

Freedom of Information request: Reference number FOI2026/01177

Date of request: 20th September

Request:

I am writing to submit a formal request for information under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR) and, alternatively, the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

71 - 73 Fernhead Road, London W9 3EY

I am aware that the London Fire Brigade's Fire Safety Regulation / Enforcement team has recently inspected the commercial restaurant at this location and issued a Deficiency Notice, a Letter of Fire Safety Matters, or an informal action plan regarding severely compromised fire compartmentation and other fire risks pertaining to this premises.

Please provide copies of the following information held by the London Fire Brigade regarding these premises:

1. Copies of all Deficiency Notices, Letters of Fire Safety Matters, Action Plans, or informal safety warnings issued to the restaurant operator, business owner, or the freehold landlord within the last 12 months regarding structural fire separation or escape routes.
2. Any Fire Risk Assessment audits, inspection reports, or formal notes recorded by LFB officers during inspections of this building over the last year.
3. Any logged timelines or correspondence outlining the specific remediation deadlines imposed on the restaurant or freeholder to fix the compartmentation or other fire risk defects.

Public Interest & Safety Disclosure:

Because this matter involves a commercial kitchen operating directly beneath and adjacent to residential flats with compromised structural fire barriers, it poses an immediate risk to life. The public interest heavily favours disclosure under EIR Regulation 12(5)(a) (public safety) to protect the occupants.

Response:

I refer to your request for information, received on 20 September 2026, which has been processed under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Your request concerned fire safety records held by the London Fire Brigade (LFB) in relation to the commercial premises at 71–73 Fernhead Road, London W9 3EY, including any Deficiency Notices, Letters of Fire Safety Matters, Action Plans, inspection reports, and remediation correspondence issued within the last 12 months.

At this time, LFB does not hold any information falling within the scope of your request. This is because a fire safety audit in relation to these premises is currently ongoing. As no audit outcome has yet been recorded, no responsive records including any enforcement notices, deficiency notices, or officer inspection notes have been generated or retained at this stage. This is a matter of timing rather than an indication that no audit activity is taking place.

By way of background, the London Fire Brigade is the enforcing authority in London under the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005. However, it is not the Brigade's role to undertake or provide fire risk assessments. Responsibility for assessing and managing fire safety risks rests with the responsible person for the premises. Whilst on some occasions the responsible person may provide, or be required to provide, copies of risk assessments they have carried out, we are under no obligation to retain them.

Further information on the fire safety duties of those who own, manage, or are responsible for premises can be found on the Government's website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/fire-safety-legislation-guidance-for-those-with-legal-duties>

Your request has been handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Further information about making requests for information is available on our website: <https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/about-us/transparency/request-information-from-us/>