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Good afternoon [REDACTED]  
I hope you had a safe Christmas and New Year [REDACTED] for the High Rise inspections as part of the governments Building Risk Review.

During the inspection on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2021, It was highlighted that actions to reduce fire risk relating to the external wall system, based on the Type 4 Fire Risk Assessment (dated 14<sup>th</sup> June 2021) had not been implemented. This included the recommendation to change from a stay put to temporary simultaneous evacuation strategy. This breach was contrary to Article 9(1) of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005, as detailed in the Letter of Fire Safety Matters sent by HIWFRS on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

This change in evacuation strategy should be supported in the short term by a waking watch until the fire detection and alarm system can be changed to support the evacuation strategy, as per guidance issued by MHCLG.

It is not the role of HIWFRS to determine the appropriate fire safety arrangements or evacuation strategy for the building. Due to the risk present, the [REDACTED] provided advice and support to the RP to ensure that the recommendations of the type 4 FRA were in place as soon as practicable to reduce the risk to users of the building. This included recommended change of evacuation strategy. The inspectors worked with the RP to ensure these measures were implemented by 5pm on 23<sup>rd</sup> September. The reason for this is there is an increased risk overnight due to sleeping. As the RP, at the time of the inspection, was engaging and willing to implement measures including contacting contractors to implement the waking Watch, the risk was sufficiently reduced which prevented potential further formal Action by HIWFRS. This approach is in line with the National Fire Chiefs Council guidance on Inspecting and Enforcing Fire Safety in High Rise Residential Buildings.

Please feel free to contact me on the number below, if you wish to discuss this further.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
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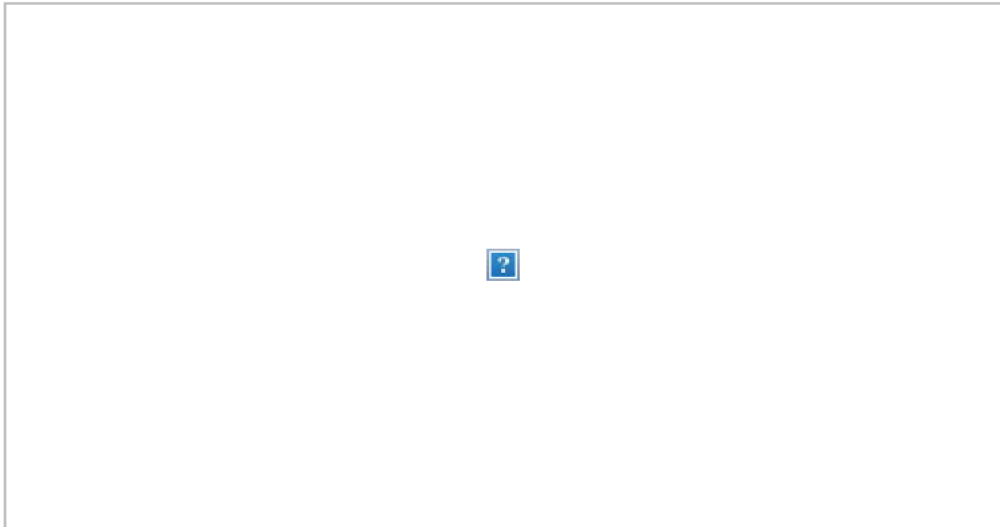
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Hi [Redacted]

Ok, but I am sorry I do not agree with this response, [Redacted] clearly stated whilst on site that we should put waking watch in place by 5.00pm on the date we met.

Can I please have contact details for [Redacted] as whilst I appreciate that HIWFRS don't want to take liability or responsibility for things as it is our role as MA to deal with things, I do need to speak with [Redacted] as we definitely followed the instructions given by yourselves.

Kind regards





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**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 17 December 2021 08:44

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: Carpathia Drive - HIWFRS Audit

[REDACTED]

As an organisation HIWFRS do not state that a Waking Watch must be implemented. Having highlighted a risk, that has been raised within a Fire Risk Assessment (FRA), it is our duty to ensure that the risk is mitigated. I believe that your FRA stated that due to the risk from the EWS a Waking Watch should be implemented to mitigate this risk. All we asked you to do was act upon that advice to ensure the safety of the residents within the premises.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]

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Hi [REDACTED]

Thanks for this.

Whilst all of the below is fine and I can of course send this to the residents.

What I do not understand is how yourselves/HIWFRS cannot state that you instructed us to put Waking Watch in place by 5.00pm the day we met, as that is exactly what you asked us to do.

Can the below be edited to say something along the lines of, so taking all of the above in to consideration in line with such guidance HIWFRS instructed Trinity to place waking watch by

5.00pm on 23<sup>rd</sup> September to ensure guidance was met?

I look forward to hearing from you

Kind regards

[REDACTED]



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**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 13 December 2021 08:27

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Carpathia Drive - HIWFRS Audit

To whom it may concern,

Thank you for contacting us regarding your concerns about Carpathia Drive in Southampton.

It is not the role of the Fire and Rescue Service to determine the appropriate fire safety arrangements or evacuation strategy for the building. It is the duty of the Responsible Person (RP) /management company to ensure they have suitably assessed the fire risk and put in place appropriate measures to reduce the risk to people lawfully using the building. Hampshire & Isle of Wight Fire & Rescue Service (HIWFRS) follow national guidance published by the National Fire Chiefs Council (NFCC) with regards to inspecting and enforcing on high-risk residential buildings to ensure a consistent and proportional risk-based approach.

As the relevant regulatory authority for the Fire Safety Order 2005, HIWFRS check compliance through auditing of premises. This includes the requirement for the RP to make a suitable and sufficient assessment of fire risk within the premises. HIWFRS audited this premises on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021. Part of this audit included checking the type 4 Fire Risk Assessment report by Tetra Consulting Ltd dated 14/06/21. This document highlighted issues with the External Wall System (EWS) and recommended actions to mitigate fire risk in line with the Ministry for Housing, communities & local government (MHCLG) [Advice for Building Owners of Multi-Storey, Multi-occupied Residential Buildings](#). Following our recent inspection and the management company sharing the findings of their reviewed fire risk assessment with us we are confident they are following the national guidance to comply with the Fire Safety Order 2005.

HIWFRS continue a programme of monitoring and reinspecting high risk residential buildings to ensure that the recommendations of the Grenfell tragedy are implemented to reduce risk to people in this building. Further information can be found on our website [Building Risk Review - Hampshire & Isle of Wight Fire & Rescue Service, Official website of Hampshire & Isle of Wight Fire & Rescue Service \(hantsfire.gov.uk\)](#)

Regards,



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