
A. Yes.
Q. Okay. That's your annotation, is it?
A. Yes.
Q. It is.
As I just said before, you also attached a copy of a drawing, which we can see, if we want to look at it again -- let's see if you remember it without having to go to it -- was an employer's requirement drawing which
we looked at when we looked at Studio E's cavity barrier design.
A. I know the drawing.
Q. The question is: did you appreciate that the Studio E design and the Harley design for the location of the cavity barriers was different, because the cavity barriers had been moved between employer's requirements drawing and the Harley drawings?
A. In what respect?
Q. Well, they had been moved away from the compartment line slightly .
A. Not in a material sense they hadn't.
Q. Okay.

Why didn't you send the Harley drawing as opposed to the employer's requirements drawing?
A. Erm --
Q. Let me put that question again.

Why did you send them the employer's requirements drawing and not the most up-to-date Harley drawing?
A. I had already sent them the Harley drawings.
Q. So why were you sending them the employer's requirement drawing?
A. More evidence. I mean --
Q. But they were different.
A. But they're not. You're making a difference that -- and

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I'm not agreeing with your difference of interpretation. Both the cavity barriers are on the compartment line. That is the significant point.
Q. Did you have any help from Rydon or Harley when you drafted this email that we see?
A. I'm not aware that I did. I mean, we were having frustrated conversations, which I'm sure you can detect from just the correspondence, in that there was a bottleneck, and trying to get John to see our point of view, which we believed to be correct.
Q. What made you now become so clear and, if I may put it this way, trenchant in your view that we're talking now about cavity barriers as opposed to firestopping? What had made you do that, at this point, as opposed to earlier in the discussions that we've seen?
A. Well, I would argue earlier that -- it was pretty clear to me what it should have been. It's a collection of different opinions, and the right thing to do is go through those opinions and verify and check to get the right solution. By this point, it was getting frustrating .
Q. I see.

Looking at the next document, which is \{SEA00013049\}, it's an email chain, and again looking at the bottom email on page 1 and over to page 2
\{SEA00013049\}, if we can, please -- it's not that easy,
they're split -- can you see that you send an email to
Terry Ashton on 31 March 2015?
I'm afraid on the screen you've got the second half of that. I wonder if the two pages could be put side by side, pages 1 and 2, please.

Mr Crawford, sometimes the emails go over two
pages and we have to use some magic.
Right, so you see that at the bottom of page 1, this is an email from you, 31 March at 12.05 , to Terry Ashton:
"Hi Terry."
Then over on to page 2:
"Can you comment on the history of this item -
please see correspondence below as it is not clear to me why this item is causing such a difference in interpretation - can't see anything that seems to reference it in the fire strategy."

Do you see that?
A. Yes.
Q. Did that itself not ring alarm bells with you that the Exova fire strategy was in some way, at least, incomplete?
A. Not necessarily. I mean, would you expect the precise cavity barrier strategy to be covered in a high-level 57
fire strategy document? Not necessarily.
Q. You just described the Exova outline fire safety strategy that you had seen the last iteration of --
A. Yeah.
Q. -- as a high-level fire strategy document.

Just to go back to some questions that we were examining together yesterday, did you ever expect Exova to produce anything more than a high-level report or strategy, as you call it?
A. High-level outline, interchangeable.
Q. Right.

Did the fact that Exova had not solved this question or addressed this question in their outline fire safety strategy not, as I say, alert you to the fact that this was a detail that Exova hadn't covered and needed to, perhaps in the next iteration of the strategy?
A. In terms of their commentary on B4, we didn't drill down to specifics of firestopping, cavity barriers, issues like that. Only if they were, let's say, of a highly specific and non-standard nature.
Q. By this time, late March 2015, you had had to go to Exova for quite a lot of ad hoc advice, as we've seen, you say in relation to compliance of the Celotex, the ACM, you said yesterday, we have heard discussions with them about cavity barriers and firestopping. Did that
not all tell you that Exova now needed to do a full job and give full advice as opposed to an outline followed up by ad hoc, as-and-when, piecemeal questions and answers?
A. No, my experience on projects is that it's quite normal to speak to a fire consultant in relation to interpretational issues of Building Regulations
Q. Then we see Terry Ashton's response to you on page 1 \{SEA00013049/1\}, and he says to you:
"This isn't something that would necessarily form part of a fire safety strategy for a building. Therefore, it would not have been dealt with in the fire safety strategy for this buildings [sic ]."

So he actually thinks it's something outside his scope. Then he says:
"I agree with Ben Kay. I believe that a cavity barrier is all that is required in this application. Even if we were to agree with RBKC, it is difficult to see how a fire-stop would stay in place in the event of a fire where external flaming occurred as this would cause the zinc cladding to fail ."

I think we have already looked at that yesterday, and we looked at the email at the top of that chain yesterday, and I won't go back to that.

Let's move on in time, then. \{HAR00013719\}.
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John Hoban emails you twice on 1 April, as we see from this exchange. If we go to page 2 \{HAR00013719/2\}, please, and halfway down page 2 , we can see he emails you on 1 April at 9.57:
"Thank you for your email and for the attached drawing, showing typical cladding details. The matter has now become more clearer.
"I would advise you that I have no adverse comments to make on the proposals shown on your drawing ... with regards to compliance with Parts B2 and B3 in Schedule 1 of the building regulations."

Then he asks for the drawings for:
"... the external walls to the boxing club floor, the mezzanine floor and the mezzanine plus one floor ..."

> So that's the lower part of the building, isn't it?
A. Yes.
Q. Then he says:
"... as it my impression that the cladding I floor junction detail for those particular floors defer from that shown on drawing 1279 ..."

Et cetera, and he wants to review those prior to giving further comments on the cladding.

Going up, then, to page 1 \{HAR00013719/1\}, about the middle of the page, he says to you in his second email
of 1 April, in the first substantive paragraph:
"I would advise you that I have no adverse comments to make on the cladding proposals shown on your drawings ... with regards to compliance with Parts B2 and B3 in Schedule 1 of the building regulations."

Do you see that?
A. On our drawings and Harley's drawing, yes.
Q. Exactly. So he has no adverse comments to make.

Then if you go to the next -- yes, that's right, so I don't think we need to see anything else of that document.

At the top of the page you then see that because
Mr Hoban has copied Mr Lawrence into the response, Mr Lawrence sends that to Harley, Ben Bailey and Ray Bailey, copied to you, and he says:
"Gents,
"The Building Control officer is now in agreement with the fire protection in the cladding being a 'cavity barrier' rather a fire stop as first thought."

That is where it all ends.
Now, the emails we have just been through related to cavity barriers at compartment lines, we have seen that and we have sorted out the mess on that.

Did you ever at any point seek any guidance from RBKC building control about cavity barriers around the

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windows?
A. Erm ... I didn't -- I don't recall seeking specifically, although the general strategy was discussed in the workshops/meetings.
Q. Right.

Did you ever ask RBKC building control to approve
Harley's design as a whole, which omitted cavity barriers around the windows?
A. They were aware of Harley's scheme.
Q. Yes, but did you ever actually ask them to approve or comment on Harley's design as a whole which, as we know, omitted any cavity barriers around the windows?
A. I may have done. I don't recall.
Q. You don't recall, okay.

We're now going to move on to a different topic, Mr Crawford: the crown.

Now, we know that the design of the crown -- and correct me if I'm wrong about this -- wasn't finalised before the refurbishment went out to tender, was it?
A. There were some issues relating to how you dealt with
façade cleaning access that could influence its design.
Q. So is the answer to my question: yes, it wasn't
finalised before the refurbishment went out to tender?
A. Yes, that would be correct.
Q. Thank you.

After novation to Rydon in 2014, I think you were then involved in the design of the crown, weren't you?
A. Yes.
Q. Did you give any consideration as to how the crown may perform in the event of a fire?
A. Just understood it as more aluminium panel.
Q. Did you consider whether cavity barriers may be required between the façade cladding and the crown?
A. Not outwith the strategy that had been agreed already.
Q. You say the strategy that had been agreed already; what was that? What was that strategy?
A. Around the compartments, maintaining the compartments.
Q. I see.

Did you ever consider whether cavity barriers may be required along the crown in order to stop lateral fire spread?
A. You mean vertically?
Q. I suppose it would be vertically. Vertical cavity barriers would be required to stop lateral fire spread, so yes, that is what I'm asking you. Did you ever consider that?
A. They were there in the capacity of the compartments. The crown itself was open. It's an open element.
Q. Indeed, and so there would be no compartments in the crown itself.
A. No.
Q. So does it follow that there were no -- we know there were no, but you didn't consider any vertical cavity barriers in the crown in order to stop lateral fire spread?
A. Because there wasn't a requirement for them, no.
Q. A requirement where?
A. Within the open portions of the crown.
Q. You say there wasn't a requirement for them. I'm interested in the word "requirement". What do you mean by --
A. I'm just trying to quantify what you were saying earlier, which was that you have the compartment of the apartment, if you like, below, then the crown itself is a series of -- was a series of open panels.
Q. Yes.
A. So they were interlocked. It's like a hit and miss fence. So you have the panels doing this (indicated).
Q. Yes.
A. I mean, the design was essentially there. The only thing that was to be considered was any access coming over the top and whether that would have any implication on the design.
Q. Can I ask you, then, to look, please, at \{SEA00013221\}. This is an email exchange in late May 2015. We can see
that the second email down on that page is an email from
Kevin Lamb 29 May 2015 to Simon Lawrence, copied to you and others at Harley:
"Neil,
"Please find attached drawings for the Crown element for approval."

Do you see that?
A. Yes.
Q. Clearly he is asking you to approve those -- his word -and, going up the chain, you see that you returned comments to him on 12 June 2015, two weeks later or so. You attach something called "Crown Details SEA comments":
"Hi Kevin
"Please find attached comments on the Crown drawings."

Do you see that?
A. Yes.
Q. Can we have a look at those. It's \{SEA00003242\}, please. We can see there we have the crown. This is a Harley drawing dated 30 September 2014, at the bottom right-hand we can see that -- no need to blow it up -authored by Kevin Lamb, and it looks like revision 0, because there are no revisions to it, and we can see your by now familiar red capitals. Those are your
comments, aren't they?
A. Yes.
Q. And the stamp B, dated and stamped 12 June 2015; can we see that?
A. Yes.
Q. On the columns, vertical firebreaks have been indicated, haven't they?
A. Yes.
Q. But there is no firebreak or cavity barrier indicated at the top of the columns, is there?
A. That's correct.
Q. So on these drawings, there was a route for fire to spread uninhibited from the columns up to the crown.
A. Erm ... each apartment is a compartment, so you have a compartment below, which is enclosed, then you have a compartment above, and so there is no requirement to protect the compartment to atmosphere, at least this is the interpretation I suppose I might have made from Harley's decision to omit that cavity barrier.
Q. My question -- I'm going to ask it again. If you look at the left -hand side -- it's easier to look at the left -hand side because the right-hand side is obscured by the stamp -- you can see that there is a vertical cavity barrier, or firebreak, as it's called, up the column; do you see?
A. Yes.
Q. And it stops before the crown starts, doesn't it?
A. Yes.
Q. It does. So there is no vertical cavity barrier running up into the crown, is there?
A. Running up to the base of the crown.
Q. But not beyond?
A. Yes.
Q. Exactly. That means that there was a route for fire to spread uninhibited from the columns or up the columns into the crown vertically?
A. You say "up the columns", but there's a horizontal break at the compartment level below.
Q. At the floor?
A. Yes. So, for example, if you took the floor below, you would have effectively the compartment delineated with cavity barriers. So if you -- for example, that dotted line on the left, where the panel stops, there is a cavity barrier running across that, just off the picture.
Q. Yes. Indeed.
A. The point I'm trying to make is that there's not a continuous column path, which is what you inferred.
Q. No, I understand that, but if a fire broke out in that flat --

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A. Yes.
Q. -- above the highest horizontal cavity barrier, and the fire came out of the flat into the cladding to the left on the picture here --
A. It would go straight to atmosphere.
Q. -- it would go straight up into the crown. There would be nothing to stop it going straight up into the crown.
A. It would go into the atmosphere, because it's open, effectively .
Q. But there would be nothing to stop it --
A. That's correct, it would travel up.
Q. Yes. And there are no cavity barriers indicated at the top of the cladding where it meets the crown. There are no horizontal cavity barriers to stop any fire going up into the crown.
A. That's correct.
Q. Yes.

Now, earlier we identified that the employer's requirement drawings had a horizontal cavity barrier in that location ; do you remember that?
A. Yes.
Q. So would you agree that this Harley design represents a worsening in terms of compliance with the guidance in Approved Document B, diagram 33?
A. I read Ray Bailey's response, his explanation for not
including that cavity barrier, and I wouldn't necessarily disagree with it.
Q. Right.
A. Because the primary purpose of the cavity barrier is to protect the compartment, and there is no compartment above it, and there is effectively no chimney effect, because you're only travelling the distance of one apartment.
Q. Yes.

Just to go back -- I let you answer the question, but it's not quite the question. You say you read Ray Bailey's response and his explanation for not including the cavity barrier, and you say you wouldn't necessarily disagree with it.

His response is, am I right in thinking, in his witness statement, not a response as a result of a discussion you had with him at the time; am I right, Mr Crawford?
A. That's correct.
Q. So at the time -- this is what I'm focusing on -Harley's design -- and I'm suggesting to you -represented a worsening of the original Studio E design in terms of compliance with the guidance in Approved Document B?
A. It may have done, yes.

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Q. Did you spot that?
A. I don't recall.
Q. You were asked, as we've seen, for your approval, and you sent back your comment, but you don't say, "Well, hold on a moment, we need to continue the vertical cavity barrier into the crown and we need to have a horizontal cavity barrier at the top of the column". We don't see that, do we?
A. No.
Q. Do you agree that cavity barriers were in fact required in that location?
A. Not necessarily. I mean, I think I would agree with Ray's analysis of it.
Q. Well, let's look at ADB, diagram 33, please. It's \{CLG00000224\}.

Now, can I first take you, please, to paragraph B3.(4) at page 69 \{CLG00000224/69\}, which is "Internal fire spread (structure )".

So if you see that, this is internal fire spread, B3, and look at subparagraph (4) with me, please:
"The building shall be designed and constructed so that the unseen spread of fire and smoke within concealed spaces in its structure and fabric is inhibited."

Were you familiar with that principle at the time
you were asked to approve these drawings, Mr Crawford?
A. General principle, I suppose so, yes.
Q. Therefore, it wasn't simply a question of protecting the compartment, but the whole structure of the building.
A. But it's going straight to atmosphere, there is no structure above it.
Q. Well, let's look at the next page in this document, page 82 \{CLG00000224/82\}, please. I want you to look at diagram 33 with me, "Provision for cavity barriers"; you see that?
A. Yes.
Q. The very top item there -- and we saw this, I think, yesterday -- says, "Close top of cavity "; do you see that?
A. Yes.
Q. So there is quite a clear requirement there, isn't there, that a cavity barrier is required to close the top of the cavity, as it says?
A. No, I would disagree entirely, and for the reasons I gave yesterday. First of all, this is guidance. Secondly, it shows closing a cavity that opens into a further enclosed space; therefore, it is protecting the unseen enclosed space within the roof.
Q. Did you ever go back to Harley and ask them or seek to discuss with them whether or not you actually needed to

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close the top of the cavity that you say vented into the atmosphere, or whether you could essentially treat diagram 33 as inapplicable? Did you do that?
A. I don't recall having that conversation.
Q. If it was your view at the time that there was no need for a cavity barrier at the top of the cladding to close the top off, was there any reason why you didn't express that to Harley and explain it?
A. I think Harley are pretty seasoned contractors. They wouldn't be using a diagram like this to orientate what they were doing.
Q. Is there a reason why you didn't ask Exova, given that they were a resource that you frequently had resort to?
A. What I would say is that we obviously did show a cavity barrier in that location. Harley chose to omit it. Maybe I did see it, maybe I didn't, maybe I trusted their experience and my interpretation on this . I wouldn't necessarily verify every move with every consultant.
Q. Do you actually remember going through the mental thought processes of looking at diagram 33, considering the top of the cladding in the diagram we have seen and thinking to yourself, "Well, diagram 33 doesn't apply because, in the picture, the cavity to be closed enters into an enclosed space, we haven't got that here, so
it's irrelevant"? Did you actually go through that
thought process?
A. It's a very long time ago to know what specific thought processes I went through. I had a familiarity with section 9, diagram 33, that's built up over many projects, so it might -- it's probably fair to say that my intuition in those things is informed by that experience.
Q. Had you ever come across a situation before in your professional practice where you had decided for yourself that a provision or part of diagram 33 didn't apply, such as closing the top of the cavity, as in this case?
A. That's a very specific question and a very specific element. I wouldn't be able to commit to you on that without doing research.
Q. I mean, when not applying the provisions of diagram 33, were you drawing on any industry learning, education, CPD, experience?
A. I think, as I mentioned yesterday, diagram 33 to me is quite a poor diagram, when you consider what it's expected to cover in its totality, or if you were to interpret it in the sort of -- the way you're doing. There are many external wall construction types, some of which I listed yesterday, specifically double-skin construction, which is -- by double-skin, I mean

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possibly not what you're thinking of, but, for example, this is really where I suppose I started to question very much the provisions set out in diagram 33, section 9.

