



Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 003567
Date 13 May 2019

Fire Doors

Request:

Under the Freedom of Information Act (2000), I request the following information:

- 1) The estimated total number of flat entrance fire doors currently installed across the council's housing stock
7,123
- 2) The number of flat entrance fire doors installed across the council's housing stock identified as failing to comply with building regulations since March 2018, or found to be the same product as those which have failed government tests:
https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/fire-door-testing-grp-composite-test-results?utm_source=4c6b7af3-0288-4b17-b23b-7c718f189ce1&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=immediate
1,609
- 3) The number of doors referred to in question (2) which have since been replaced
125
N.B. In agreement with MHCLG, in the wake of the tests the entire composite door industry ceased production of fire doors. It has not been possible to source replacement doors of the required quality, with supporting test certification until fairly recently. The remaining doors identified in the response to question 2 are now being scheduled for replacement.
- 4) The total cost of the work referred to in question (3)
The estimated cost of this work will be £1.7m.

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5) If available, the date on which the last fire door(s) was replaced
In response to question 5, Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 places two duties on public authorities. Unless exemptions apply, the first duty at:

- Section 1(1) (a) is to confirm or deny whether the information specified in a request is held.
- The second duty at Section 1(1)(b) is to disclose information that has been confirmed as being held.

In respect of question 5, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information at the present time as the programme of replacing the doors has not yet been completed.

Consequently, we are unable to provide any information relating to the above, and are informing you as required by Section 1(1) (a) of the Act, that states:

"Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request".

6) If available, any correspondence on the subject of fire doors sent to residents of blocks of flats with non-compliant or potentially non-compliant flat entrance fire doors since March 2018
Please see attached information provided on page 3.

7) If applicable, the number of high-rise blocks of flats owned by the council which have non-compliant/potentially non-compliant fire doors and are also clad in ACM cladding deemed unlikely to comply with building regulations.
Not applicable, as there are no Council owned high-rise blocks of flats with ACM cladding in Wolverhampton.

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Dear Resident

Graiseley Estate – Ongoing Improvements

We are pleased to inform you that Wolverhampton Homes, in partnership with Wates Living Space, will soon be starting work on replacing flat entrance front doors to the three high rise blocks on your estate.

Please be assured Wolverhampton Homes are committed to your safety. Recent tests have shown your front door does meet current required regulations, but it has thrown up concerns that the viewer and letter plate are not up to that required standard.

We have considered changing the spyhole and letterplate, but as the original manufacturer of the fire door needs to do this to retain certification, it's impossible as they have ceased trading.

The quickest and safest way to rectify this, is to replace your front doors with a new one from our current preferred supplier that have had recent tests completed and passed to the correct standards.

Should you have any questions regarding the door replacement programme we are holding a consultation meeting on xxxxx at xxxx, that you are more than welcome to attend.

Yours sincerely

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