

Freedom of Information request: Reference number FOI2025/00555

Date of request: 27th May 2025

Request:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I would like to request the following information relating to the premises located at Janna Café, 73 Wentworth Street, London, E1 7TD:

1. Details of any inspections carried out by the London Fire Brigade at the property within the past five years.
 2. Any identified breaches of fire safety or health and safety regulations at the premises during that period.
 3. Copies of any enforcement notices, prohibition notices, notice of deficiency letters or improvement notices issued in relation to the property.
 4. A list of all identified deficiencies noted during any fire safety inspections or assessments at the premises.
 5. Details of any action taken in response to the above notices, including follow-up inspections, compliance reports, or closure of enforcement actions. Failing this, any agreed actions to be undertaken and the timescales involved.
 6. Details of any correspondence between the London Fire Brigade and the responsible persons (owners, occupiers, or managing agents) concerning fire safety issues at the premises.
 7. Any records of incidents, complaints, or callouts to the address related to fire safety concerns or breaches of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005.
- If possible, I would appreciate receiving this information in electronic format. If any part of this request is unclear, please let me know.

I understand that under the Freedom of Information Act, I should receive a response within 20 working days of your receipt of this request but would appreciate confirmation earlier that the request has been received and is being handled.

Please don't hesitate to contact me on the details below should you require any more information.

Response:

With regards to question one, over the last 5 years, there has only been one Fire Safety inspection on record, which is the audit detailed below from May 2025.

For questions 2 to 7, the LFB Fire Safety Regulatory Team confirmed a Fire Audit Report for Janna Café, 73 Wentworth Street, London, E1 7TD was completed on the 11th May 2025.

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).

As a result, an informal Notification of (fire safety) deficiencies (NOD) was issued on the premises on the 21st May 2025.

A copy of the NOD issued can be found below. Personal data has been removed from the NOD under [section 40 of the FOIA - Personal Information](#).

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 recommended timeframe. The LFB will then check these issues when the property is visited at the next routine inspection (according to the level of risk).

Where a Fire Safety Audit results in a notice being issued by the London Fire Brigade (LFB), the audit reports themselves are exempt from release under the Freedom of Information (FOIA) Act provisions under [section 31 of the FOIA - Law Enforcement](#) specifically section 31(g) combined with 31 (2)(a) and 31 (2)(c). Other materials (including email correspondence and detailed notes), documents (such as documents provided to us by the responsible person for the building) and other fire safety information held by the Brigade are also exempt from access via the FOIA provisions. Again, 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 have dealt with your request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 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/>

The Company Secretary
Janna Cafe Limited
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The London Fire Commissioner is the
fire and rescue authority for London

Date 21 May 2025
Our Ref 05/168124/PG

Dear Sir/Madam

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

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1.1.1.3 Premises: Janna Café, 73 Wentworth Street, London,
E1 7TD

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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 **8 October 2025**.

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 faithfully

PP [REDACTED]

for Assistant Commissioner (Fire Safety)

Directorate of Operations

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Reply to Fire Safety Advisor [REDACTED]

Direct T 020 8555 1200 ext. [REDACTED]

Enc: Form FS03_01b Legislation Extracts
Form FS03_06 Definitions of standard terms

Cc: [REDACTED] Janna Café, 73 Wentworth Street, London, E1 7TD

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

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: Janna Café, 73 Wentworth Street, London, E1 7TD

FILE NUMBER: 05/168124

This schedule should be read in conjunction with the Commissioner's letter dated 21 May 2025.

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 10	At the time of the audit the risk reduction and prevention principles of the Order had not been applied in the correct sequence. It was found that the basement ceiling light switch was being powered by a wire plugged into an extension cable, creating a fire risk/ignition source by overloading the circuit.	Apply the principles of prevention contained in Schedule 1 Part 3 of the Order in the priority set out in that schedule. In particular organise competent persons to ensure the electrical circuit board is not overloaded.
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) The means of escape had not been monitored or controlled due to a fridge narrowing the escape route at the top of the basement escape stairs. 2) A TR-19 or equivalent cleaning of the kitchen ducting had not been planned or organised. 3) A service to fire	Arrangements identified as not suitably addressed must be effectively planned, organised, controlled, monitored or reviewed.