A double-skin façade is typically where you have -well, it's usually double-glazed and then you have an outer skin. The inner skin isn't occuable. It is used for environmental reasons usually. The two skins aren't necessarily transparent, but invariably are, and they can be used for environmental reasons where you actually utilise the chimney effect, so you have no cavity barriers and the chimney can either be horizontal -- you find ones that are horizontal, vertical or just box. It's not the same as a winter garden, where you actually occupy the space, so that space is typically, I don't know, maybe 300, 500 wide. You can usually get into it for maintenance.

Probably the best example that people would know is The Shard, and there it is in glass, so you can obviously see what's happening inside that double-skin façade. There are many buildings that use double-skin façades like that where you can't see in. The technical, you would argue, you would have to use -well, your argument is you would be using diagram 33 or section 9, but you can't apply that and still maintain
those operational principles.
So very quickly you find there's severe limitations to that sort of literal application of section 9 and diagram 33. I mean, you can't really apply it, in my opinion, to curtain walls. For the reasons I mentioned yesterday, you can't apply it to, for example, many other forms of complex external wall construction. The example that's shown here is literally -- it looks like a two-up, two-down house with traditional double masonry skin wall, and, yes --
Q. Mr Crawford, sorry, I don't want to cut across you, but it was really a yes or no answer.

Was the thinking that you're now explaining at some length to us here in this hearing room something which went through your mind at the time, or is this something that you have rationalised after the event?
A. I think I used the word "intuition" before. I think what happens is you glean knowledge and gain knowledge as you go along, and some processes of what you do are almost -- are subconscious, become subconscious to you, based on your experience. What I thought specifically at that time, I don't recall. I mean, it was six years ago.
Q. Before I leave this topic, let me just ask one more question.

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You were asked to approve this drawing by Harley; did you ever give any thought to how a fire might be able to spread uninhibited between or among a set of PE-cored panels across the crown of this building in the absence of any cavity barriers, either within the crown or at the top of the columns?
A. In the absence of any cavity barrier, I would understand the fire just to go straight out to atmosphere.
Q. You say you would understand it; was that your thinking at the time?
A. I've no idea what I thought at the time. I wasn't consciously noting everything I thought at the time. This is what I'm trying to explain. I mean, I don't know what I thought at the time. I mean, I obviously thought it was ...
Q. Right, now we're going to go to a different topic, which is windows. We will have a break very shortly again, Mr Crawford, for your benefit. Can we first get into the topic.

I'm going to turn to drawings of windows first, if I may. Can I ask you, please, to be shown
\{SEA00003040/7\}.
Before we get into the detail of that, let meask you a more general question: were you aware that there were two Harley drawings which have the drawing number

C1059-302, revision D, each marked "Approved for construction"?
A. Sorry, what do you mean by that? There's two different drawings with the same number?
Q. Yes.
A. With different content?
Q. Yes.
A. No, but then I've only been looking at the content per drawing.
Q. Right. Let's look at the first, which is the one on the screen. That's page 7 .

Now, we're looking here, just so you're clear, about the window jamb condition. Okay?
A. Yeah.
Q. That, as you can see, is stamped by you on

16 January 2015, and you mark it status A; yes?
A. Yes.
Q. So you're recording that it conforms to design intent and is approved for construction.
A. No, no, no, we don't approve for construction.

Architects don't approve drawings; they comment on them. The "Approved for construction" is something Harley's put on for their own purpose.
Q. Okay, but Harley approve it for construction and then you stamp it status A, and really that's it, isn't it? 77

It then goes to construction. What else intervenes to stop it being constructed based on that --
A. Well, Rydon ultimately approve for construction.
Q. Oh, I see. Right.
A. We don't turn round to Harley and say, "Yes, go and start manufacturing this ".
Q. I see.

Who at Rydon would give the final approval for construction based on the drawing, did you think?
A. The Rydon management team.
Q. Who?
A. I don't know. I don't know who -- I mean, they have their own internal people at the front project managing, people assembling the packages, managing the costs, the procurement, the warranties, everything else on the individual patches. We're not party to that. We just comment in abstract on the architectural intent.
Q. Let's come back to this and call this the stamped version because it has your stamp on it; all right?
A. Yes.
Q. So this is the stamped version. There is a second one, and it would be wonderful if we could put these up side by side. This is the offline version at \{HAR00010440\}. It would be good if we could have these two side by side. Yes, I think that does it. Thank you.

Now, we will call that the unstamped version. So, just to be clear, we have the stamped version on the left -hand side of the screen, and the unstamped version on the right-hand side of the screen. All right?
A. Yes.
Q. In both cases, we can see that the drawings are originally dated 20 August 2014 in the little box at the bottom next to the lamb. Do you see that?
A. Yes.
Q. They're both given construction issue revision D , dated 13 January 2015 in the box at the bottom. Do you see that?
A. Yes.
Q. And they are both, as you can see, drawings of the window jamb condition; yes?
A. $\mathrm{Mm}-\mathrm{hm}$.
Q. Now, Mr Lamb has described in his proposed evidence in his statement at paragraph 31 -- and I just want to put to you what he says, because it's a convenient description. This is \{HAR00010419/8\}. Perhaps it's easier not to turn that up, because I might lose what's on the screen, which we have taken some time to put up there, but let me just summarise it for you. He says it was decided to remove the return on the cladding facing the window and include an aluminium angle instead.

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So can you see that? Can you see that in the --
A. The one on the left has an angle and a fixing through. Is that what you mean?
Q. Yes. Well, exactly, the one on the left has a return on the cladding facing. Do you see that?
A. Yes.
Q. The return on the cladding which faces the window. Do you see that? But on the right, that's been changed and there is a L-shaped aluminium bracket --
A. Yes.
Q. -- between the cladding and the window. Do you see that?
A. Yes.
Q. He also says that the window vent profile was changed. He also says that he added in the detail of the adhesive foam, and you can see again on the picture that in the stamped version, there is no reference to adhesive foam, just the EPDM. Do you see that?
A. Yes.
Q. Bonded. Do you see that there, the little dotted black line?
A. Yeah.
Q. Whereas on the right-hand side you have a larger shaded area with an arrow showing adhesive foam. Do you see that?

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A. Yes.
Q. Right.
    He also says that he removed the local fixing straps
    to reflect things as they had been built. You can see
    that, I think, from ...
A. That was what I mentioned earlier.
Q. Exactly.
A. At least that's how --
Q. Yes.
Now, just comparing those drawings, the words "PPC angle to match panel" have been added to the unstamped version and it's not in the stamped version. Do you see that?
A. \(\mathrm{Mm}-\mathrm{hm}\).
Q. We can also see local fixing straps are shown on the stamped drawing, showing that they were to be installed behind the window frame, and they have been omitted from the unstamped one. I think we have seen that, haven't we?
A. Yes.
Q. And we have seen the layer of foam.
Looking at those differences, Mr Lamb says in his statement that he had had a discussion about these drawings in about February 2015. So that's about a month after you had stamped the stamped version as
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status A.
First of all, do you recall any discussion about those drawings in around February 2015?
A. I don't recall.
Q. Okay.
A. But it doesn't mean they didn't take place. I mean --
Q. No, I'm not suggesting that it didn't, Mr Crawford, I'm just asking you for your recollection.

Now, is it right that the unstamped drawing was not sent to Studio E, so far as you know?
A. If you're telling me that, yes.
Q. Well, I'm just asking you.

Before this Inquiry began, had you ever seen the unstamped version of this drawing with the changes I've shown?
A. The only reason I'm caveating that, sorry, is not to be difficult, but we literally have files with hundreds, maybe thousands of drawings. I wouldn't be able to categorically say without checking.
Q. All right.

Now, Mr Lamb says that, in relation to the drawings that we have been looking at, the fundamentals of the design drawing were reflected by revision $D$, issued on 13 January 2015, which is the stamped -- well, which is both of those, actually -- and that there were ongoing
discussions with Studio E about the cladding gap between the column cladding and the spandrel cladding.

My question is, in light of what he proposes to say to the Inquiry: were there ongoing discussions at this point, January or February 2015, about the cladding gap? (Pause)
A. Sorry, this is the cladding gap between the column enclosure and the spandrel?
Q. And the edge of the window, yes. Sorry, no, between the column cladding and the spandrel cladding, to be more accurate.
A. Yes.
Q. To be right.
A. But the gap looks the same between the two drawings.
Q. Yes, indeed, and the question is: were there ongoing discussions in January/February 2015 about how to deal with that gap?
A. There may well have been. I don't recall .
Q. Do you remember whether there was a proposal about how that cladding gap would be dealt with?
A. I don't recall. I mean, there were rolling conversations about multiple aspects in these meetings. I don't recall specific --
Q. Do you ever recall a discussion with Mr Lamb or anybody else at Harley about the use of adhesive foam?

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A. I don't, no.
Q. Do you ever remember a discussion with him about the removal of the straps?
A. I can't specifically recall. I mean, as I said before, there may have been. He may have tabled it. He may not have.
MR MILLETT: Okay.
Mr Chairman, we are absolutely mid-flow on this, but I anticipate a short further break --
SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: I think if we don't take a break now --
MR MILLETT: We'll never have one, exactly .
SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: I think you would like a break, wouldn't you, Mr Crawford?
THE WITNESS: Yes, please.
SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: We will have a ten-minute break and come back at 12.20 . If you would like to go with the usher, please.
(Pause)
12.20, please. Thank you.
(12.11 pm)
(A short break)
(12.20 pm)

SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: All right, Mr Crawford?
THE WITNESS: Yes.

## Q. Okay.

I'm now going to ask you some questions about the design of the windows.

Now, the new windows in the cladding system were outside and forward of the concrete slabs at the window head and the concrete columns that formed the jambs and the concrete spandrel panels which supported the cills, weren't they?
A. Yes.
Q. Do you agree that in order safely to be able to place the windows outside the plane of the external wall, you needed to protect any cavity from the risk of an internal fire migrating around the window edges and into any cavity lying within the external wall space?

## (Pause)

A. The gap between the windows and the internal wall ... I think originally we showed the birch-faced ply with insulation and plasterboard sealed up to it.
Q. My question is perhaps a long one, but was supposed to be a simple one. I'll ask it again.

Do you agree that in order to be able to place the window safely outside the plane of the external wall, you needed to protect any cavity from the risk of an internal fire migrating round the window edges and into any cavity lying within the external wall?
A. There's slightly conflicting opinions on this . Traditionally on a building you have an opening and you have a window and you place the window in the opening. The opening usually has a tolerance. Traditionally that seal round there is usually never fire rated.
Q. Yes.
A. As the window itself is not fire rated. So effectively the opening is an un-fire-rated opening.

Within our spec, we specified the lining should come up to and fire seal to the opening -- round the opening, which would have dealt with that scenario anyway.
Q. Right. I'm not quite sure that's an answer to my question, but let's see how we go with the next one.

Would you agree with me that, in order to comply with the Building Regulations, it was necessary to ensure a number of things, and I'll put two to you: first, that all components and materials within the cavity within the external wall construction complied with paragraph 12.7 of Approved Document B, which governs insulation?
A. Limited combustibility?
Q. Yes.
A. If you are following ADB, yes.
Q. That would include, wouldn't it, insulation contained within the voids behind the heads, jambs and cills of

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the windows; yes?
A. If you're following ADB , yes.
Q. And if you're not following ADB, what would you do?
A. You would have had to have found other means to justify that compliance.
Q. So you would need to be able to identify the risk and then fire engineer around it?
A. Yes.
Q. I think that's what you're saying, yes.

Now, it's right, isn't it, that the changes in the size and the placing of the windows created gaps as a result of moving the windows out of the plane of the concrete structure?
A. Erm ...

## (Pause)

There's a gap around the windows.
Q. Yes.
A. I mean, do you want to show me on a drawing specifically what you mean?
Q. I'm asking you, you were there --
A. Yeah, but you're asking me theoretical questions in words. It's easier for me to -- if you show me on a drawing what you mean, because I'm frightened I'm not necessarily --
Q. I can certainly do that. Let's look at \{SEA00003040/7\},

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    which is the stamped version. "Window jamb upper
    levels ".
    Looking at that, that's the stamped version we were
        looking at earlier. Can you see that there is a gap
        between the sides of the windows and their adjacent
        columns on this drawing of between 35 and
        90 millimetres?
A. Yes, that's right.
Q. Those are the gaps I'm talking about.
A. The original scheme involved keeping the original window
        frames, and so this is what it's showing us. The gap
        has been determined by the existing window frame, which
        is that dotted -- that dotted frame you can see in
        there.
Q. Yes.
            Perhaps it may be easier to do this by reference to
        a version of the drawing in Dr Lane's report, if I can
        just do that. Can you please go to {INQ00011312/7}.
            So this is the same drawing. Dr Lane has added some
        colours to it. In that, you can see that the shape of
        the existing concrete façade leaves channels which
        appear to be unfilled with insulation. Do you see that?
A. Yes.
Q. Those are the yellow runnels that sit behind the
        insulation. So those are some gaps there.
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Was that a matter that concerned you at the time or that you thought might need corrections?
A. They're very, very small gaps to my mind, but it didn't concern me at the time, no.
Q. Right.
I misspoke when I said Dr Lane; in fact, I meant Mr Paul Hyett. I don't think anything turns on it.
Now, although you addressed changes to the design of the windows in your statement in a number of places, I don't think you ever actually specifically addressed the issue of the size of the gaps between the edges of the window frames and the edge of the concrete window surround, or these runnels that we have seen coloured here. Is there a reason for that?
A. Which one, sorry?
Q. Well, take the green shaded area, the gaps there --
A. Yes.
Q. -- which we were talking about a little bit earlier . You don't specifically address the question of the size of those gaps which existed between the edge of the window and the edge of the concrete itself, the surround. You don't address that in your statement, do you? I just wanted to know why that was.
A. I'm not even sure what the point is. I mean, the insulation comes up and it closes that gap.
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Q. Yes, and my question is really about the choice of materials, which we're going to come to, about that.

Do you recall having any input into the choice of materials used to fill that gap?
A. Beyond what was in our specification, I think K11 555 talks about Rockwool to fill gaps, and then there's reference in the P20 to the birch-faced ply and there is reference to fire sealing of the internal walls to -- at the edge. I mean ...
Q. Let's turn, then, to a slightly different topic, but only slightly : insulation materials behind the internal window lining. It's really the same topic in a different way.

If we could please look at \{HAR00010440\}, in the offline version, this is the unstamped drawing we were looking at before. If we could just have that expanded just a little bit, you can see again -- we've looked at this before -- the adhesive foam, the aluminium angle and other changes.

At the top of the drawing, to the right of the column, do you see there is a mark-up "Window board \& soft joint by others"? It's vertical writing, I'm afraid, but do you see that there, second item down?
A. Yes.
Q. Right. That rather suggests or indicates the new

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internal window reveals that would be installed as part of the internal window reveal; yes?
A. Yes.
Q. Above that, we can see:
"Existing frame remaining in most cases. Remove by others where necessary."

