

**Freedom of Information request:** Reference number FOI2026/00380

**Date of request:** 18 March 2026

**Request:**

*Abbey Community Centre, 172 Belsize Rd, London NW6 4BJ*

*In order to fully understand the basis of the Brigade's assessment, we would be grateful if you could provide or direct us to the following information where available:*

- The audit findings relating to the inspection carried out in November 2025.*
- The recommendations that were provided to the Responsible Person following the audit*
- The occupancy and capacity assumptions used when assessing the premises.*
- Any assumptions regarding staffing levels or management arrangements during building use.*
- Clarification of the statement in the Stage 1 response that upgrading the door mechanisms may require "removal of a wall"*
- Confirmation of whether all final exit doors serving the ground floor premises were inspected as part of the audit.*
- Confirmation of the role of the officer(s) who carried out the audit, and the capacity in which the assessment was undertaken (for example whether it formed part of a formal inspection, advisory visit, or supervised assessment)*
- General confirmation of the level of competency or qualification framework applied to the audit, in line with the Brigade's usual practice for assessing public-access premises of this type.*

**Response:**

Please see the response to your requests in turn below:

- The audit findings relating to the inspection carried out in November 2025.*

I have included a copy of the Fire Safety Audit report completed following LFB's inspection in November 2025 as PDF file "*FOI2026\_00380\_Fire Safety Audit Report (redacted)*".

Please note, that personal data has been redacted from this document under [Section 40 of the FOI act – Personal Information](#).

- The recommendations that were provided to the Responsible Person following the audit*

As noted in the Fire Safety Audit report, verbal action was provided to the Responsible Person (RP) at the time of the audit.

- The occupancy and capacity assumptions used when assessing the premises.*

This is recorded in the Fire Safety Audit report PDF file "*FOI2026\_00380\_Fire Safety Audit Report (redacted)*".

- Any assumptions regarding staffing levels or management arrangements during building use.*

We do not hold this information in recorded form and, under the FOI act we are not required to answer a question if we do not already have the relevant information recorded. However, this does not prevent us from providing answers or explanations as a matter of normal customer service. The LFB Fire Safety Regulatory policy department have provided the following explanation which you may find useful: "*Management of the building and staffing levels is down to the occupants leasing the building. Assumptions being made are that the building will always be staffed when there are vulnerable users and therefore they would assist in the evacuation and opening final exit doors and none of these rooms would be in use without an external or internal 'staff' member*"

- *Clarification of the statement in the Stage 1 response that upgrading the door mechanisms may require "removal of a wall"*

Camden council advisors have stated that in order to change the entire door to be a modern compliant door they would need to make changes to the frame and wall as this isn't a standard fitting door.

- *Confirmation of whether all final exit doors serving the ground floor premises were inspected as part of the audit.*

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- *Confirmation of the role of the officer(s) who carried out the audit, and the capacity in which the assessment was undertaken (for example whether it formed part of a formal inspection, advisory visit, or supervised assessment)*

The audit was a formal FS01 inspection, undertaken by a LFB Inspecting Officer.

- *General confirmation of the level of competency or qualification framework applied to the audit, in line with the Brigade's usual practice for assessing public-access premises of this type.*

Fire Safety Audits are undertaken by a LFB Inspecting Officer and are reviewed by a Fire Safety Regulatory department Team Leader before being finalised.

LFB's enforcement policy statement and service standards are available on our website via the following link:

<https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/about-us/what-we-do/enforce-fire-safety-legislation/>