<p>Article 11 (Cont'd)</p>	<p>extinguishers in the premises had not been planned or organised as they were showing low pressure and more than 12 years old.</p> <p>4) An emergency action plan had not been planned or organised to ensure relevant persons are evacuated to a relative place of safety.</p> <p>5) Fire safety training for staff had not been organised or planned as no records have been provided.</p> <p>6) Emergency lighting in the basement kitchen had not been planned or organised.</p> <p>7) Compartmentation to the residential flats above had not been reviewed as it is unclear if the wooden boards on the ground floor ceiling offer 60 minutes fire protection.</p> <p>8) Fire stopping to visible gaps on the wall of the ground floor restaurant had not been planned or organised.</p>	
<p>Article 13</p>	<p>At the time of the audit the provision of manual firefighting equipment was not appropriate. It was found that fire extinguishers in the premises were not accessible due to being covered by boxes, low in pressure, and not suitable for oil fires.</p>	<p>Ensure that firefighting equipment is appropriate to risk, easily identifiable and available at all material times. This can be achieved by organising competent persons to ensure there are appropriate number of fire extinguishers available that are accessible and appropriately signposted, in good repair, and suitable for the type of risks.</p>
<p>Article 14</p>	<p>At the time of the audit the emergency routes or exits were inadequate. It was found that:</p>	<p>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.</p>

	<p>1) There was a fridge at the top of the basement escape stairs which would prevent relevant persons from evacuating should there be a fire.</p> <p>2) There was no emergency lighting in the basement kitchen which would impede relevant persons to escape.</p> <p>3) There was an extension lead running along the basement escape stairs which is a trip hazard for relevant persons using the escape route.</p> <p>4) There is no directional signage installed to direct relevant person to the final exit.</p>	<p>This can be achieved by:</p> <p>1) Ensuring the means of escape on the basement stairs is kept clear by removing the drinks fridge from the single escape exit.</p> <p>2) Installing emergency lighting in the basement kitchen as to BS5266-1 recommendations.</p> <p>3) Removing extension wires running along the basement escape stairs.</p> <p>4) Installing emergency directional signage by a competent person.</p>
Article 15	<p>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 there is no emergency plan to evacuate relevant persons and minimise the risk of fire spread within the premises:</p>	<p>Adequate procedures for serious and imminent danger and for danger areas should be established and followed. This can be achieved by devising an emergency action plan to evacuate relevant persons from the premises by highlighting staff roles and responsibilities, including kitchen shut down procedures.</p>
Article 17	<p>At the time of the audit you had not ensured that a suitable system of maintenance was in place in your premises. It was found that fire extinguishers in the premises had not been serviced and were found to be low in pressure.</p>	<p>Arrange initial and ongoing maintenance ensuring fire safety measures are kept in an efficient state, working order and good repair. This can be achieved by arranging the servicing of all fire extinguishers by a competent person.</p>
Article 21	<p>At the time of the audit your employees had not been provided with adequate safety training.</p>	<p>Provide your staff with adequate safety training. In particular provide regular fire safety training including kitchen shut down procedures in the event of fire</p>

	It was found that a member of staff was unable to talk through the emergency action plan when working in the kitchen.	within the basement kitchen.
Article 8	At the time of the audit the general fire precautions required to prevent fire and smoke spread via shafts, risers or ducting were inadequate. It was found that the kitchen extract system had not been sufficiently cleaned. There was evidence of a build-up of grease.	Take the general fire precautions required to prevent fire and smoke spread by undertaking a deep clean of the kitchen ducting as outlined in the TR/19 document produced by the heating and ventilation contractor's association. This should be repeated on a periodic basis.
Article 8	At the time of the audit the FIRE RESISTING separation in your premises was inadequate. It was found that 1) There was a wooden board placed on the ceiling of the ground floor to cover a visible hole. It is unclear if the material provides 60 minutes fire separation 2) There was a visible hole on the wall of the ground floor restaurant, creating a void and exposing the kitchen ducting shaft.	Provide suitable FIRE RESISTING separation by: 1) Ensuring 60 minutes FIRE RESISTANCE is provided to the residential floors above. Remedial works should be carried by a competent person. 2) Organise competent persons to repair any holes with suitable fire stopping material in the wall to the kitchen ducting shaft to provide 30 minutes fire separation.

Article 9	At the time of the audit no evidence was demonstrated or provided that the significant findings of your fire risk assessment had been recorded.	Record the significant findings of the fire risk assessment. In particular, the recorded information should include the fire risks, people at risk, and identify general fire precautions. The fire risk assessment should consider emergency lights, firefighting equipment, electrical safety, fire separation, TR19 or equivalent cleaning of the ducting, and the emergency action plan. The fire risk assessment should be carried out by a competent person.
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*****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.