You see that?
A. Yes.
Q. We can see the outline in there, in the dotted line, of the original metal window frame, which was to remain in situ, in place, in most cases; am I right about that?
A. That's what you just mentioned, yes.
Q. That's it, just to get it right on the drawing.

Below the outline of the original metal window frame, we can see the insulation indicated and the mark-up "Insulation by others"; do you see that?
A. Yes.
Q. There is a drawing pattern which indicates the insulation; yes?
A. Yes.
Q. Yes.

By the way, I should just ask you this question: does that pattern to you indicate an insulation of mineral wool?
A. Erm ... I think traditional drawing convention, and

I would say especially when -- before people were using computers, then you would probably say, yeah, that was definitely mineral wool. I think what's happened, particularly in the last 20 or so years, is that conventions on representing insulation have been relaxed somewhat, and certainly in my experience I've seen the foulard pattern and the hatched pattern used interchangeably to represent different types of insulation. That may have come about just because there are more foam type insulations around, but also when you start using BIM, Revit and and programs like that, people also started to use other forms of representation for insulation as well, such as yellow blocking and stuff like that.

So in the era of drawing boards, I would have said you would have been more inclined to read that as categorically a mineral wool type insulation, but I think those boundaries have been very much blurred, particularly --
Q. Now, in this drawing, as you can see, at the very top, above the label to "Existing frame" --
A. Yeah.
Q. -- it's quite difficult to see this, but can you see that there is a 40 in the gap?
A. Yes.

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Q. Which shows that the cavity there was 40 millimetres wide at the jamb condition?
A. Right.
Q. So if we now go to \{SEA00000169/243\}, please, this should be, if I'm right, the NBS spec, "P10 Sundry insulation/proofing work". Do you see that?
A. Yes.
Q. At paragraph 235, near the bottom of the page,
"Compressible insulation in gaps"; do you see that?
Yes?
A. Yes.
Q. And manufacturer: Rockwool.
A. Yes.
Q. Pencoed, Bridgend, and you can see that there is, second bullet point down -- and we have looked at this before -- "Material: Mineral wool to BS EN 13162". Do you see that?
A. Yes.
Q. Now, if we look back, please, at the drawing -- in fact, let's go to a different drawing. If we go to the offline version of \{SEA00002499\}, I just want to show you a Studio E employer's requirement drawing. I think it's one we have seen before, actually. We can see -and this is a Studio E employer's requirement drawing from September 2013 -- "Proposed typical bay plans,
section $\mathcal{E}$ elevation ".
We can see there is no indication of any packing material to the internal window lining there, is there, if you look at the "Proposed Section - Typical Bay" on the right?
A. I think you might have to blow it up a bit.
Q. If you blow that up, please, and focus in on that.

If you look down that, you can see that there is no --
A. There's solid wood board in there, though, from what I can see.
Q. Studio E had specified compressible Rockwool insulation in the NBS, as we have just seen, but neither mineral wool nor Rockwool is specified on this drawing, is it?
A. On this specific drawing, no.
Q. That's right.

Now, moving away from that a little, do you accept that Studio E ought to have produced 1:5 detail drawings which showed in adequate detail how the voids that we have looked at around the window linings at head, jambs and cills should have been packed with insulation?
A. No.
Q. Why don't you accept that?
A. The detailed design of the cladding would precipitate the resolution of that detail and then, from that

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detail, and following that detail process, you would be able to address that at a $1: 5$ scale.
Q. You see, the work is indicated in the NBS specification as to what's got to go in there --
A. No, that's just a general clause, but you would apply it to that kind of area. The same with, for example, is it K10 on linings, it mentions about fire sealing of the linings up to openings.
Q. Did you ever have a discussion with Harley about the choice of insulating materials to be used in the gaps that we have been looking at?
A. In those gaps? No.
Q. So are you really saying that you just left it to Harley to get on with?
A. The detailed design of that cladding package was for Harley. Where -- if Harley have, as I noted, said works to be completed by others, then this is an issue for Rydon in their package split.
Q. Who did you think the others would be?
A. That's an issue for Rydon and its package split and its subcontractors. That's what they do: they manage the packages and they manage the interfaces.

For example, if they had wanted a detail to resolve that interface and the problems that had come out of the, let's say, renegotiated position of Harley in terms
of where that interface started and stopped, then I would expect Rydon to issue an RFI to me asking for clarification, at which point we would have produced that detail, if they had requested it.
Q. Can you go back to \{SEA00003040/7\}. This is something we have looked at before. This is the drawing we looked at twice, I think, now. This is the one which you stamped on 16 January 2015. This is the stamped version.
A. Yes.
Q. Do you remember we looked at the stamped and the unstamped?
A. Yeah.
Q. This is the stamped version. I just want to ask you about that.

You can see that it's approved for construction and stamped by you.
A. No, no, it's stamped by me, it's not approved for construction.
Q. It's stamped "Approved for construction" and then stamped by you.
A. Yes.
Q. So -- and I'm trying to see it on this version -- yes, there it is at the top right-hand corner, we looked at it before:

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"Existing frames remains in most cases. Remove by others where necessary."

And then again:
"Insulation by others."
Just looking at that, you were, were you, quite content to mark this status A even though this was going to be insulation to be left for other people?
A. As I've stated before, our comments are based on architectural intent. The package split in terms of package responsibilities or the interfaces between packages is a matter for the main contractor.
Q. Having seen the NBS specification which very clearly spelt out the use of Rockwool in these gaps, why did you stamp this status A when the drawing didn't refer to the use of Rockwool in that space, where it says "Insulation by others"?
A. But, sorry, that doesn't follow. For example, let's say Harley have agreed that this isn't within their package of works, which they would have had to have done with Rydon, then Rydon would then decide whose package of works it fell into. In deciding whose package of works it falls into, Rydon then are responsible for issuing the design information that that subcontractor would require to complete their works. That would include the spec.
Q. I don't understand that, I am afraid, Mr Crawford. What I' $m$ trying to understand is why you were able to stamp this drawing as conforming to a design intent in circumstances where the drawing did not refer to the specific insulation that Studio E itself had specified should go into the gap where it says "Insulation by others"?
A. But that's because what Harley have drawn is indicative of package works from someone else. What I'm saying to you is if Harley have agreed -- Harley have agreed their package of works, which is what they've identified on their drawing. What they were not completing would be to be completed by someone else. In order to get to that position, they would have had to have agreed it with Rydon. Rydon, as the main contractor, would have to decide who was completing that portion of works. In order for them to agree who's carrying out that portion of works, they would have to give them a brief, a set of drawings, a set of spec, in order to do that. So that information would be contained within that package of works. They wouldn't be giving Harley's drawings to another subcontractor.
Q. Why didn't you comment on this drawing and ask or insist that --
A. Well --

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Q. Let me just ask the question, please, Mr Crawford, if I can.

When you stamped this status A, why didn't you insist that, instead of "Insulation by others", it said "Mineral wool", because that was what was in the NBS spec?
A. But, I'm sorry, it just doesn't follow. I mean, I could sit and insist on any comment on anything. I mean, what they've noted is, "Here's a portion of work that isn't ours", so why should I comment on it? I don't know what they intended to put in there. I don't know what Rydon intended to put in there. It's a design and build contract. They could administer it as they saw fit, assuming they agreed it with the client, KCTMO. Do you understand?

I mean, I wouldn't comment on the concrete column. Why would I comment on the concrete column? It's nothing to do with Harley's work. I'm commenting on Harley's work.
Q. Mr Crawford, what I'm suggesting to you is that by leaving the words "Insulation by others" in the drawing, it might be thought that you were approving the suggestion that some other kind of insulation other than that specified in the NBS specification could be used.
A. But why would I be suggesting that by not commenting on
it? That doesn't follow.
Q. Well, I've asked the question and I've noted that you've responded to it with a question. I shall move on.
A. Again, sorry, just to be clear, I'm not trying to be difficult, this is just my understanding of how you mark up subcontractors' drawings.
Q. Now, can we then --

SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Sorry, can I see if I can help here. I think what Mr Millett is really asking you is why, when the specification that Studio E had formulated prescribed mineral wool, did you not comment on the fact that the drawing which eventually emanated from Harley did not seem to provide for mineral wool, it provided for any insulation to be supplied by a third party?
A. But it doesn't say that, it just shows an insulation.

SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Exactly, not necessarily mineral wool.
A. Yes.

SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: That's the question: why was this not a matter of comment when it allowed for a departure from the specification?
A. But, for example, if you look at the insulation at the front in the diagonal, I don't think it says exactly what that insulation is.
SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Well, maybe, but ...
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## A. Do you get my point?

SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: No.
A. The hatched area inside the window is some form of neoprene insulation. That's not labelled either.
SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: So what you are saying is you didn't consider it was something that required comment --
A. Yeah.

SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: -- simply because it didn't reflect with exactness what was in the specification?
A. But you can't tell whether it exactly reflects whether it's in the spec or not from the ...
SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: All right. Yes.
A. If it had said styrene foam, something like this, then okay, you could say that's not what's in the spec. But even then, it's labelled "by others", as opposed to what I'm being asked to comment on, which is Harley's contribution.
SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: All right.
Well, I'm not sure I helped you at all, Mr Millett, but ...
MR MILLETT: There it is .
SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Thank you, Mr Crawford.
MR MILLETT: Mr Crawford, thank you for that.
Can we please turn to \{SEA00012940\}. This is an email from Jason North, he is Rydon, to you dated

12 March 2015, copied to Simon O’Connor, also of Rydon. The subject is, "Windows Grenfell Tower".

Jason North was the site manager at the time; do you remember that?
A. Yes.
Q. "Afternoon Neil
"We are installing windows at the moment and I cant seem to find anywhere a detail for insulation behind the fixed panel alongside the windows, can you point me in the right direction with this."

Now, from that email, did you know at least by then that the packing material to be used behind the internal linings to the windows had not been specified?
A. I don't think that's exactly what that question is asking.
Q. Well, what did you understand by his question?
A. I think he means the ... I think he means the fixed panel within the windows where the concrete -- well, there's pre-cast concrete and there's -- I can't remember what it was, some sort of thermal creep block or something came up. I think he was looking for the insulation detail round the back of that, if I'm reading that correctly.
Q. Right.

Did you go back and look at the relevant drawings to 103
try to answer his question in the way you have just said you understood it?
A. I don't recall, but possibly, yes.
Q. Do you think you went back to check the NBS specification?
A. I don't recall.
Q. Did you make any enquiry of Harley or Rydon regarding the type and product name of the insulation that he was talking about, as you understood it?
A. I don't think that was within Harley's works. If it's the bit that we were talking -- I think we're talking about.
Q. Did this not prompt you to go to Rydon or ask someone else at Rydon, perhaps Simon O'Connor, the question why you were being asked this question and not Harley?
A. No, because I don't -- if it's the bit I think he's referring to, it's part of the internal dry lining package, so it's behind that sort of central column element, and it sits behind the middle of the windows -the middle of the windows.
Q. I see. So you think he was talking about the insulation behind the infill panels? We call them infill panels, which we're going to come to later .
A. Yeah. There was an infill panel with -- I think it was a thermal creep concrete element, and I think what he's

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showed me at 1:20. For example, the dry lining type drawings, I think there's a junction detail on that that might have covered it .
Q. Okay. Let's look at something else on this aspect.

Did you remember that Mr Dixon of SD was engaged I think by Rydon to undertake some of the internal lining and plastering works?
A. I don't know Mr Dixon.
Q. Right.

Do you remember having any discussions, either with Rydon or an entity called SD Plastering, or indeed anybody else, about the selection of materials for use within the cavity we have been looking at?
A. No.
Q. Do you know why PIR and sometimes phenolic insulation was packed behind the window jambs and cills rather than the Rockwool which was specified in the NBS specification?
A. I'd no idea that that had happened until after the fire and saw pictures of the exposed areas.
Q. Did it surprise you when you discovered that fact?
A. Yes.
Q. So can we take it that you and nobody else at Studio E were ever aware of the decision, whose ever it was, to use PIR or phenolic as insulation in those areas? When
you went on your site visits, did you not see the use of PIR or phenolic insulation in those areas?
A. When we had site visits, they were to the lower levels, to the management office, for site meetings. We truly didn't have any inspection appointment or monitoring appointment in that regard, so we weren't looking at them, we weren't shown them.
Q. Right.

I'm now going to turn to the next topic, which is the window insulated infill panels and cavity insulation, which made up part of the fenestration or window arrangement at Grenfell Tower.

Now, we can look at it again, but we have already established that in the NBS specification, an aluminium-faced insulated infill core panel had been specified. I can go back to the spec if you like, Mr Crawford.
A. No, I do recall.
Q. I think we have also established -- and, again, we can go back to it if you like -- that there is no reference in the spec to a product or type of insulation to be used as the insulated infill panel in the tender drawing.
A. There is a performance spec, yes.
Q. Yes. Can we look, please, at \{HAR00008886\}. This is

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a Harley drawing, Kevin Lamb's, 22 September 2014, "Typical bay levels 1 to 20 west/east elevation"; you see that?
A. Yes.
Q. This is revision D dated 3 March 2015. Okay? You can see how the build-up of the revisions went, and this latest one is "Firebreaks added"; you see that?
A. Yes.
Q. Now, let's look at the window arrangement. You can see that the window passing between the columns across the flat partitions is shaded and designated P1. It's not very clear on what we have on the screen, but perhaps we can expand the bigger shaded squares. There are two of them. Perhaps we can expand the left -hand one for convenience so that everybody can see it. You can just see in the top left -hand corner a P1.
A. Yes.
Q. Yes.

Mr Operator, I wonder if we could just blow that up a little bit more so that everybody in the room and in public can see that, to be absolutely clear, because its designation P1 is important.

While we're at it, will you also agree with me that the smaller shaded area, where the shading goes from bottom right to top left, is marked P 2 ?

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A. Yes.
Q. Yes?
    Now, if we look, please, next at {HAR00003866} --
    and we will come back to that in due course -- this is
    the Harley specification notes, some of which we looked
    at yesterday. I'm not sure we looked at this one
    yesterday. Its date of origin, 15 January 2015,
    Kevin Lamb again. Do you see that?
A. Yes.
Q. We can see that Mr Lamb here specifies, if you ignore
    the red annotations, "Outer" -- this is on the left -hand
    side, under "Glazing - G1 - panels", do you see it says:
    "Outer - 2mm aluminium skin ..."
    Do you see?
A. Yes.
Q. "... 2mm aluminium skin."
    And then underneath that:
    "Core - 24mm Kingspan TP10 rigid insulation.
    "Inner - 2mm aluminium skin ..."
    Do you see that?
A. Yes.
Q. That's for P1. Then for P2, which was the smaller
        little square we saw:
        "Outer - 2mm aluminium skin ...
    "Core - 24mm Kingspan ...
        1 0 9
    "Inner - 2mm aluminium skin ..."
        Yes?
A. Yes. Just to note, this is not my handwriting.
Q. No. Well, I was going to ask you: do you know whose
    handwriting it is?
A. No, but it's not mine.
Q. Do you know when those red annotations were applied?
A. I haven't seen this drawing in this form, so, no,
    I don't know who or when that was done.
Q. I see.
A. I actually assumed it was someone from your team.
Q. My team?
A. To me it looks like someone is measuring something
        against what was actually written.
Q. The short answer is you don't know who added it or when?
A. Yes.
Q. Can I take it from that that you never saw this version
        of this document with those additions to it?
A. No.
Q. Right.
            More generally, were you aware at the time that the
        insulation material had been amended under P1 from
        Kingspan TP10 to 25 millimetres of Styrofoam?
A. I don't believe so, but, again, I would have been
        commenting on architectural intent as far as drawings
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were concerned. But if someone had changed something beyond this, then I wouldn't have been aware of it in any --
Q. Let's pursue this a bit more. Can you go, please, to \{HAR00003869\}. We will just do this drawing and then break, because there's a string of these to look at.

This is the same document in printed form, stamped by you on 26 January.
A. Yes.
Q. I'm sorry, I have just misled you. Let me take it a different way.

