

Freedom of Information request: Reference number FOI2026/00583

Date of request: 21st May 2026

Request:

The fire Officer visited the property on Monday 11th May 2026. I am the owner of the upper floors and am concerned about the fire safety of the occupants.

Response:

Further to your request, a Fire Safety Audit report was completed on the 13th May 2026 for Charlton Place, London, N1 8AQ. The outcome of the audit was Low Risk. As a result, a Notification of Deficiencies (NOD) was issued on the 1st June 2026. A copy of the NOD can be found below. Personal data has been redacted in accordance with [section 40 of the FOIA - Personal Information](#).

The result of the audit confirmed that some fire safety matters require attention to reduce the risk of fire and/or reasonably ensure the safety of people using the premises and these matters need to be addressed in order to comply with Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 (the Fire Safety Order).

When issuing a NOD the expectation is that the issues are minor enough that they can be rectified without needing any formal intervention from the LFB (which is different to an [Enforcement Notice](#)). As such, it would be for the Responsible Person(s) of the premises to be satisfied the deficiencies noted are addressed appropriately and within the recommend time frame. The LFB will then check these issues when the property is visited at the next routine inspection (according to the level of risk).

We have dealt with your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. For more information about this process please see the guidance we publish about making a request on our website: <https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/about-us/transparency/request-information-from-us/>



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The London Fire Commissioner is the
fire and rescue authority for London

Date 1 June 2026
Our Ref: 03/182016/SH

Dear [REDACTED]

**REGULATORY REFORM (FIRE SAFETY) ORDER 2005 (AS AMENDED): NOTIFICATION OF
FIRE SAFETY DEFICIENCIES**

Premises: [REDACTED] Charlton Place, Islington, London N1 8AQ

The London Fire Commissioner (the Commissioner) is the fire and rescue authority for London. The Commissioner is responsible for enforcing the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 (as amended) hereafter the Fire Safety Order (as amended) in London.

The Commissioner's Inspectors have recently carried out an inspection of the above-mentioned premises. During the inspection, it was noted that some fire safety matters require attention to reduce the risk of fire and/or reasonably ensure the safety of people using the premises. These matters need to be addressed in order to comply with the Fire Safety Order (as amended).

The matters that need to be addressed, together with the Commissioner's recommendations about the actions you should take are explained in the attached schedule. We recommend that action should be taken by **19 October 2026**.

If you are in any doubt about what you need to do to comply with the Fire Safety Order (as amended); or if there is anything in the schedule that you do not understand or need further explanation of then please contact the Inspector named at the end of this letter. If you are dissatisfied in any way with the response given please ask to speak to the Team Leader quoting the above reference.

You may also wish to know that fire safety guidance for businesses can be found on the Commissioner's website at www.london-fire.gov.uk under the heading 'Fire safety at work'. Additionally, guidance on general fire precautions and how to comply with the Fire Safety Order (as amended) can be found at www.Gov.uk under the heading 'Fire safety law and guidance documents for business'.

When undertaking fire safety works at your premises you may need to seek approval for what you are going to do. Examples of this would include:

- any building works for which you are obliged to notify or seek the approval of Building Control;
- if your premises have a listed heritage status, approval from the local authority conservation officer; or
- if your premises are licenced then you may need to consult the relevant licensing or approvals authority.
- It is your responsibility to consult the relevant bodies and obtain any necessary approvals.

I would ask you to note that as well as placing people at risk, operating premises without having adequate general fire precaution in place to remove or reduce fire risk and to ensure people can safely escape if a fire does occur can result in a criminal offence being committed. This letter and its associated schedule are consequently issued without prejudice to any legal action the Commissioner may subsequently take regarding failures to comply with the Fire Safety Order (as amended).

Yours sincerely,

PP [REDACTED]

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Enc: Form FS03_01b Legislation Extracts
Form FS03_06 Definitions of standard terms
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Notes to accompany the Notification of Deficiencies schedule.

Important information to consider before taking remedial steps:

1. Certain terms written in BLOCK CAPITALS in the attached schedule are standard terms defined in "Definitions of standard terms used in means of escape requirements" which form part of this schedule.
2. Officers of the Commissioner may visit your premises again to check on the action you have taken.
3. **Notwithstanding any consultation undertaken by the Commissioner, before you make any alterations to the premises, you must apply for local authority building control department approval (and/or the approval of any other bodies having a statutory interest in the premises) if their permission is required for those alterations to be made.**
4. There may be suitable alternative safety measures to those detailed in this schedule, which would meet the requirements of the Order. If you wish to propose or discuss any alternative measures you should get in touch with the person named as the contact above, before you take any action, to ensure that your proposed measures are deemed satisfactory by the Commissioner.
5. Remedial steps must be undertaken by a competent person who has sufficient training, experience, knowledge or other qualities to enable him or her to properly undertake them.
6. We recommend that remedial steps are undertaken in accordance with the appropriate British or European Standards, or recognised industry guidance.

THE REGULATORY REFORM (FIRE SAFETY) ORDER 2005

Your rights when Fire Safety Inspecting Officers take action.

The Commissioner has a duty to enforce the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005.

If an Inspector:

tells you to do something - you have a right to a verbal and written explanation of what needs to be done and why.

