LONDON FIRE BRIGADE

Freedom of Information request: Reference number FOI2026/01440

Date of request: 7th November

Request:

Formal request for recorded information

Please treat this section as a request for recorded information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and/or Environmental Information Regulations 2004, as appropriate.

I request:

1. Confirmation of whether the audit assigned following my October 2025 complaint was completed, including its date and reference number.
2. Copies of the inspection or audit report, including findings relating to the communal entrance, staircase, means of escape and under-stair storage.
3. Copies of any notifications of deficiencies, recommendations, enforcement notices or other recorded actions arising from the audit.
4. Relevant correspondence with Clarion Housing Group or the building's responsible person concerning these conditions.
5. Records of any subsequent compliance checks, follow-up inspections or decisions to close the matter.
6. If the audit was postponed, cancelled or not undertaken, any recorded decision explaining that outcome.

Where information is withheld, please identify the relevant exemption or exception and disclose the remaining material.

Response:

To collate the information you have requested, I asked our Prevention and Protection (Fire Safety Regulatory) department to send me any relevant information they held. I have reviewed all the documents they returned to me and have provided you with some information that fell into the scope of your which can be found in the **'Documents'** section below.

In regard to your query, the LFB can provide the following response:

1. A Fire Safety Audit was completed on 23rd November 2026, reference number 03/277055.

2. The Fire Safety Audit Report is attached separately and includes all findings deemed relevant by the Inspecting Officer. Personal data

has been redacted under Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000

3. No Notice of Deficiencies or Enforcement Notices arose from this audit. Recommendations in the form of remedies are included within the Fire Safety Audit Report.

4. The LFB is unable to disclose correspondence between the Inspecting Officer and Clarion Housing Group as email correspondence with the Responsible Person (RP) for the building is exempt from access via the FOIA provisions. We consider these to be exempt under Section 31 of the FOIA ("law enforcement" – Section 31(1)(g) combined with 31(2) (a) and 31(2) (c)). We understand that there is public interest and concern about knowing about the fire safety of the buildings in which people live, work or visit however we need to maintain a balance between the public interest in safety and the Brigade's ability to work with responsible persons in a safe space where honest, frank and meaningful discussions can take place. It is important that enforcing authorities are assisted in their investigations if witnesses and those responsible for compliance with regulations are willing to cooperate with the investigation on a voluntary basis and investigators are able to enter in discussions (either verbally, or by correspondence) with those involved to enable them to explore all aspects of the case and then arrive at a decision as to the appropriate action to take.

5. The LFB does not hold records of any subsequent compliance checks, follow up inspections, or decisions regarding the matter.

6. The audit was successfully completed on 23rd November 2026.