Start with your stamp on the right-hand side, Studio E. You stamped this B on 26 January 2015; yes?
A. Yes.
Q. Now, if you look at the left -hand side, you can see that under "Glazing - P1 - panels", we now have "Core - 25 mm Styrofoam" for P1.
A. So they have changed the P1 but not the P2.
Q. Exactly.

Now, when you saw this specification note, did you notice that change?
A. You mean when I was commenting on this drawing?
Q. Yes.
A. Well, I couldn't say, but I would have been commenting, as I've maintained up until now, on architectural

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intent, so I wouldn't necessarily have been looking for that sort of change.
Q. Do you know why the amendment was made to Styrofoam in P1 but not in P2?
A. I've absolutely no idea.
Q. Did you or Kevin Lamb, to your knowledge, ever inform the author of the red annotations -- and I suppose if you didn't know who it was, you wouldn't have done, but did you know whether anybody ever told whoever it might be who had written that there and had made the change that the prescription of Styrofoam was not being followed for P 2 and raise that question?
A. I'm getting a little confused, sorry.
Q. Yes, and I'm not surprised, it was a confusing question.

Did you or to your knowledge Kevin Lamb ever raise the question with anybody as to why TP10 had been removed for P1 and replaced with Styrofoam?
A. I have no recollection of ...
Q. Did you ever discuss the use of Styrofoam within the external wall build-up with anybody at Studio E?
A. Not that I recall, no.
Q. Did you ever raise the issue with Harley?
A. Not that I recall.
Q. Did you ever raise it with Rydon?
A. Not that I recall.
Q. Do you know or agree that Styrofoam is a trading name for extruded polystyrene insulation, otherwise known as XPS?
A. I'm aware of XPS and that it's used in inverted roof structures, for example, with fire retardant in it.
MR MILLETT: All right. We're going to look at P2 after the break.

Mr Chairman, I think now is a reasonably convenient time for a break.
SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: All right.
Mr Crawford, we will have a break now for some lunch. Please don't talk to anyone about your evidence over the lunch period. We will resume at 2.05 , please.
THE WITNESS: Thanks.
SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Would you like to go with the usher, please. Thank you.

## (Pause)

Good, 2.05, please. Thank you.
(1.03 pm)
(The short adjournment)
( 2.05 pm )
SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: All right, Mr Crawford?
THE WITNESS: Yes.
SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Thank you.
MR MILLETT: Mr Chairman, before we restart Mr Crawford's
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evidence, can I just make a short procedural
announcement, subject to you and Ms Istephan, and that is the next pair of witnesses.

After Mr Crawford's evidence today, we will move then to Mr Rek. We will finish him during the course of tomorrow, and then move back to Mr Sounes, who has very kindly indicated that he wishes to return to complete his evidence. That will be the rest of tomorrow and Thursday, and possibly beyond that, but we will see.
SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Good, yes.
MR MILLETT: So that's the programme, so everybody knows.
SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes.
MR MILLETT: Mr Crawford, can I ask you to be shown again, please, \{HAR00003869\}, which is what we were looking at before the break, where you have a stamp B on the specification notes on 26 January 2015; do you see that? A. Yes.
Q. I just want to look with you, please, now, at the glazing P2 panels, which we looked at briefly before, and you can see there that Kingspan TP10 rigid insulation is prescribed as the core for the P2 panels; yes?
A. Yes.
Q. Did you ever discuss the use of Kingspan TP10 within the external wall build-up with anybody within Studio E?
A. Not that I recall.
Q. Did you ever raise the issue or question with Harley or Rydon about the use of TP10 rigid insulation within P2?
A. Not that I recall.
Q. Had you actually ever heard of the product Kingspan TP10 before?
A. I'm aware of various Kingspan insulations. Specifically that one at that time, I couldn't say.
Q. Did you take any steps to familiarise yourself with Kingspan TP10 and its specification?
A. I may have done, I don't recall, but I would reiterate what I said at the start, which is I was commenting from an architectural intent perspective.
Q. Right.

Now, the P1 and P2 panels were part of the external surface of the building, weren't they?
A. They were part of the window units.
Q. They were.

Let's see if you agree with my next question: do you agree with me that the insulating material used within those panels should have been a material of limited combustibility in order to comply with paragraph 12.7 of Approved Document B, or else be the subject of an 8414 test to comply with BR 135 criteria?
A. To comply to those criteria, yes.

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Q. Looking at, if we can, \{RYD00046822/1\}, please, this is revision D of the Harley specification notes. This time you see against the D in the bottom box, 15 July 2015, "R2 \& R3 added, fire ". You stamp this with status A, can you see that, on 17 July?
A. Yes.
Q. Just a day or two later. Do you see that?
A. Yes.
Q. When you stamped it A, did you notice that the specification for P1 was Styrofoam and P2 was Kingspan TP10?
A. I stated before I was looking at the spec and the drawings from the -- for the perspective of architectural intent.
Q. Yes. Yes. Did you notice that the specification for the material for P1 for the core was Styrofoam and the material for P 2 for the material was Kingspan TP10?
A. I don't recall.
Q. Did you take any steps to satisfy yourself that Styrofoam and Kingspan TP10 were materials of limited combustibility or else had confirmed --
A. My understanding of all foams, plastic foams, is that it could be treated with retardant to limit their combustibility.
Q. Did you take any steps to find out whether those
materials had in fact been treated with retardant to limit their combustibility?
A. I don't recall.
Q. If those materials were neither compliant with the requirements for limited combustibility nor had passed a full-scale 8414 test in accordance with BR 135, how could their specification conform to design intent as you had specified it or you had stamped it?
A. The architectural intent had performance criteria within it which they were required -- which Harley were required to conform to, and whatever their proposals they put forward were required to conform to that.
Q. Could --
A. An issue of -- sorry.
Q. I'm sorry, do you want to finish your answer?

I overspoke. Do you want to finish that answer?
A. No, that's fine.
Q. All right.

How could a drawing or a specification conform to design intent if it didn't comply with the statutory requirements?
A. It had to comply with the employer's requirements. In terms of checking that it complied with statutory requirements, that was for the subcontractor, to seek to ensure that they complied with statutory requirements.

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Q. How could a drawing or a specification be signed off as complying with design intent or architectural intent, if you like, if in fact it did not comply with statutory requirements?
A. But we were only looking at it from the purposes of architectural intent. The means of satisfying statutory compliance was for the subcontractor to satisfy themselves. They had a performance specification which they were required to meet. We're not checking, we're not marking, we're not giving marks out of 10 , we're not approving; we're commenting on architectural intent.
Q. Yes. Really my question is, and I' ll ask it one more time: did you think at the time when marking this status A, "Conforms to design intent ", that in doing so you didn't have to satisfy yourself either that Styrofoam or that Kingspan TP10 complied with the statutory requirements?
A. I thought that was for Harley to satisfy themselves.
Q. You thought that was for Harley.

Did you take any steps to satisfy yourself that Harley had satisfied themselves that those materials complied with the statutory requirements?
A. It was for them to satisfy themselves.
Q. Did you know generally at the time that Styrofoam was expanded polystyrene?
A. XPS --
Q. XPS, indeed.
A. I think I mentioned before, I am familiar with XPS. XPS is used on external aspects of buildings with retardant in it.
Q. Would it not have been obvious to you when you saw the word "Styrofoam" on this document as the material for the core in the P1 panel that it was, being XPS, manifestly not compliant with statutory requirements?
A. Not at all, not necessarily. It could have retardant in it. It was part of the window, so it wasn't part of the cladding, and it could have been encapsulated.
Q. So when you saw "Styrofoam", are you telling us that you actually made the assumption that --
A. I made no judgement on it, for the reasons I've already mentioned.
Q. Right. So if in fact you didn't know whether or not any fire retardant had been added to the Styrofoam, would it not be a manifest error to any architect to see Styrofoam sitting there in the specification for use in the external wall construction as it was?
A. I think I've answered the question.
Q. Well, I don't think you have, if you don't mind. Would you mind answering it again, then?
A. Can you repeat it, please?

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Q. Yes.

If you didn't know whether or not a fire retardant had been added to the Styrofoam, wouldn't it be a manifest error to any architect who sees Styrofoam sitting there in this spec for use in the external wall construction as it was?
A. Not if you believed it was the responsibility of the subcontractor to ensure that it was compliant, then you would assume that they had exercised that duty.
Q. And you say it wasn't your job to check?
A. As stated already, we were only looking at the drawings for the purposes of architectural intent. We don't mark them, we don't grade them, we don't approve them.
Q. Now, I'm going to turn to a totally different topic, Mr Crawford: building control. I'm going to ask you some questions about your interaction with RBKC building control. All right?
A. Yeah.
Q. Okay.

Now, I may sometimes use the shorthand BC or BCB as building control or building control body. If I do, I mean the same people.

Just taking a step back for a moment, in terms of your own personal experience, at the time of your involvement in the Grenfell Tower project -- so summer
of 2014 to 2016 -- did you have personal professional experience of preparing and submitting full plans applications?
A. I would have done in past projects .
Q. Would you agree that doing that is standard work for an architect?
A. Yes.
Q. Now, turning to the requirements of the

Building Regulations, do you agree with me that the
level of detail in a full plans application should be sufficient at least to allow a building control person, whether it's inside the council or an approved inspector, to be able to assess whether the proposed works would comply with the Building Regulations?
A. In general terms, yes.
Q. Would you agree with me that it's good practice to make a full plans application before any work commences on site?
A. That's the normal process, yes.
Q. Would you agree with me that a completion certificate issued by a building control body doesn't conclusively prove that the Building Regulations have been complied with?
A. Well, that would be a matter of interpretation.
Q. Interpretation of what?
A. If it didn't -- if it didn't imply that, then it would be a worthless certificate .
Q. Yes.

Now, as a designer, you would have to check for yourself, wouldn't you, whether or not the completion certificate was comported with the Building Regulations?
A. In order to issue a completion certificate, you need to have the building control approval.
Q. Yes. I don't want to take time showing you the regulations, but can I take it that you were familiar at the time with regulations 17.1 and 17.4 of the Building Regulations? We can look at the text if you like.
A. Yes, show me the text.
Q. If you go, please, to \{BMER0000001/23\}. Regulation 17, "Completion certificates ". Let's look at (1):
"A local authority shall within the specified period give a completion certificate in all cases (including a case where a certificate has already been given under regulation 17A) where they are satisfied, after taking all reasonable steps, that, following completion of building work carried out on it, a building complies with the relevant provisions."

Then subregulation (4), which is on the next page, page 24 \{BMER0000001/24\}, it says:
"A certificate given in accordance with this regulation shall be evidence (but not conclusive evidence) that the requirements specified in the certificate have been complied with."

So you were familiar with that at the time, were you?
A. In general terms, yes.
Q. Okay.

Were you aware of regulation 38 of the Building Regulations at the time of the Grenfell Tower project?
A. I don't think specifically .
Q. At page 24, "Regulation 38 - Fire safety information", do you see that? If we look together, please, at subregulation (2):
"The person carrying out the work shall give fire safety information to the responsible person not later than the date of completion of the work, or the date of occupation of the building or extension, whichever is the earlier ."

Do you see that? You see that?
A. Yes.
Q. Was that something you were familiar with at the time of your involvement in the project?
A. Not specifically, no.

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Q. Not specifically, right.

Can I just ask you then about RBKC building control itself . You, I think, had worked with RBKC's building control department on the KALC project.
A. Yes.
Q. What was your general impression of RBKC's building control department before you started working with them on the Grenfell project?
A. Erm ... I think on the KALC project, the preference of the main contractor would have been to have gone with an approved inspector, and -- however, they were left without the option as they were required to use RBKC's building control.

However, in the process of getting a completion certificate for the academy, I think the main contractor worked with building control and were able to make the relationship successful.

I think my view would probably be the same: I would rather have an approved inspector than have used RBKC building control.
Q. Right.

Had you been required to deal with fire safety issues as part of the KALC project?
A. When you say "deal with", I'm not quite sure what you mean.

| Q. Well, had you had any involvement in fire safety issues | 1 |
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| as part of the KALC project? | 2 |
| A. Well, yes. | 3 |
| Q. And what were those? | 4 |
| A. Well, for example, the fire strategy, fire strategy | 5 |
| drawings. | 6 |
| Q. Did you, in that capacity, liaise with RBKC control over | 7 |
| those fire safety issues on KALC? | 8 |
| A. Yes. | 9 |
| Q. Who was the person primarily that you liaised with at | 10 |
| RBKC? | 11 |
| A. It was John and Paul, as I recall . | 12 |
| Q. So the same individuals? | 13 |
| A. Same team. | 14 |
| Q. John Hoban and Paul Hanson? | 15 |
| A. Yes. | 16 |
| Q. Let's look at your statement, please, page 66 | 17 |
| \{SEA00014275/66\}, paragraph 206. You say, if we go to | 18 |
| the beginning of the paragraph at page 65 | 19 |
| \{SEA00014275/65\}, where we can start the paragraph off: | 20 |
| "Towards the start of my involvement in the Project, | 21 |
| I recall meeting John Hoban (Building Control) with | 22 |
| Simon O’Connor (Rydon) on site. This may have been | 23 |
| during the week commencing 25 August 2014. I remember | 24 |
| that John was very clear about how he wanted information | 25 |

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issued, such as that he was specifically and primarily concerned with fire related matters and wanted a basic set of information so that he could then request further information if he required it ..."

Then you say:
"He often stressed that he was supposed to oversee several hundreds of projects. However, I had also experienced him to be very diligent, for example I noted that on the KALC project he had 'crawled into almost every conceivable cavity possible with a torch' during the several weeks of fire stopping checks."

Did his diligent approach on KALC include, to your recollection, his approach to fire safety issues?
A. I think with the two separate officers working on the project, they had quite a clear split, at least in their minds, in terms of which parts of the Building Regulations they dealt with. So, for example, Paul Hanson dealt with B1 and B5, I think they call it the means of escape group, and Paul Hanson was the main point of contact as the surveyor. I think he called himself building officer surveyor, something like this. My experience is that Paul Hanson had more fire experience than John.
Q. The split you just talked about, you say Paul Hanson dealt with B1 and B5, what did John Hoban deal with?
A. 2, 3 and 4 .
Q. So B2, B3 and B4, so including external fire spread?
A. Yes. He would also deal with 1 and 5 as a point of contact.
Q. Right, I see.

So when he was very diligent, crawling into almost every conceivable cavity possible with a torch, you say in your statement that he was doing several weeks of firestopping checks.
A. Yes.
Q. Is that B3?
A. Erm ...
Q. His role on B3.
A. It would be, yes.
Q. Yes, I see. Now --
A. I think that -- I mean, that quote has been used. It 's been taken from an email --
Q. It has.
A. -- if I recall --
Q. You saw it this morning, in fact. I didn't take you to that part of it. It's one of the run of emails at the end of March we saw when there was discussion about cavity barriers and firestopping, you will recall that.
A. Yes, I was using it to try and push forward the notion that --

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## Q. Indeed.

A. Yes.
Q. Can I ask you to be shown \{SEA00011560\}. This is
an email from you on 2 September 2014 to Simon Lawrence
and others, including Paul Hanson, and you say:
"Simon
"Paul is a fire engineer and best placed to answer questions regarding the Dry riser and AOVs.
"John Hoban won't be able to provide any answers on his own and tends to refer to Paul all the time which can be frustrating when you want answers."

Then you provide the contact details for Paul Hanson.

Was it your impression at the time, looking at this email, that John Hoban was not experienced with fire safety matters?
A. I don't want to say something that would be unfair, but I think it's true to say that Paul Hanson, I think, was ex-London Fire Brigade and he had contacts in LFB, and so was very well informed on fire related matters. So when it came to, in this specific instance, something fairly -- well, as was particularly specialist, the mechanical AOV system, he would be far more likely to be able to comment in an informed way than John.
Q. I see, yes.