Intends to take immediate action - for example by issuing an enforcement notice this will include a written explanation either forming part of the notice or by separate letter.

Issues a formal notice - you will be told in writing about your right to appeal to a magistrates' court. You will be told:

- ♦ how to appeal;
- ♦ where and within what period an appeal may be brought; and
- ♦ that action required by a prohibition/restriction notice is not suspended while an appeal is pending unless the court so directs.
- ♦ that action required by an enforcement notice is suspended while an appeal is pending.

Issues a Notification of Fire Safety Deficiencies - full discussion should have taken place and agreed improvements to bring the premises up to minimal standards should be formulated. A Notification of Fire Safety Deficiencies carries no statutory force but may result in formal action being considered if the agreed improvements do not take place.

The procedures and rights above provide ways for you to have your views heard. If you are not happy with the inspecting officer's action you should contact the Team Leader on the telephone number shown at the head of the covering letter in the first instance.

ENVIRONMENT AND SAFETY INFORMATION ACT 1988 SECTION 4 - PROTECTION OF TRADE SECRETS

The above Act requires the London Fire Commissioner to maintain public registers of notices issued under Article 30 of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005, (other than those which impose requirements or prohibitions solely for the protection of persons at work) and Sections 21 and 22 of the Health and Safety at Work etc, Act 1974.

Provisions are made within the Act for persons on whom the above notices are served to appeal against any proposed entry in the register which may disclose "trade secrets" or "secret manufacturing processes".

Entries in the register are required to be made after the period for appeal against the notice expires or after any appeal is disposed of.

If you feel that any such entry would disclose information about a trade secret or secret manufacturing process you may write to the Commissioner within a period of 14 days following the service of the notice, requesting exclusion of these details (see Section 4 of the 1988 Act).

SCHEDULE**PREMISES:** [REDACTED] Charlton Place, Islington, London N1 8AQ**FILE NUMBER:** 03/182016

This schedule should be read in conjunction with the Commissioner's letter dated **1 June 2026**.

The condition(s) specified in the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005, were being contravened and the following step(s) need(s) to be taken in order to comply with the above legislation:

Article	Area of Concern	Steps Considered necessary to remedy the contravention.
Article 11	At the time of the audit your preventative and protective measures had not been planned, organised, controlled, monitored or reviewed where required. It was found that: 1) Nothing was provided to show that a fire risk assessment had been planned and organised. 2) An appropriate method of fire detection and warning had not been planned and organised. 3) The maintenance of the fire doors throughout the premises had not been planned, organised, monitored or reviewed. 4) An emergency plan had not been planned or organised.	Arrangements identified as not suitably addressed must be effectively planned, organised, controlled, monitored or reviewed.
Article 13	At the time of the audit you had not provided an appropriate method of fire detection and warning within your premises. It was found that individual domestic alarms had been installed at each level and would not warn relevant persons in the event of a fire.	Provide an appropriate means of fire detection and giving warning in the common parts of the premises. This can be achieved by installing a Grade A fire alarm system in the common escape route. Each flat should have its own Grade D1 LD2 domestic smoke/heat alarms.

Article 14	At the time of the audit the emergency routes or exits were inadequate. It was found that: 1) The protected corridor had inadequate FIRE RESISTANCE, the fire doors throughout the building had excessive gaps between the fire doors and the fire door frames. 2) Combustible household items were being stored within the common areas. 3) No emergency escape lighting was in place.	Ensure adequate emergency routes and exits, for use by relevant persons in the premises, are available and can be safely and effectively used at all relevant times. This can be achieved by: 1) Ensuring that all doors leading onto the protected corridor have 30 minutes FIRE RESISTANCE. A fire door survey should be carried out by a qualified and competent person and any defects should be remediated. 2) Ensuring the means of escape routes are kept clear of domestic combustible items. 3) Installing emergency escape lighting along escape routes.
Article 15	At the time of the audit your procedures to be followed in the event of serious and imminent danger were inadequate. It was found that an emergency plan had not been considered or displayed.	Adequate procedures for serious and imminent danger and for danger areas should be established and followed. This can be achieved by reviewing the emergency plan to take into account all relevant persons that access the premises.
Article 9	At the time of the audit you did not provide evidence that a fire risk assessment had been undertaken.	Carry out a fire risk assessment. (See guidance note No.66) In particular take into account: 1) Identifying all significant fire hazards. 2) Identifying relevant persons including any groups of persons especially at risk. 3) Evaluating if existing control measures reduce risks to a tolerable level. 4) Determining what additional measures are required when and by who. 5) The means of escape. 6) Detection and warning. 7) Firefighting equipment. 8) Maintenance and testing of fire safety systems and equipment. 9) Compartmentation in the premises.

*****RECOMMENDATIONS NOT FORMING REQUIREMENTS OF THE SCHEDULE*****

The Commissioner would strongly urge that you consider the presence of combustible façade cladding materials as part of the risk assessment process for these premises. All relevant information about any replacement window and facade schemes should be made fully available to fire risk assessors. Where no reliable information is available for a given property, a strategy to assess the risk and where necessary implement short, medium and long term actions to address the risk should be implemented.

Where remedial measures are to be undertaken to which consultation requirements under Section 20 of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1985 will apply, the Commissioner would urge you to consider application of the disapplication provisions under Section 20ZA of that Act.