

Freedom of Information request: Reference number FOI2026/00777

Date of request: 05 July 2026

Request:

I request copies of all notices, technical reports, fire engineering reports, Fire Risk Assessments (FRAs), Pre-Occupation Fire Risk Assessments (POFRAs), specialist assessments, inspection reports, correspondence, meeting minutes, file notes and any other documents held by the London Fire Brigade relating to Grand Union Heights from 1 January 2023 to the date of this request - (Since the building was built).

This includes, but is not limited to:

- *Any Enforcement Notices, Alterations Notices, Prohibition Notices, or other formal notices issued or considered.*
- *Any technical or specialist reports received, commissioned, reviewed or relied upon by the London Fire Brigade.*
- *Any Fire Risk Assessments (FRAs), Pre-Occupation Fire Risk Assessments (POFRAs), fire engineering reports or other fire safety assessments.*
- *Any inspection reports and records of site visits.*
- *Any correspondence, emails, meeting minutes and notes between the London Fire Brigade and Sovereign Network Group (SNG) concerning the evacuation, fire safety, remediation works, enforcement action and proposed reoccupation of Grand Union Heights.*

Response:

Please see my response to your queries in turn below:

Any Enforcement Notices, Alterations Notices, Prohibition Notices, or other formal notices issued or considered.

At the date of your FOI request (05 July 2026), LFB had issued Enforcement Notices to the Sovereign Network Group on 22 June 2026, concerning Grand Union Heights. These were subject to a 21 day appeal period but they have now been published on the [LFB Public Notices](#) website which can be accessed using the following links:

Block A: <https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/community/public-notices/public-notice-detail/?id=8652>
Block B: <https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/community/public-notices/public-notice-detail/?id=8651>
Block C: <https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/community/public-notices/public-notice-detail/?id=8650>
Block D: <https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/community/public-notices/public-notice-detail/?id=8649>
Block E: <https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/community/public-notices/public-notice-detail/?id=8648>

I have included copies of the full notices in this response as part of PDF document 'FOIA2026_00777_Disclosure Documents_Redacted' (pages 88-127 of 127). Please note, personal data has been redacted from these notices under [section 40 of the FOI act – personal information](#).

Any technical or specialist reports received, commissioned, reviewed or relied upon by the London Fire Brigade.

Any Fire Risk Assessments (FRAs), Pre-Occupation Fire Risk Assessments (POFRAs), fire engineering reports or other fire safety assessments.

Our Fire Safety Regulatory department provided me with copies of the documents held on their system for Grand Union Heights, HA0.

I have reviewed the information provided to me by our Fire Safety Regulatory department and it does include a copy of a Fire Risk Assessment (FRA) completed by CHPK Limited for Grand Union Heights, dated 28/04/2026. By way of background, as the enforcing authority under the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order, 2005, (RRO) the Brigade does not provide, or carry out fire risk assessments (FRA) as this is the responsibility of the responsible persons (RP). Whilst on some occasions LFB may receive copies of FRA we are under no obligation to retain them.

This FRA document was provided to LFB as part of a fire safety concern raised by an anonymous source and, as such, is exempt from access via the FOIA provisions. It is my view that this information falls within [Section 41 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000](#) (*Information provided in confidence*) because, when an individual raises safety concerns it is a reasonable expectation that the information has been provided in confidence to London Fire Brigade and would not be made public. The correspondence was provided with an expectation of confidentiality, and disclosure could undermine the willingness of individuals to report fire safety concerns in the future.

Any inspection reports and records of site visits.

Inspection reports

Our Fire Safety Regulatory department have let me know that, since 2023, LFB have conducted Fire Safety Audits at Grand Union Heights in 2024 and 2026.

The table below summarises the outcome of the 2024 fire safety audits:

Grand Union Heights Block	Date of Audit	Overall Safety	Management Compliance Level	Action
BLOCK A	09/08/2024	Broadly Compliant	Well above average	Verbal Action (no enforcement action (informal or formal) was required and no notices were issued)
BLOCK B	09/08/2024	Broadly Compliant	Well above average	Verbal Action (no enforcement action (informal or formal) was required and no notices were issued)
BLOCK C	09/08/2024	Low Risk	Well above average	Verbal Action (no enforcement action (informal or formal) was required and no notices were issued)
BLOCK D	09/08/2024	Low Risk	Well above average	Verbal Action (no enforcement action (informal or formal) was required and no notices were issued)
BLOCK E	09/08/2024	Low Risk	Above average	Verbal Action (no enforcement action (informal or formal) was required and no notices were issued)

I have included copies of the Fire Safety Audit reports completed in 2024 in PDF file 'FOIA2026_00777_Disclosure Documents_Redacted'. Please note, personal data has been redacted from these fire safety audit reports under [section 40 of the FOI act – personal information](#).