[^1]We can see in the statement at paragraph 206 \{SEA00014275/66\} that I've just shown you that you refer to the email where he is quoted as saying that he crawled into cavities during firestopping checks on KALC. Did he ever do anything similar on site at Grenfell, do you recall?
A. He may have done, but, in a sense, John had -- as I understood it, John had scheduled visits to inspect the works as they progressed, and he was going to use those as a means of satisfying himself that things were being done and being done in a compliant fashion. But those visits were done in liaising with Simon Lawrence and his team and so they were not -- I was not involved or brought into those visits.
Q. So you weren't at the site visits where he might or might not have crawled into cavities with a torch?
A. Correct.
Q. You say in your statement -- and we can go back to it if you want to -- that he was supposed to oversee several hundreds of projects. That's what you say in your statement.

Did you get the impression that Mr Hoban was overstretched?
A. I got the sense that he had the tendency to exaggerate.
Q. Exaggerate what sort of things?

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A. Numbers.
Q. Numbers of what?
A. Projects he was overseeing.
Q. I see.

Did you think that he was overseeing hundreds of projects at the same time?
A. No.
Q. Right.
A. I suspected he was very busy, as we all are in the construction industry, and -- but he -- you know, he would make sure you knew that.
Q. Was it your experience that RBKC could drag their feet about things when asked?
A. Well, certainly the planning side did.
Q. Yes. Let's look at your statement, page 66 \{SEA00014275/66\} at paragraph 207, just below where we were looking before. You say there:
"From fairly early in my involvement in the Project, I flagged to Rydon the importance of sitting down with Building Control to eliminate the risk that Building Control would disagree with design decisions that been made and require late changes to the design."
A. Yes.
Q. Then you say:
"In September 2014, I suggested reconsidering the
fire strategy plans in light of revised drawings, albeit this was a process which was subject to a settled decision on the layout of the Lower Floors."

Then you identified the importance of early liaison with building control there.

But if you look at an email, \{SEA00011707\}, which is the one you refer to in the body of 207, do you see? If we go to that email, you see there it's from you to Simon Lawrence, 18 September 2014, and you have some attachments to that:

## "Simon

"Not sure if you are aware of these building control preliminary observations that were made at the end of last year (attached).
"They raise a number of concerns in relation to additional doors/specification fire ratings/venting. They will also have ironmongery implications.
"Based on our experience at KALC where the process dragged on over a long period I am keen to sit with John and Paul and go through these issues and clarify them all in order to eliminate risk."

I don't think I need the last sentence with you, because my question is: you can see that he refers to the process dragging on over a long period in relation to KALC; does that tell us that your experience, at 133
least as at September 2014, was that RBKC could be slow, could drag their feet over things?
A. Yeah, I think the general process, yes.
Q. Let me ask you some questions about your liaison with building control.

Shortly after you started working on the Grenfell Tower project, Studio E submitted the full plans application to building control, we know that, and the application was sent in on 4 August by Mr Sounes.
Can we look at that. It's \{RYD00014378\}.
It says:
"Dear John
"Further to your email last Tuesday please see attached the completed Full Plans application form for Grenfell Tower. Hard copy and drawings to follow ." Do you see that?
A. Yes.
Q. How had you and Mr Sounes decided to divide up the labour on the full plans application, or were you not involved in it at all at that point?
A. I think at this point I wasn't involved.
Q. You don't think you were involved at this point?
A. No.
Q. I see.

Did Mr Sounes discuss the full plans application or
the proposed full plans application with you when you came into the project?
A. I don't recall what was discussed.
Q. Right.

Do you know whether any record was kept of what was sent to building control by Studio E as part of the full plans application?
A. Yes.
Q. There was a record.

Would you agree that, on large projects like Grenfell Tower, it's common for information and drawings to be supplied to building control as the project proceeds?
A. Yes.
Q. And, actually, that's what happened with Grenfell, isn't it?
A. That's correct.
Q. Did you keep a tracker of which drawings and information was being submitted to building control and when?
A. I personally didn't keep a tracker.
Q. You personally didn't; did anybody?
A. I don't know whether -- well, my assumption is building control, in order to satisfy themselves that they were signing stuff off, would have kept their own tracker.

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Q. Maybe they did, maybe they didn't, Mr Crawford, but I'm asking really about Studio E.
A. We didn't keep a tracker .
Q. You didn't keep a tracker?
A. No.
Q. Do you know why that is?
A. We weren't required to, we weren't asked to.
Q. Did you have any other method, other than a tracker, of keeping track of which drawings and documents were being submitted from time to time to building control by Studio E?
A. I think they were kept in -- some of the stuff was kept on file in our consult out folder and some was kept in emails.
Q. You say some of the stuff was kept on file, and I'm afraid the transcriber has not picked up what you then said, some in emails.
A. Yeah.
Q. So some on files, some in emails.

So how was it organised within Studio E, this material?
A. Well, what happened is that -- and I think this is covered in my witness statement. I talk about John being very categoric about what he wanted and not wanting to be flooded with information at the start, so
we issued him a pack of drawings broadly in line with what he had requested or what we understood he had requested. We sent these to him, and then he -- his instructions were that he would satisfy himself of building control compliance through his site visits and asking for information as and when he required it.
Q. My question was: how was the material organised within Studio E? How did you keep a track internally within Studio E of what material you were sending to --
A. We had a consult out folder with information in it .
Q. I see.

Now, looking at paragraph 206 of your witness statement again, we have just looked at it and I scampered past the meeting that you say you had on 25 August. If we can just go back to that, it is the previous page, 65 \{SEA00014275/65\}, the bottom of the page, you say there in the first line:
"... I recall meeting John Hoban ... on site . This may have been during the week commencing 25 August 2014."

You see that?
A. Yes.
Q. You say that you remember him being very clear about how he wanted the information issued.

Now, did you have any drawings with you during that
site visit, do you remember?
A. Yes, I think I probably did.
Q. Did John Hoban look at them?
A. I think he probably would have looked at them and taken them away.
Q. You think he took them away?
A. Yeah.
Q. Do you know which they were?
A. They would have been the basic project drawings.

I believe he was on site and had looked at drawings
prior to me being there as well with Simon Lawrence.
Q. All right, but I'm asking you about your recollection.

So you have a recollection, do you, of meeting him
on site on that day and showing him drawings which he then took away?
A. Yeah.
Q. You say you thought they were the basic project
drawings. Are those the employer's requirement drawings?
A. I don't recall, I just remember sitting and discussing the project.
Q. Do you remember whether by then you had seen any of the drawings that Harley were doing, bearing in mind that Harley's first production of drawings was, I think, 22 August?
A. Yeah, I would suspect that to have been too early.
Q. You say at the meeting, if you go to the very foot of that page and over to 66 \{SEA00014275/66\}, that he was:
"... very clear about how he wanted information issued, such as that he was specifically and primarily concerned with fire related matters ..."

Do you see that?
A. Yes.
Q. You say he:
"... wanted a basic set of information so that he could then request further information if he required it , so that he was not overwhelmed with information."
A. Yes.
Q. So, in general terms, the idea was that he would get basic information, he could ask for more if he wanted it, and you would drip-feed him as and when.
A. Yes.
Q. Is that how you worked with John Hoban on the KALC project?
A. In broad terms, yes, except the main contractor there, who would have done the role Rydon did, the on-site visits and so on, I believe they maintained a tracker.
Q. This conversation, was anybody else present at it or was it just you and Mr Hoban together?
A. No, Simon Lawrence almost certainly would have been at

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## that meeting.

Q. It was a formal meeting, was it?
A. Yeah, it was an initial introductory meeting.
Q. What about Simon O'Connor?
A. He may well have been, but I couldn't say definitively .
Q. All right.

Did you keep a note of this conversation at the time or otherwise record it in writing?
A. I don't recall.
Q. Did you or have you looked for a note of this conversation?
A. I might have done within my sketchbooks.
Q. Right. Okay.

When he said he wanted a basic set of information, what did you understand that would comprise?
A. I understood that as basic GAs, plans, sections, elevations, enough to give him an understanding of what was going on, give him an overview of the project.
Q. Did it include details of the materials to be used within the building envelope, the new façade?
A. I can't remember without seeing precisely what was in the pack, to be honest.
Q. Is there any reason why you wouldn't have given him a basic set of information, including the details of the materials to be used in the façade?
A. No, except that he'd obviously had a number of meetings with ourselves as Studio E explaining the progress of the building up to then. But, no, in answer to your question.
Q. Did it occur to you at the time to bring specifically to his attention, as part of that basic set of information, the design, even though basic, of the façade at that time and the materials specified to be used within it?
A. I think he knew what they were already.
Q. You say you think you did; was that a thought you had at the time?
A. It was my understanding from conversations with Bruce and the fact that they -- Bruce had had meetings with them prior to my involvement.
Q. Right, I see.

So let me be clear: was this an assumption that you made, or was your understanding something that you had derived from a discussion you had with Mr Sounes prior to meeting Mr Hoban on site?
A. I'm not sure I can recollect in that level of precision.
Q. Do you agree with me that if you were providing Mr Hoban with a basic set of information that he wanted, you would have wanted to make sure he had the details of the materials to be used in the new façade?
A. I would want him to have an understanding of the project

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at that point in time, where it was, the basic build-ups, materials, yes.
Q. Can I ask you to go to paragraph 40 of your statement, please, on page 17 \{SEA00014275/17\} of this same document. You say in paragraph 40, about halfway down:
"Building Control set its own agenda for checking off items, and it made it clear to me that I would be contacted should further information be required. Rydon's style was very much of dealing with issues directly, I believe for expediency and because Rydon was efficient at doing so. To this end my understanding is that I was not party to everything Building Control agreed on."

I just want to focus on the sentence that contains the words "set its own agenda for checking off items".

Is that a reference to your conversation that you had with John Hoban on site in the week of 25 August 2014?
A. Yes.
Q. Is it common in your experience, or was it common in your experience then, for building control to tell the contractor what they needed to see on a project?
A. Ultimately, building control has to satisfy itself that it's performed its duty, and building control itself would know what those things were.

## Q. Yes.

Let me ask the question again: is it common for building control to tell the contractor what they needed to see on a project as opposed necessarily to the architect, the project architect?
A. Sorry, say that again?
Q. Yes. Was it common in your experience for building control to tell the contractor what building control needed to see on a project, as opposed necessarily to the architect?
A. I think building control would speak to both. It depends on the contract, the type of project, the level of involvement, the type of -- whether using building control, approved inspector. There's a lot of factors that can influence that.
Q. Perhaps a simpler question: was the experience that you were having with John Hoban's approach an experience that you had with other building control inspectors on previous projects?
A. Not dissimilar .
Q. Not dissimilar?
A. Mm .
Q. Do you agree that in relying on building control to tell you what information building control needs runs the risk that relevant information may well not be provided

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## to them?

A. It's a two-way process and it was a two-way process, inasmuch as you explain the scheme, you explain how things work, you give them a set of information, and then they -- they're satisfying themselves against the building regs that they're satisfied that they've been met. They need to understand the project to be able to do that, and you do that with them.
Q. Right.

Well, let's see how we go. Turn, please, to \{RYD00016990\}. This is an email of 3 September 2014 in which Simon Lawrence writes to John Hoban, copied to you and Bruce Sounes as well as Simon O'Connor, "Morning John". Do you see that?
A. Yes.
Q. If you look at the second substantive paragraph down, it says this:
"Studio E are our Architects, lead designers who will forward all relevant drawings, etc in the future. I believe you already know them from your work on the KALC project next door so hopefully this will make things easier. I will ask them to arrange a meeting with yourself on site shortly."

Now, looking at that, would you agree with me that that email suggests that the drawings had not yet
formally been submitted by that time, and bearing in mind that this is 3 September 2014, was that the case?
A. I can't remember. I know there was a delay in issuing them which was agreed by -- between Bruce and the KCTMO and Bruce and Simon Lawrence, because the KCTMO were making changes -- still in the process of making changes to the ground floor plans, and the idea was that the changes would be completed before the drawings were submitted to avoid confusion.
Q. I see.

If you go back, then, to \{SEA00011707\}, this is an email from you to Simon Lawrence of Rydon on 18 September 2014. Do you see that?
A. Yes.
Q. You attach some drawings or plans, and you say:

## "Simon

"Not sure if you are aware of these building control preliminary observations that were made at the end of last year (attached)."

Do you see that?
A. Yes.
Q. "Based on our experience at KALC where the process dragged on over a long period ..."

Et cetera. We have seen this before.
My question this time is a bit different. You were
providing him with preliminary comments from building control that I think had been sent to you -sent to Studio E, perhaps not you -- nine months earlier, in other words at the end of 2013; that's right, isn't it?
A. Yeah, they would have been sent to Bruce at that point I guess.
Q. Exactly.

My question is: what had prompted you to send these to Simon Lawrence at that point?
A. Well, I was relatively new on the project, I was starting the project, and so I wanted to check how much he knew, I guess is my interpretation of that.
Q. Your interpretation of it?
A. I'm trying to recall, obviously, writing the email and what it was in relation to.
Q. Right.
A. So I'm sending them the preliminary observations that were made by building control to make sure that he was aware of them, not that I necessarily would expect him not to be, but also because some of these items I was dealing with at the time, for example the new doors to the lower levels and the ironmongery.
Q. Before you sent this email, did it not occur to you to check with Bruce Sounes whether or not in fact those
building control preliminary observations had already been sent to Rydon?
A. I may have done, I don't recall .
Q. Right.

Was it your impression at the time that Studio E had rather sat on these comments for nine months before sending them on to Rydon, who by this time were your client?
A. Well, you're saying that. I don't know if that's the case. I think Bruce would have to comment on that. I think the situation is that I was getting involved in the project, and I was just making sure that everyone was in the same place that I was. I mean, he, for example -- Simon, for example, may have known of more comments or ... I don't know.
Q. You say in the second substantive paragraph in that email that you wanted to sit down with --
A. Building control, yes.
Q. -- building control.
A. I say that in several emails.
Q. You do. Do we take it that you were advising Rydon there that early liaison with building control was particularly important?
A. Yeah, I was just -- I guess I was stressing the importance of getting the process moving.

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Q. Yes.
A. And to initiate that process and make it meaningful.
Q. Yes. Is that partly because at this point -- this was not early on in the project. Construction had in fact already started by this point, hadn't it?
A. Well, it was early on the project for me. Construction had started, but I don't know what pre-construction agreements there may or may not have been in place. That's between Rydon and --
Q. Right.
A. -- authorities.
Q. It's fair to say that there was an element of urgency about this, wasn't there, now?
A. Well, if you work in construction, there's always an element of urgency.
Q. Right.

Now, you say it was important to eliminate risk, do you see at the end of the first sentence of the last paragraph?
A. Yes.
Q. But is it right that you didn't seek any earlier engagement with building control on the façade? And I appreciate you had only just come into the project, but at no time before that --
A. Let me just clarify what I meant by that statement
first .Q. Yes, please.A. This was me coming into the project. When I meaneliminate risk, I meant risk to programme, risk to Rydonbeing able to deliver everything on time. So theearlier you get them involved, the quicker you can getthings signed off, the quicker things can be procuredand built.
Q. Right, I see. So this is project risk, not health and safety risk?
A. I mean, you could read it as all forms of risk, but
I think it probably would have been referring to --
Q. Right.
A. -- project risk.
Q. I'm sorry. I was about to interrupt you. Did you want to finish your--
A. That's fine, I've finished.
Q. You provided a batch of drawings to building control a little bit later in September. If we go to \{RYD00018742\}, please, we can see you did that on 24 September. This is an email from you to John Hoban, copied to Simon Lawrence, and you attach a zip file, "building control Set". Do you see that?
A. Yes.
Q. You say:
"John
"Following our conversation on site looking whilst looking [sic] at the Academy on Tuesday, I am forwarding a pack of drawings for the Grenfell Tower Project as mentioned.
"I believe yourself and Paul Hanson sat down earlier in the year and did an initial appraisal of the proposed layout changes to the lower levels with Bruce Sounes from our office. I have included Paul's initial mark-ups of the fire strategy from this time as well as a new set which shows that there has been some simplification to the arrangement on these floors. I know you like to go through the drawings on an agreed process of release rather than just being swamped with everything at once so I am just sending the following drawings to start with."
Then you see them all listed there. I'm not going to read those out. So I've read you the text of that.
Had you discussed with Bruce Sounes which drawings would be sent to building control before you sent this email to Mr Hoban?
A. I don't recall.
Q. Right.
How did you decide for yourself which drawings would be sent to building control if you hadn't discussed it
Q. It's not very clear, but if you look, there is a key at the top which runs from 1 to it looks like 12. I'm afraid it is hard to read and I'm sorry about that. But item 5 says "Zinc spandrel panel". Do you recall that?
A. I'm not sure I can see anything from this drawing.
Q. All right. I'm not surprised.

Do you remember, then -- and there are other references to zinc in that list -- were you aware that the drawing still had cladding panels labelled as zinc?
A. If these were from the employer's requirements set, yes, that's possibly the case.
Q. Yes.

Do you remember that by that stage, so late September 2014, ACM had now been agreed in principle by RBKC's planning department and had been since July or so, the only outstanding issue being the colour?
A. I think Bruce was definitely still holding on to the notion that we may use zinc as the finish, and the colour and the final planning had to be agreed, as I recall. I think these drawings showed zinc CM as opposed to ACM. It's effectively the same product.
Q. These drawings didn't include any details of the insulation that was going to be used on the columns or behind the spandrel panels, did they?
A. Well, they wouldn't do as a GA drawing, no.
Q. And they didn't include any details of the cavity barrier strategy that we see on the ER drawings.
A. They wouldn't, this type of drawing, no.
Q. Is this right: they were 1:100 and 1:50 drawings, so they were, as you say, general arrangements as opposed to detailed?
A. Yeah.
Q. Is there any reason why you didn't provide building control at this stage with the most up-to-date drawings that you had?
A. Well, these drawings, as I recall from the employer's requirements, and at this point Harley were working up the detailed drawings, so the idea was to give them the project overview, with plans, sections, elevations, fire strategy, give them the basic pack of information, and then as the detailed design package got developed by Harley, provide them with the information as that became available.
Q. Right.

If we go back to the email, \{RYD00018742\}, can you confirm with me that the list you set out there is

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a selection of drawings; it isn't the entirety of the employer's requirement drawings that Studio E had prepared in 2013, is it?
A. Yeah, it's basic plans and sections and the fire strategy drawings.
Q. We know you didn't provide the NBS specification to -well, we can see that in this email. Why is that?
A. Because he asked for a basic set of drawings.
Q. Yes.
A. And the final choice of materials, for example, in the cladding and build-up were to be confirmed with the detailed designs that came from Harley.
Q. Did it occur to you that it might be a good idea at the time to send Mr Hoban the NBS specification so that he could at least see the basis on which Rydon had won the tender and might -- might, I emphasise -- be dividing up its work packages and instructing its subcontractors on?
A. I'm not sure. They may have had the stage E report and they may have had the NBS spec from Bruce prior to my involvement.
Q. Did you check?
A. I don't recall.
Q. I see.

You referred to the stage E report. Do you mean stage E or do you mean something else?
A. Sorry, I mean the employer's requirement, the tender set that we produced.
Q. Right.

You also don't refer in this email to any emails that you had sent which asked Harley or Rydon for up-to-date details of the cladding design to send on to building control.
A. At this point, Harley were engaged in starting that process.
Q. Did you go back to Harley at any point to say, "Look, we're now sending building control all this detailed information, please give us your up-to-date designs as fast as you can"?
A. No, but there was a meeting which building control sat in with Harley in a workshop, one of the workshops fairly early on, so they would have been aware of what was going on and how things were being procured.
Q. Right. So, just to be clear about this, when was the meeting, do you say, in which building control sat in with Harley in a workshop?
A. I think it was after one of the early DTMs, 1 or 2 , I can't be precise.
Q. Is there a note of that meeting that --
A. Erm --
Q. Can I ask you, first of all, were you at that meeting?

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A. Yes, I remember sitting in.
Q. Did you take a note of that meeting?
A. I might have done, but I don't -- I can't find reference to it.
Q. Right.

Did you ever ask Harley to prepare a standalone cladding package for a submission to building control that contained all the relevant information?
A. No.
Q. Do you accept that it was important to send building control accurate information so that they could do their job properly?
A. It was important for building control to understand what was being built so they could do their job properly.
Q. Now, could you please go to your statement, paragraphs 65 and 66, which you will find on page 26 \{SEA00014275/36\}.

You say here at the top of page 26, paragraph 65:
"On 22 August 2014, Kevin Lamb (Harley) emailed
Simon Lawrence (Rydon) and stated he had attached some preliminary drawings ..."

And they're all listed there.
In paragraph 66 you say:
"On 26 August 2014, I emailed Kevin Lamb (Harley) and Simon Lawrence (Rydon) and included some initial
observations on the preliminary drawings. I referred to discussing them at a design team meeting the next day, but this meeting did not go ahead. On 27 August 2014, I provided further comments and a mark-up on the preliminary drawings and said I would call Harley the next day to discuss the comments. I do not have a record of that call."

Then 67:
"The Harley Drawing Register states that Harley issued copies of a number of drawings on 29 August ..."

Now, what I'm interested in is: do you agree with me that the drawings that you refer to at paragraphs 65 and 66 represented the most up-to-date design of the cladding system as at 24 September, a month later, when you sent the list of drawings to John Hoban?
A. Sorry, what was the date I sent the drawings to John Hoban?
Q. 24 September. We've seen the email. We can go back to it again if you like.
A. No, that's fine. Sorry, your question on this was?
Q. Let's just take it in stages, then.

I have shown you what you say in your statement and I have shown you the original email. So, just to be clear, you provided the batch of drawings to RBKC on 24 September 2014, but a month before that, on

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22 August, you had received some preliminary drawings from Kevin Lamb --
A. Yes.
Q. -- and had made some initial observation on those on the 26th and again on 27 August.

My question is: do you agree that those drawings, including your comments, represented the most up-to-date --
A. Yes.
Q. -- design of the cladding system at that stage?
A. Yes.
Q. But you didn't send them to building control as part of your full plans application?
A. No, and the reason why I wouldn't is because they're preliminary drawings, and we used those drawings for the basis of the first meeting we had with building control, and that's when the whole issue, for example, of cavity barrier ratings came up and cavity barrier strategy. So those drawings, for example, didn't have the cavity barriers on them.
Q. I see. I see.

Is there any reason why you didn't send those drawings as part of your 24 September email?
A. They weren't ready to send.
Q. I see.

I don't think we see in that email anything from you to say to John Hoban, "We are at the moment in the process of examining preliminary drawings from Harley in relation to the overcladding and we will send you those as soon as they're ready". We don't see that. Why is that? Why didn't you forewarn them that they were coming?
A. Because we had a sit-down workshop in which the drawings were discussed.
Q. Just to be clear in terms of dates, when was that workshop, as far as you can recall?
A. This is the problem. I think after design -- one of the design team meetings, so it would have been, I don't
know, September-ish, October-ish, something like this.

## MR MILLETT: Right.

Mr Chairman, we're going to have a break. Can
I just do one little tiny thing more?
SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes, all right.
MR MILLETT: Or round this off just a bit.
Can I ask you to go to paragraph 44 of your statement, please, \{SEA00014275/18\}, where you deal with
a number of meetings. You see that?
A. Yes.
Q. We can see the dates of some of them, and the most recent one before 24 September is 23 September 2014, and

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we have your notes of that meeting, and there is one on 2 September.

Looking at the list you have set out there, which is the meeting, do you think, at which you discussed the Harley drawings with building control?
A. Which of these three meetings?
Q. Well, which of the meetings in around September time.
A. It's possible it could have been 44.3 or it could have been another one.
Q. Right, okay.

To be fair to you, these meetings continue right through into 2015, but if you turn the page, we can see the next one over the page is February 2015. Do you think it was as late as that that you discussed the Harley drawings with building control, or was it around September time?
A. There was definitely a meeting before Christmas. I mean, it precipitated the whole cavity barrier conversations, you know, between 17/18 September and end of March, so it would have been round about September.
MR MILLETT: Very well.
Mr Chairman, we may need to pursue that after the break, but I think now is --
SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Is that a convenient point?
MR MILLETT: It will work well.
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SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes. We will have a short break now, Mr Crawford. Back at 3.20 , if you would, please. Thank you.
(Pause)
3.20, please.
(3.10 pm)
(A short break)
( 3.20 pm )
SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Right, Mr Crawford. Last lap with any luck.

Yes, Mr Millett.
MR MILLETT: Mr Crawford, can I ask you, please, to be shown \{RBK00052478/5\}.

Now, this is an accolade record from RBKC of a note of a meeting, and it's the third box down, plot 1 , pre-start visit, 24 November 2014, officer: John Hoban:
"Notes: meeting on site with myself, Paul Hanson and various persons from the design team to go through their proposals with particular regard to the fire strategy for the scheme. [see below]."

Okay. Note the date of that.
Now, I should tell you that Mr Hoban in his witness statement says that the main meeting with you happened on 24 November 2014, and that it was then that he was provided with initial drawings and details and discussed

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the work with, as he says, the architect. That is a reference he makes to this note.

Now, obviously we will be asking him some questions about that when he comes to give evidence, but I want your take on this.

You referred earlier on to a workshop when the Harley designs were discussed with John Hoban. Might it be as late as 24 November when you eventually discussed the Harley drawings with Mr Hoban?
A. It's possible, but I don't think so, because the conversations around the cavity barriers were from round about September, and for sure some of that was prompted by the conversations with building control. So it is possible, but I just can't recall.
Q. Right. Okay.

Now, we know that RBKC planners approved smoke silver ACM panels on 25 September 2014. If you want, I can give you a reference to that. Does that ring a bell with you?
A. Yes, there was a further submission to planning for a non-material amendment that went in after, wasn't there, in relation to the windows, the window size?
Q. Yes, don't worry about that.
A. Sorry.
Q. The approval of smoke silver ACM panels was clearly
an important milestone in this project, wasn't it?
A. Yes. Sorry, what was the date?
Q. 25 September 2014.
A. Right.
Q. The same day, ironically, as your meeting with Mr Hoban.

Studio E would need to update building control of the change from zinc to ACM, wouldn't it?
A. Yes, although I'd argue that both are essentially the same product.
Q. Well, you may argue that, Mr Crawford, but just to be clear, you are accepting, I think, by your "yes" in the last answer that Studio E would need to update building control of the change from zinc to ACM; do you agree with that proposition?
A. Yes.
Q. And do you agree that you didn't do that?
A. No.
Q. No. Why is that?
A. Because if I was aware of it, I would have.
Q. Right.

Now, by this stage, Studio E had, as you told us yesterday, in its possession a copy of the BBA certificate for the ACM panels; yes?
A. Yes.
Q. Do you agree that the BBA certificate for the ACM panels

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should have been sent on to building control?
A. Well, I'm not sure if they didn't have that already from conversations with Bruce in the development of the design earlier on.
Q. Did you yourself take any steps to find out whether building control had the BBA certificate for the Reynobond panels?
A. I don't recall.
Q. Now, we know that you forwarded the Exova OFSS, the outline fire safety strategy, version 3 , dated 7 November 2013 to John Hoban on 29 September 2014, because we have an email --
A. Yeah.
Q. -- to that effect. We can look at that if you like. It's \{SEA00000215\}.

In fact, can I just go back a question. Could you be please shown again the document I think I scampered over and I should have shown you. It's \{IBIO0001802\}.
I just want to pick you up on the answer you gave
a minute ago when you said you didn't send on to building control the update from zinc to ACM because you weren't aware of it. Can I just see if that's really right.

If you go to that document, you see it there on the screen --
A. I didn't say because I wasn't aware of it, did I?
Q. Well, what you said was:
"Because if I was aware of it, I would have."
A. If I was aware of it.
Q. Can I just be clear, maybe I have misunderstood: were you aware that there had been a change from zinc to ACM by September 2014?
A. I mean, I think I would have understood that's what Harley were progressing the designs on.
Q. Well, were you not aware by September 2015 that planning at RBKC had essentially approved smoke silver metallic ACM?
A. From this email, I was certainly copied in to it, yes.
Q. Yes. Given that, did you not think it was appropriate to update RBKC building control, which is not the same as planning, and tell them that instead of zinc, all information they had should show that the panels were ACM?
A. I may have done. I mean, we sat down, had meetings with them and discussed the scheme, so that was probably discussed in the meeting.
Q. Can you recall yourself --
A. I don't --
Q. -- discussing it?
A. I don't have specific recollections, specific words said

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at specific times.
Q. You forwarded the Exova outline fire safety strategy, version 3, 7 November 2013 to John Hoban on
29 September 2014. Now let's look at that. It's \{SEA00000215\}, please.

Was that in response to a request from John Hoban or did you simply volunteer it?
A. I don't recall. I mean, it might have been off the back of one of the meetings, workshops on site. It's not clear to me.
Q. Right. I'm not sure we have a record of any workshop or meeting on site --
A. Well, the ones I was alluding to earlier . I mean, we have had this discussion about potentially when we had a meeting in I think it was round about the end of September.
Q. Is there any reason why you didn't attach that document to the email below it in the chain on 24 September?
A. I don't recall. I mean, all I'd say is there's obviously, what, four days between them. Something may have prompted me to do that. I don't know, I can't recall.
Q. Right.

We know you met Mr Hoban on site on 25 September, which is after the 24 September email but before your

29 September 2014 email to him.
A. Ah, well, there you go, that's probably from the discussions that were had on that, it may have prompted me to then send it afterwards. It's very difficult to, I'm sure you appreciate, unpick these things from so far -- so long ago when you've only really got the emails to go on, which is only part of the story.
Q. Part of the problem, I think, Mr Crawford, is that we don't have a full written record of each and every one of these meetings you tell us you attended, so I'm having to do my best with your recollection, your witness statement and these emails, as you will understand.

In your covering email you say:
"Please see attached the current Exova Study which was written prior to the Fire Strategy Rev B changes and also attached the correspondence with Exova relating to the Rev B changes which we will modify accordingly."

Did you mean that you planned to modify the fire strategy?
A. I think there's ...
(Pause)
Yes, so because we had been changing the layouts on the lower floors, I think we had added a flat, we had got rid of the EMB office, estate manager's office, we

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had reconfigured the ground floor, community room and --
I think, no, we had added two flats, I think it was the mezzanine level. It's to do with the internal changes.
Q. I see.
A. Yeah.
Q. I see.

We know that that current Exova study, as you refer to it there, issue 3, 7 November 2013, didn't contain any B4 analysis of the façade, external fire spread. We went through that yesterday.

You didn't flag here to building control that Exova was yet to update their analysis on B4, external fire spread, did you?
A. No.
Q. Why was that?
A. Well, the cladding was still being developed at this stage. The detailed design of the cladding was still being developed by Harley.
Q. Was it not important to you at the time to alert John Hoban to the fact that, because the cladding was still in development with Harley, at an early stage perhaps, Exova would be asked in future to provide a final version of their OFSS which did provide an analysis of external fire spread?
A. Not if we thought it was not a risk.

| Q. Did you think it wasn't a risk? | 1 |
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| A. From what we -- from what Exova had put in the report, | 2 |
| no. | 3 |
| Q. But we have seen it yesterday, and I don't want to go | 4 |
| back over old ground, Mr Crawford, but they said that | 5 |
| the proposed changes -- and I'm summarising -- would not | 6 |
| adversely affect compliance with B4, but that would be | 7 |
| confirmed in a future analysis . | 8 |
| A. Well, okay, but -- | 9 |
| Q. Are you telling us that, in fact, by this time, you | 10 |
| weren't going to ask them to do a future analysis? | 11 |
| A. No, I didn't say that. | 12 |
| Q. So what are you saying? | 13 |
| A. What I'm saying is that we were not alerted to any risks | 14 |
| and we weren't aware of any risks and we didn't have any | 15 |
| reason to believe that there were any risks, and Harley | 16 |
| were still developing their design at that point, so | 17 |
| there was no reason for me to caveat everything in that | 18 |
| fashion. | 19 |
| Q. Coming back to it, was it not your intention, once | 20 |
| Harley had completed their design work, to put it to | 21 |
| Exova and ask them to perform the analysis that they | 22 |
| said they would perform in relation to external fire | 23 |
| spread? | 24 |
| A. Well, as you said, we did cover this yesterday, and | 25 |

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I discussed the conversations and the emails that we had with Exova, and in that train of conversation, my understanding was that ... I think, as I recall, they intended to go and revisit it, complete the work, but I don't recall anything after that.
Q. Right. Now if we go, please, to \{SEA00000231/2\}, this is John Hoban sending you comments on the full plans application on 18 November. John Hoban, 18 November, to you, copied to Paul Hanson. Here is a raft of revisions to the preliminary scheme and his comments on it. Do you see that?
A. Yes.
Q. He says at the very start of the email, after the "Thank you":
"A decision notice will be forwarded to you shortly on the proposals submitted."