The table below summarises the outcome of the 2026 fire safety audits:

Grand Union Heights Block	Date of Audit	Overall Safety	Management Compliance Level	Action
BLOCK A	01/05/2026	Low Risk	Below average	Enforcement Notice issued (22 June 2026)
BLOCK B	01/05/2026	Low Risk	Below average	Enforcement Notice issued (22 June 2026)
BLOCK C	01/05/2026	Low Risk	Below average	Enforcement Notice issued (22 June 2026)
BLOCK D	01/05/2026	Low Risk	Below average	Enforcement Notice issued (22 June 2026)
BLOCK E	01/05/2026	Low Risk	Below average	Enforcement Notice issued (22 June 2026)

The LFB freely provide the outcome of Fire Safety Audits and [notices](#) issued under freedom of information act and, as mentioned in my response to your first point, I have included copies of the enforcement notices issued on 22 June 2026 in this response as part of PDF document 'FOIA2026_00777_Disclosure Documents_Redacted' (pages 88-127 of 127).

Where fire safety audits result in formal action being taken by LFB, the audit report themselves are exempt from access via the FOIA provisions. We consider this 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 are of the view that the correct balance between the public interest in building safety and our ongoing regulatory involvement lies in making information about enforcement action available (formal or informal) to those that request it, but in withholding the supporting information and evidence gathered during regulation activities. This information should be protected from publication to preserve the safe space for good regulation principles and that any withheld information could be used at a later date as part of formal enforcement action or prosecution where the materials go to demonstrate the behaviour, actions or omissions of the responsible person.

Records of site visits

Our Fire Safety Regulatory department have provided me with copies of 'Notification of fire safety information' forms held on their record for Grand Union Heights. These document information passed between the LFB Fire Safety Regulatory department and local Fire Stations following site visits.

I have included copies of these 'Notification of fire safety information' forms completed after 2023 in PDF file 'FOIA2026_00777_Disclosure Documents_Redacted'. Please note, personal data has been redacted from these fire safety audit reports under [section 40 of the FOI act – personal information](#). Some information has also been redacted from page 74 of 127 as it has been taken from the Fire Risk Assessment (FRA) document. From reviewing the information provided to me by LFB's Fire Safety Regulatory department it is my understanding that the FRA was provided to LFB as part of a fire safety concern raised by an anonymous source and, as such, is exempt from access via the FOIA provisions. It is my view that this information falls within [Section 41 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 \(Information provided in confidence\)](#) because, when an individual raises safety concerns it is a reasonable expectation that the information has been provided in confidence to London Fire Brigade and would not be made public. The correspondence was provided with an expectation of confidentiality, and disclosure could undermine the willingness of individuals to report fire safety concerns in the future.

Any correspondence, emails, meeting minutes and notes between the London Fire Brigade and Sovereign Network Group (SNG) concerning the evacuation, fire safety, remediation works, enforcement action and proposed reoccupation of Grand Union Heights

Our Fire Safety Regulatory department have provided me with a some correspondence between LFB and Sovereign Network Group (SNG).

Correspondence with, and materials provided to us by the Responsible Person (RP) for the building are 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 clearly 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 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.

A further note in relation to Grand Union Heights:

Our Fire Safety Regulatory department have provided the following information in relation to Grand Union Heights which you may find useful:

"The London Fire Brigade (LFB) is aware of the current situation at Grand Union Heights, Brent.

Sovereign Network Group (SNG), as the Responsible Person for the building, is responsible for managing fire safety arrangements and decisions relating to the occupation and reoccupation of the premises. SNG is working with a competent Fire Risk Assessor who is providing professional advice regarding fire safety measures, remediation works and the phased reoccupation of the building.

Following the completion of works relating to each block, the Fire Risk Assessor will provide professional advice to SNG regarding whether the fire safety measures in place are sufficient to support phased reoccupation alongside the simultaneous evacuation strategy.

The London Fire Brigade's role is to regulate and enforce compliance with fire safety legislation. The Brigade does not approve, certify, or authorise the occupation or reoccupation of residential buildings.

*The LFB has served Enforcement Notices on SNG requiring identified fire safety deficiencies to be addressed within specified timescales. Unless appealed, these notices will be published on the London Fire Brigade [public register](#) from **13th July 2026**. The service of an Enforcement Notice does not automatically prevent or restrict occupation of a building.*

The LFB will continue to engage with SNG, monitor compliance with fire safety legislation, and take further regulatory action where necessary.

We have been informed by SNG that residents have been allocated dedicated points of contact to answer questions and address concerns regarding the reoccupation process. Questions relating to reoccupation, remediation works, timescales, building management arrangements and individual circumstances should be directed to SNG as the Responsible Person.

Should SNG arrange future resident engagement events, representatives from the London Fire Brigade may attend, where appropriate, to explain the Brigade's regulatory role and ongoing involvement. London Fire Brigade remains committed to prioritising the safety of residents and we will continue to use our role as a regulator to help ensure appropriate standards of fire safety are achieved and maintained."