Did you ever receive a decision notice?
A. I don't recall receiving a --
Q. Did you ever chase for one?
A. I don't recall.
Q. It's right, isn't it, that a decision notice can contain conditions?
A. Yes.
Q. And therefore would it not have been important to you to have the decision notice so that you knew what work had
to be done and what conditions, if any, were to be imposed?
A. I don't think he could issue the decision notice until he'd satisfied himself that the scheme was in the right place.
Q. Now, let's go to paragraph 219 of your statement, which is on page 69 \{SEA00014275/69\}. You say there that:
"I also forwarded building control's comments on Submission 1 to Terry Ashton ... on 20 November ..."

Do you see that? You refer to an email and you set out in detail the contents of that covering email.
A. Yes.
Q. You say, and we can take it from your statement:
"I am due to meet with them on Monday ..."
Et cetera:
"On the Academy project we had the situation where
Tony Pearson managed to argue some of their comments away."

Just pausing there, Tony Pearson is Exova, isn't he?
A. Yes.
Q. "If you had any observations particularly where you think there comments may be excessive I would be grateful to know as I can take these with me to the meeting on Monday."

Is it fair to say that you did not yourself consider
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those comments, you just passed them on?
A. I think that's a little unfair.
Q. Well, what would be fair?
A. Well, I'm asking Terry Ashton from Exova, as an authority on fire regulations, based on his expert knowledge and insight to comment accordingly.
Q. So is it that you didn't feel sufficiently competent to comment on fire matters?
A. No, that's not what I said.
Q. You don't think that's fair?
A. I think that's very unfair.
Q. You think that's very unfair?
A. Yes.
Q. Can I ask you whether you actually did yourself have any input into building control's comments and what went to Terry Ashton?
A. Without actually seeing them, I can't even remember precisely what they were, so I would need to see those comments to make --
Q. Let's perhaps look at the email. I don't want you to think that I'm asking you an unfair question. It 's \{SEA00012189\}. It's the email you refer to yourself in the paragraph in the statement. It is as set out. Top of the page, it 's from you to Terry Ashton, and you say: "Terry
"I have received these mark ups from

"I have received these mark ups from building control regarding the fire strategy ..."
A. Yes.
Q. I mean, take time to look at all of them if you like,
but it looks from that short email you sent to Mr Ashton
that you were simply passing those comments on to Mr Ashton.
A. Yes, but I can't see the comments. Where are the comments?
Q. The comments are in the email below, in John Hoban's email to you, and also in the attachments there.
A. Yes, this is what I'm saying. Unless I can see these comments, given the accusation you have made --
Q. I'm not making any accusation.
A. Sorry, okay.
Q. I'm just asking for your comments.
Mr Crawford, I will keep going on this, because it will take me some time to dig out those precise comments, but I was actually referring to the comments in the email itself below.
A. Yes, but --
Q. If you want to be shown those comments, I'm very happy to spend time digging around to find them if we can --
A. With all due respect, these comments have been --
I remember how the comments were made. They were made

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as mark-ups on the drawings, so there was a lot of comments. Some of those comments may have been obvious
to me, some of them may not. But bearing in mind they related to the fire strategy which Exova had produced, it's only right that Exova saw those comments and commented on them in relation to their fire strategy, if you see what I'm saying.
Q. Yes.
A. So, yes, I would have looked at them and formed my own opinion on some of them, but it was also highly important that Exova saw them, given that they related to the fire strategy and potentially any changes to that strategy .
Q. I understand that. Perhaps I can take this more shortly rather than grabbing about trying to find the documents.

Do you remember receiving these attachments from John Hoban which are the mark-ups and adding to those before you sent them on to Exova?
A. Adding to them? I wouldn't necessarily add to them. I would look through the comments and try and understand them, make my own assessment of them, sent them on to Exova to get their take on them. For example, things like the ventilated lobbies, it's definitely a difference of interpretation sometimes in what size ventilated lobbies should be, 1 square metre, 0.4 square
metre, and so on, different scenarios.
So it 's only right, bearing in mind they had a relevance to the high-level or outline fire strategy, that Exova were able to see them and comment on them.
I mean, they were effectively comments on their high-level fire strategy.

Generally when you produce the fire strategy for any building, the fire specialist would produce the actual strategy as a document, but the architect would do the drawings and they would do them in tandem with the fire consultant. So, for example, you would do drawings, they would mark them up, but usually the architect does the fire strategy drawings, but they are always read in conjunction with the fire strategy itself, or at least that's my experience.
Q. Right.

Now, let's move on in time. Can I ask you to go, please, to paragraph 230 of your statement, page 71 \{SEA00014275/71\} of that document. You say:
"On 6 March 2015, I emailed Building Control regarding the fire rating to allow for within the cladding at the lines between apartments, stating 'where we are overcladding what fire rating do we need to allow for within the wall build up between apartments'."

Now, that is an email that you will recall from this

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morning.
A. Yes.
Q. You then go on to say, and we didn't focus on this this morning, "I attached Harley Drawings", and you list them all there.
A. Yes.
Q. Then you say:
"I note by the combination of Harley Drawings and C1059-100 rev A, Building Control could have been aware of a number of the materials proposed for the over cladding system."

We have been through those already, but my question here is: apart from these drawings, did you send any more Harley drawings to building control?
A. No, but we sat with building control and discussed the drawings, including the specification, with them at a workshop, and they took drawings away from these workshops.
Q. I see, so this is --
A. I'm also not sure whether -- well, I know Harley met building control separately.
Q. Right. So this is back to where we were this morning and the same evidence you have given in relation to these workshops?
A. Yeah.

| Q. Do you know if Harley ever sent drawings of the cladding | 1 |
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| system to RBKC directly? | 2 |
| A. I know they had meetings with RBKC building control. | 3 |
| Whether they handed them stuff in those meetings or sent | 4 |
| them directly, I couldn't say. | 5 |
| Q. Would you agree with this proposition: if | 6 |
| building control didn't have full materials of what was | 7 |
| to be used in the cladding system, didn't have full | 8 |
| details of the location of cavity barriers, and didn't | 9 |
| have full details of the crown design, if all those | 10 |
| three things are the case, then RBKC building control | 11 |
| would not have been provided with sufficient information | 12 |
| for the purposes of being able to progress the full | 13 |
| plans application? | 14 |
| A. If they didn't have that information. | 15 |
| Q. I'm now going to turn to a meeting in April 2015. Can | 16 |
| I ask you to look on in your statement, please, to | 17 |
| page 75 \{SEA00014275/75\}, paragraph 245. You say there: | 18 |
| "In a meeting which I believe took place in April | 19 |
| 2015 (possibly the client design sign off meeting on | 20 |
| 30 April 2015), I recall being told by Simon Lawrence | 21 |
| (Rydon) something along the lines of that there was 'no | 22 |
| need to ask any more questions as the cladding has been | 23 |
| signed off by Building Control '" | 24 |
| Do you see that? | 25 |

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A. Yes.
Q. Is that just a -- I say "just"; is that a recollection that you have or had when you signed this statement, or did you refresh your memory from a document?
A. I think that was a recollection, and it comes back to the fact that -- and, again, this relates to the September session of emails on the cavity barriers and then the March session, and there was a series of workshops taking place or informal meetings taking place with building control and Harley, not always the two together, and by the time we got to, I think it was, end of March, start of April, we agreed the cavity barrier strategy, and we had also talked through the whole cladding scheme.
Q. Right.

Now, this conversation, I think, as you have just alluded to, followed some queries that had arisen in relation to cavity barriers or firestopping in March 2015, and we've seen, I think, that building control's final position on that subject matter was to agree with the positioning of the cavity barriers in the drawing you sent Mr Hoban when you said, "We're all miffed". Do you remember that one?
A. Yes.
Q. For the record, that's \{SEA00013061\}. For the record,
no need to look at it.
But it 's right, isn't it -- and here's the question -- that building control had not expressly signed off on the cladding as a whole at that time, had they?
A. Not as far as I'm aware, no.
Q. No.

Did you understand Mr Lawrence's statement to you that there was no need to ask any more questions as an instruction to you by Rydon to stop querying any matters about cladding with building control?
A. I think ...

## (Pause)

I think there had been quite a series of meetings and correspondence, and perhaps Simon was frustrated that ... that the process was not complete, and then he just wanted to get the stuff constructed and up.
Q. Right.

Did it trouble you that Simon Lawrence was telling you that the cladding had been signed off by building control?
A. Not necessarily, because I think, as I mentioned, I know the cladding contractor had been meeting -- had met building control, or at least inferred that they had met building control, probably with Rydon, when I wasn't

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there, for example. So there was a whole series of informal meetings going on, on site, and we were not always party to that information, because the nature of how we were appointed and how we were being used as a consultant was that we were contacted as and when we were needed.

So I was aware of things. Obviously I'm only on site when I'm asked to attend a meeting, but there's a whole load of other meetings and things going on that I'm not party to, and -- yeah, well, this came off the back of that, I think.
Q. Did you ask Simon Lawrence to clarify or confirm when and by what means building control had signed off on the cladding?
A. No. I think I'd probably change that phrase. He said something had been effectively signed off. I mean, I don't know if he -- I don't think he said categorically signed off.
Q. You do, to be fair to you, say "something along the lines of", so you've given us the gist. I take that entirely.

But my question again: did you actually ask Simon Lawrence to confirm to you when and by whom building control had effectively signed off the cladding?
A. I don't recall doing that.
Q. Did you think to ask John Hoban? Did you go back to John Hoban and ask him to confirm what Simon Lawrence was saying?
A. I don't recall doing that, no.
Q. Did you ask him for a document -- presumably not -confirming what Simon Lawrence had told you?
A. No.
Q. When you heard the gist of what you say Simon Lawrence told you in April 2015, perhaps at the end of that month, were you not concerned that building control had effectively signed off on the cladding when Exova had not yet updated their B4 external spread of fire analysis?
A. No.
Q. Why is that?
A. I understood there to be no risk from the conversations that I'd had with Exova, and it wouldn't have dawned on me to do that. I mean, I didn't see why I would have.
Q. You had understood there to be no risk from the conversations you had had with Exova. When was the last conversation that you can recall that you had had with Exova prior to April 2015 when they told you or gave you the impression that the cladding system presented no risk in respect of external fire spread?
A. It would probably have been the March, end of March conversations.
Q. End of March conversations.

Do you remember speaking to -- it would be
Mr Ashton, would it, that you spoke to about that?
A. It's when we were discussing the cavity barrier strategy in relation to the build-up insulation and so on.
Q. Certainly, Mr Crawford, and we have seen the emails about that. But I just want to be very clear, and I'm sorry to keep revisiting this question of Exova's promised future analysis. Are you saying that you had a conversation with Mr Ashton in late March, perhaps in the context of the cavity barrier debate that was going on, in which he told you that the cladding system for Grenfell Tower presented no risk in terms of external fire spread?
A. I think that's what Exova said all the way through.
Q. But we've seen the report in which they said that it would be confirmed in a future analysis in a report. Are you saying that you had a later conversation in which Exova told you that no such report was necessary?
A. They didn't say that.
Q. So what did they say?
A. Everything I've said up to now.
Q. Well, that's quite a lot, Mr Crawford. Let's be
precise.
What do you recall Exova told you about the need for a future analysis which their third issue of their 7 November 2013 report said would be provided in the future?
A. Okay, I think I mentioned this earlier this morning, but I believe in the conversation I had in relation to the cavity barriers that they alluded to the fact that they may have to go back and complete it at some point. Again, this is just a vague recollection from conversations. But after that, I don't recall anything, and my understanding was that they presented an opinion that what we were doing was acceptable. Therefore, potentially, there wasn't even a need for them to do a further report.
Q. Were you not concerned that building control had effectively signed off on the cladding when, so far as you knew, building control had not been given any detail about the insulation product that was going to be used in the cladding system?
A. But they had insulation product. They knew what the insulation product was.
Q. How did they know that?
A. We had discussed it and we discussed the spec in meetings.

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Q. I see.

Now, a brief question on regulation 38 which I showed you earlier.

Before the building control completion certificate was issued, were you ever asked to provide any drawings or information to the TMO for the purposes of regulation 38 ?
A. No.
Q. Were you aware of any regulation 38 fire safety information being provided to the TMO by the rest of the design team?
A. No.
Q. Did John Hoban ever ask you to confirm that regulation 38 had been complied with?
A. I don't recall that, no.
Q. Right.

Now, at paragraph 181 of your statement, page 58 \{SEA00014275/58\}, let's just look at that, you say, and this is under the heading "Building Regulations and Associated Guidelines":
"I considered that the Tower did comply with the relevant Building Regulations because, as I set out in further detail below:
"181.1. I do not recall being contacted by Rydon or Building Control to provide any further information to

Building Control after Building Control's feedback on Submission 2, in January 2016."

You see that?
A. Yes.
Q. You give no other reason there, just your reliance on anything back from Rydon or building control. Is that right?
A. Yes.
Q. Does that mean that you didn't undertake your own independent check of the design against the Building Regulations?
A. It was -- we weren't contracted to check. We were contracted to seek to comply with Building Regulations.
Q. That's your understanding of the contract, as I think you told us on the first day.

In the light of the information that we have been through and the gaps in the information, do you accept that it was not reasonable of you to rely on building control when you hadn't provided them with a full cladding package of information and were relying on other people to do that?
A. I understood that they did have all the necessary information and it was not contacted -- contrary to that. I mean, if they signed it off and they didn't -what were they signing off? They had done site visits,
they had had meetings, they had drawings, they knew what was being built, so what were they signing off?
Q. Two final questions on building control, if I may.

First of all, do you remember, doing the best you can sitting here, whether there was ever a meeting with John Hoban where the route to compliance with ADB, paragraphs 12.6 to 12.9 , was ever discussed?
A. I don't recall.
Q. Now, you said on Day 9, the first day of your evidence, that Harley confirmed compliance of the cladding with the Building Regulations to building control. Do you remember yourself that happening?
(Pause)
A. Can you read that out again?
Q. Yes. You said on Day 9, the first day of your evidence, that Harley had assured building control that the cladding was compliant with the Building Regulations. We can look at it if you like. Do you want to look at it?
A. I don't need to look at it.
Q. Let's look at it, then. It's \{Day9/113\}. I wonder if that could be got up.
A. I don't need to look at it, sorry, but if you want to look at it ...
Q. I'm sorry.
A. What I was saying is I don't need to look at it .
Q. Oh, you don't need to look at it. Okay. All right.

So my question is: do you remember when that happened?
A. Sorry, because I'm just getting a bit tired. Can you restate the whole question?
Q. Yes, of course.

The gist of your evidence, which I was going to show you, was that Harley had confirmed compliance of the cladding system with the Building Regulations, and they confirmed that to building control. Do you know when they did that?
A. When?
Q. Yes.
A. Not specifically, but I remember being in the meeting with Harley and building control discussing the whole scheme.
Q. Who was it, do you remember, at Harley who confirmed that?
A. Specifically, I can't remember. I mean, typically those meetings were Ben, Ray Bailey and/or Kevin Lamb.
Q. Who at building control was that confirmation given to, to the best of your recollection?
A. It would have been John, almost certainly .
Q. Was it done orally or was there a written document which

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recorded that?
A. I don't recall . I'm certainly not aware of a written document.
MR MILLETT: Right.
Now, Mr Chairman, I'm conscious that this witness is getting quite tired.
SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: He has been giving evidence for a long time.
MR MILLETT: He has. I have a few more questions to go, but I'm conscious of the time. It may be worth a very short break, and I will endeavour to finish by 4.30 or so.
SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Well, it's the "or so" that worries me.
MR MILLETT: Yes, I know.
SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: I would like to give everyone a break, because I think it would help him.
MR MILLETT: Yes.
SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: But we need to try and finish him within a reasonable time.
MR MILLETT: Yes, best endeavours. Reasonable endeavours. Mr Chairman, I think a short break.
SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: All endeavours.
All right, Mr Crawford, we will have a break. 4.10, please. Thank you very much.
4.10, please. Thank you.
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(A short break)
( 4.10 pm )
SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: All right, Mr Crawford?
THE WITNESS: Yes.
SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Good.
Mr Millett.
MR MILLETT: Mr Chairman.
Mr Crawford, I'm going to ask you one or two
questions now about the technical review that took place
on 28 October 2015. If we could please have the record
of that. It's at \{SEA00013508\}. Can we please have
that up on the screen.
Now, you can see here that you are involved in it .
The meeting is 28 October, issued 29 October, and the
assessor is Bruce Sounes, associate and project
architect is Neil Crawford, that's you.
A. Yes.
Q. There is a long list of things that are done.
Did you take part in any other technical review
other than this one?
A. Not that I recall.
Q. On this project. Right.
To the best of your knowledge -- so this was the
first and only technical review to have taken place; is
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that right?
A. Yes.
Q. At this time, October 2015, do you remember that the
work to the external façade was some $60 \%$ complete?
A. Not specifically that number, but I would have known it
was well advanced.
Q. Yes.
Mr Kuszell says in his statement -- and we can look at it if you need to -- that a technical review usually occurs at what was previously RIBA Stage E/F, technical design and production information. Do you agree with him?
A. Yes.
Q. If this was the first technical review, it's fair to say, isn't it, that it had been carried out really woefully late?
A. What I would say is that although this is the first formal technical review, we were discussing, and I was discussing with Bruce, way before this the technical aspects of the building.
Q. Do you know why the technical review wasn't carried out until late October 2015?
A. I think the formal review was ... I think there had been a lot of items that were -- the project had been delayed massively from start to finish, so for all sorts of
reasons, most of them outwith our control -- all of them outwith our control. So the work had been carried out sporadically, the project had stopped and started, and so although we reviewed internally informally, I think there had probably been a recognition at that point in the management that we should do a formal technical review and, therefore, that's what this was.
Q. Are there any records, notes, minutes of the internal informal reviews that you have just referred to?
A. Not that I'm aware of.
Q. Look at page 2 \{SEA00013508/2\} of this document under the heading "Project documents". You can see there at the second item there, "Building Regulations Assessment", there is a comment:
"building control sign off drawings have been issued and incrementally signed off/agreed on site ."

Is that right? Is that actually correct, that there were sign- offs of drawings by building control?
A. Building control asked for things and we gave them and they were satisfied with them.
Q. Right.
A. And, for example, there were emails on the cavity barriers that were sent where John says, yes, he's satisfied this meets B2, B3 and so on.
Q. Yes. We have seen all the emails. I'm interested in

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## the comment:

"building control sign off drawings have been issued and incrementally signed off/agreed on site ."

Can I just ask you: who actually wrote this document? Was it you or was it Mr Sounes?
A. I'm not sure. Probably Mr Sounes.
Q. Right. Did Mr Sounes ever get involved in building control's sign-off of drawings or site meetings?
A. Not that I'm aware of.
Q. No. So where it says "Building Control sign off drawings have been issued", et cetera, that would have come from you to him and he would have recorded it?
A. It would have been within our general discussion, yes.
Q. Yes, I see. But the impression given by what he has written there -- "Building Control sign off drawings have been issued" -- rather suggests that there was a document which building control had issued in which it had signed off -- in other words approved, okayed -specific drawings?
A. No, I think that's a general statement that encompasses what we understood had happened.
Q. I see. Right.

So in fact, rather than there being sign-off being issued, is what is being said here that building control
had indicated approval on drawings?
A. And aspects generally . I mean, they were visiting site and, for example, they would look at something, the stairs, and accept that what they saw was acceptable in terms of their interpretation of the building regs, for example.
Q. Right.
A. With us not always there.
Q. If I asked you the question when was that and who was it, would you say this was during these workshops that you kept having? Is that right?
A. No. I mentioned there specifically stairs because, as mentioned in my witness statement, there were site visits that building control were doing in conjunction with Rydon.
Q. Are you able to point to any document in which you can say that building control signed off specific drawings?
A. That would be a question for building control.
Q. No, I'm asking you, because you were the one who told Mr Sounes that building control had signed off drawings and sign-off drawings had been issued and incrementally signed off/agreed on site.

So my question again, please, for you --
A. Well, I think that terminology is a general understanding of what went on.

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Q. Right. So is the answer to the question I've just asked you, which I would like you to answer -- I'll ask it again: are you able to point to any document in which you can say building control signed off specific drawings?
A. Not a document, no.
Q. Moving to the bottom of that page, please, the technical review design standards says:
"Comment: Designed to current Housing, Approved Document Building Regulations and British Standards where applicable."

On what basis could you reach that conclusion?
A. Well, Bruce and I had -- well, Bruce obviously has a long history with the project, and then myself towards the end. During that period, particularly during the design stage, early design stage, there were a number of meetings with building control, and also Bruce was working up the plans and the layouts in relation to all those standards listed there, and obviously the final assessment and sign-off of the building acknowledged that they were, in the eyes of building control, compliant.

But that's a statement of fact. I mean, they were, "Designed to current Housing, Approved Document Building Regulations and British Standards where
applicable ". That is the basis on which the building was designed.
Q. If we look at page 3 \{SEA00013508/3\}, then, please, "Technical performance". Under that heading we can see "Fire Detailing ", just below halfway down that page, "Comment: Completed"; do you see that?
A. Yes.
Q. What does that comment relate to?
A. Fire strategy .
Q. Does it include or relate to the external façade of the building?
A. I think it's a general comment, so relates to the fire strategy.
Q. Was the detailing of the cavity barriers by this stage, October 2015, complete?
A. October 2015, yes.
Q. I'm going to ask you one or two questions about the CDM and O\&M manual. We have already discussed, I think, your understanding in brief -- and it was brief -- of Studio E's obligations under the CDM Regulations.

In terms of design risk assessment, we know that Studio E did carry out a design risk assessment, and we've seen the email of that. Just for the transcript, for later reference, it's \{SEA00009350\}, and there is no need to turn it up.
A. Yes, we carried out risks and latent risk assessments, yes.
Q. Just going back in time to your handover with Mr Sounes, did you discuss with him in your handover the risk assessment, which I think predated your involvement in the project?
A. Probably. I couldn't say definitively .
Q. Were you ever asked to update it?
A. I certainly read it. If I felt there was something relevant to be updated in it, I would have updated it.
Q. Okay.

Can I ask you to go to \{SEA00013756\}, please. This
is a handwritten note of yours on 16 December 2015. Do you see that?
A. Yes.
Q. 10.00 am . "BC sign off ", that's building control sign-off .
A. Mm-hm.
Q. Then two items under that, "O\&M". Do you see that?
A. Yes.
Q. Can you remember what that related to?
A. What, the 0\&M?
Q. Yes.
A. Operation and maintenance manual.
Q. Yes. So what was discussed at that general site meeting
on that day about O\&M, do you remember?
A. I don't recall specifically, but I suspect the fact that they were looking to assemble them or prepare them.
Q. Right, I see.

Were you involved in the preparation of the O\&M
manual, operation and maintenance manual?
A. No, although we were asked very late on to provide as- built drawings.
Q. Right.

Do you know who was primarily responsible, or who, I should say, took primary responsibility, for the compilation of the O\&M manual?
A. I believe someone was contracted to write it, someone -by Rydon. But I can't remember precisely who it was or whether it was internally by Rydon.
Q. Were you ever asked to provide information for the health and safety file for the building?
A. Erm ... I don't recall.
Q. Now, can I ask you, please, to look -- we're turning to a different topic -- at \{EXO00000197\}. This is an email from you to Ben Rogerson, 5 November at 14.32, and others, including Mr Sounes. It's the second email down on the page, and the subject is "Grenfell Tower fire strategy". It says:
"Ben
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"Can you help with the query below from Colin Chiles at Leadbitter. As I understand Colin has been challenged by one of the residents that the current redesign of the landscape surrounding Grenfell Tower compromises the fire access to Grenfell Tower (the individual concerned is a known trouble maker)."

Do you see this?
A. Yes.
Q. This is what you send to Ben Rogerson, and Ben sends that on to Terry Ashton at Exova at the top. I don't think you need to worry about that.

The question I have is about your reference there to a known troublemaker. How did you know that the resident in question was a known troublemaker?
A. If I'm being honest, I can't even remember writing this email, but it's dated --
Q. It is dated 5 November 2012.
A. Who was Ben Rogerson, sorry? Because there's no email address.
Q. No, there isn't. Well, if you can't remember, I'm not sure I can assist you. It may be I could assist you, but I'm not sure we have time for me to assist you necessarily. I'm not sure it matters.

My question is really whether you can remember how you discovered that the individual that you're talking
about, the resident, was a "known troublemaker"?
A. I'm not sure. Maybe it was problems we had in terms of trying to agree the landscape in relation to KALC --
Q. Why did you feel it necessary to draw to Mr Rogerson's attention that the individual who had made the challenge was "a known troublemaker"?
A. To be honest, I'm struggling to remember the context of this.
Q. Right.

I think the suggestion that might be made is that you were putting the words in brackets, "The individual concerned is a known trouble maker", into the email because you wanted to diminish the importance of the challenge that had been raised by that resident. Is that fair?
A. Let me read the whole email.
Q. Yes, please do.
A. I'm just trying to understand the context here.
(Pause)
I think I'm just trying to clarify the situation relative to the firefighting access requirement and that the landscaping proposals weren't inhibiting in that.
Q. Right.

Just so you know, we have discovered Ben Rogerson is actually a senior consultant at Exova.

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A. Right.
Q. So my question once more, so we're clear about it : were you referring to the individual concerned as a known troublemaker in order to diminish the importance of the complaint?
A. I wouldn't have thought so, no.
Q. Right. What was the purpose of the words in brackets?
A. I must have believed that at the time.
Q. How did you get that information?
A. This is eight years ago. I don't even know to whom it refers.
Q. All right.
A. I mean, the issue really -- the gist of this email is trying to establish whether anything's been compromised in terms of fire strategy, which clearly I don't think it was.
Q. Well, Mr Crawford, we have come to the end of your evidence, and I'm grateful to you.

I have just one more question for you, and it's one you may have heard me ask some people before who have had a significant responsibility for areas of the project, and it's this: looking back on it now, and your role in the project from the summer of 2014, and looking at the material that we've spent time looking at over the past few days, is there anything that you would have
done differently?
(Pause)
A. I think I'd have designed -- I'd have designed the building to a different set of regulations, more in line with what has been implemented in 2019, although arguably that doesn't go far enough.
But clearly -- clearly the risks of the current regulations at the time the building was built were known by government, for example. If you look at select committee information from as early as 1999 , you can see that the warnings were there about the risk of fire and combustible materials in buildings, and I think the reality is that the building regs aren't fit for purpose and have led to the regularisation of usage of dangerous and flammable materials.
Unfortunately, the industry only reacts to the regulations that are in place. Therefore, you need to have regulations in place that are fit for purpose. Unfortunately, despite, when you think of those, there must have been an awareness, there was an awareness, as far back as then, because you can see it in the select committee report. Why wasn't it acted on? It was in Scotland. And so ... Yeah.
MR MILLETT: Mr Chairman, I've come to the end of my questions for Mr Crawford.
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Mr Crawford, thank you very much for your patience over the last three days.
THE WITNESS: Thanks.
SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Mr Crawford, I would like to
thank you for coming to give your evidence. I'm sure it
hasn't been an easy exercise to undertake and I'm sorry
that it went on as long as it did, but, as you realise, there were a lot of things we had to ask you.
Thank you for coming. You are now free to go.
THE WITNESS: Sorry, can I just add another bit on that last statement?
I think one of the implications of that system, the regulatory system, and the specific mistake that I think was made, is in B4, when you look at the classification of -- having the national class 0 was a mistake, and having it beside the European class. I mean, if you just had A2, as you have now, effectively, then you wouldn't have had the situation where you could have put that panel on the building, and not only that, you wouldn't have the situation where you had the panel which -- the problem was definitely compounded by the fact that the panel was allowed to be re-tested and then those results not disclosed, because effectively it was still compliant under national class 0 , and this is a contradiction, and this also, in my view, led to the questions for Mr Crawford.

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[^0]:    talking about is the insulation round and behind that, I think.
    Q. Okay, let's look at your statement, because I think we get a bit of help from that. \{SEA00014275/41\}, please. You deal with Mr North's enquiry at paragraph 118, if we can look at that, you refer to the email and you say:
    "I have not found a response but I believe I would have pointed him towards Studio E's 1:20 section drawings."

    You see that?
    A. Yes.
    Q. In fact, it's likely that you didn't respond to this query at all, given that we have not been able to find any email response from you. So --
    A. Well, you're saying that, but I did speak with Jason North quite a lot on site, so I'm not sure if that's necessarily true.
    Q. Do you have a recollection of dealing with his query on site?
    A. I don't recall.
    Q. You say that you believe you would have pointed him towards Studio E's 1:20 section drawings, but we have already seen some of them and they don't indicate any packing materials to the window lining.
    A. Well, sorry, there's more than just the drawing you

[^1]:    You point out in this email that Paul is a fire engineer. Did you have any view about whether Mr Hoban was a fire engineer, or are you drawing a distinction in their qualifications, between one and the other?
    A. It would be for them to say what their qualifications were, but as stated, I -- I'm not even sure if fire engineer is correct, but I understood Paul to be ex-London Fire Brigade, so he had, let's say, a level of understanding that I understood to be fairly high for someone in that position.
    Q. Now, you say in this email:
    "John Hoban won't be able to provide any answers on his own and tends to refer to Paul all the time ..."

    Was that true in your experience of him in respect of B2, 3 and 4 issues which you say fell on his side of the divide?
    A. No. I think if it was -- if the questions were tricky -- I mean, perhaps I wrote this email out of a certain amount of frustration off the back of something else, I don't know. But, I mean, it would be unfair to say that --
    Q. Okay.
    A. Yeah.
    Q. Right.

    Your view at the time, I think, as you say in your
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    statement, was that dealing with him was somewhat frustrating.
    A. I think that's what it says there, in that email.
    Q. It says it there as well, yes.

    Was that limited to fire safety issues or was that your general impression of his way of going about things?
    A. He had his own way of doing things.
    Q. Right.

    Just help me with this: you say that he would be given to referring issues to Paul Hanson rather than dealing with them himself and that was frustrating, but also you found him very diligent, as you say in your statement.
    A. I think he's somebody who meant well and he did try to do the right thing, but, for example, we had scenarios in KALC that repeated themselves on the tower where, for example, in service riser cupboards, there was only a requirement to firestop at the floor, not the enclosure, and he insisted on doing both, which became frustrating.
    Q. I see.
    A. So it wasn't that he didn't mean well, it 's just that his interpretation could be frustrating for people.
    Q. Right.

[^2]:    fire.
    Sorry, that's it. I didn't mean to ... I meant to say that at the same time.
    SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Right. Well, thank you again, and if you would like to go with the usher, she will look after you.

    ## (The witness withdrew)

    SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Right. So that's it for today.
    MR MILLETT: It is it for today, Mr Chairman.
    SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Tomorrow we are going to hear from another one of the architects.
    MR MILLETT: We will hear from Mr Rek first thing tomorrow morning.
    SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: So we will break there and resume at 10 o'clock tomorrow, when we will hear, as Mr Millett said, from Mr Rek, who was also one of the architects at Studio E.

    10 o'clock tomorrow, then, please. Thank you. ( 4.35 pm )
    (The hearing adjourned until 10 am
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