ACCENT HOUSING - FIRE RISK ASSESSMENT



Region :	**East**
Scheme Name :	**44-54 Windmill lane**
Scheme Address :	**Fulbourn Cambridge Road CB21 5HQ**
Date of Assessment:	**09/06/2026**
Date of Next Assessment:	**09/06/2029**
FRA Frequency:	**3 Year Re-Assessment under the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005**
Fire & Safety Assessor	**Lynn Betteridge GIFireE DipNEBOSH**

This Fire Risk Assessment has been conducted upon the instruction of Accent Housing.

Scheme Details	44-54 Windmill lane
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Site Address: Street:	Fulbourn
Town:	Cambridge Road
Post Code:	CB21 5HQ
Block & Asset No.	Asset 31031
Date of this Assessment	09/06/2026
Date of Next Review	09/06/2029
Fire Risk Assessment Frequency	3 Years
Purpose of Fire Risk Assessment	3 Year Re-Assessment under the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005
Fire & Safety Assessor	Lynn Betteridge GIFireE DipNEBOSH
Director of Customer Experience	Unkown
Housing Partner Manager	Alan Percival
Contract Manager/Surveyor	Marcus Philpotts
Scheme Manager/Customer Partner	Dave Tudman
Other staff in attendance	Gary Bredin Fire Safety
Use of Building	General Needs living Sleeping accommodation
Approximate Number of occupants	12
Occupancy Profile	Mixed
Familiarity of the occupants	Sleeping Familiar
Likely state of the Occupants	Sleeping Familiar
PEEPs in place where necessary	N/A
Number of on-site Accent staff	None
Number of other (non-Accent) staff	Contract cleaners in common areas
Support Agency (Supported Housing)	N/A
Current Evacuation Strategy.	Stay Put (Stay Safe) Evacuation
Evidence that residents have been notified of the evacuation procedure	Fire Evacuation notices displayed in common areas and in place
History of fires in the building	None
Scope of Assessment	Type 1 (Common Parts Only - Non Destructive)
Applicable Fire Safety Guidance	Purpose-built flats guide

Building Details	44-54 Windmill lane
Construction Date	2010
Construction Type	Joisted or Load Bearing Masonry (Traditional)
Roof Finish	Pitched-Concrete Tile
External Wall Finish	Brick Insulation Render Timber Cladding
Are there any areas of external wall cladding	Yes front facing minimal.
Are there any balconies	Yes Juliet Balconies.
Conversion or purpose-built	Purpose Built
Number of flats (self-contained)/rooms (HMOS, shared houses)	6
Number of storeys above ground Not including Basements	Three
Number of storeys below ground	None
Is there a habitable basement?	No
Number of internal Staircases per Block (protected or unprotected?)	One-Unprotected
Number of External Staircases per Block	None
External Balcony part of escape route?	No
Unusual features	None
Building complexity	Simple
Building Access Conditions for Fire Brigade	Vehicular Access to one or more elevations
Surroundings: Residential/Commercial	Residential
Fire Provision Currently in Place	
Fire Detection and Warning System	Flats and common areas not linked
Grade of fire alarm (Flats)	Grade D
Category of fire alarm (Flats)	LD3 Minimum Protection
Grade of fire alarm (Communal)	
Category of fire alarm (Communal)	LD5 for AOV.
Additional Comments:	
Evacuation Alert System (EAS)	Not Fitted
Additional Comments:	
Emergency Lighting Provision **Additional Comments:**	Mixed System Common Areas
Portable Fire Extinguishers **Additional Comments:**	None fitted
Fixed Fire Fighting Installations **Additional Comments:**	None fitted

Significant Findings - Fire						
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Action Ref:	Potential Area of Fire Risk	Yes-No-N/A	Observation/Comments/ Actions Required	Risk Rating	Target Completion Date	Referred To:
Fire Hazards						
1	**Electrical Sources of Ignition:**					
1.1	Electrical Installation within common areas (Fixed Wiring, sockets, switches, light fittings) in good condition and no obvious damage	Yes	All common area sockets and fittings in a satisfactory condition at the time of inspection.	,		
1.2	Valid Electrical Installation Condition Reports held on file.(Common Areas)	Yes	Valid communal area EIC Reports uploaded to property file.	,		
1.3	Valid Electrical Installation Condition Reports held on file. (General Needs Flats)	Yes	Valid General Needs flats EIC Reports uploaded to M-Files and Active "H".Last Test.Jan 2024	,		
1.4	Electrical App/PA Testing - all portable appliances tested within past 12 months	N/A	There are no portable appliances within the communal area.	,		
1.5	Absence of trailing leads and adapters	Yes	None within the communal areas	,		
1.6	Mobility Scooters - Stored/charged in common areas, purpose built store/resident flat	N/A	No evidence or reports that any of the residents own a mobility scooter	,		
2	**Smoking:**					
2.1	Are there any risks associated with smoking in the building?	No	Smoking is not allowed within the communal areas. Smoking is only permitted within flats. There are smoking signs present within the communal areas.	,		
3	**Arson:**					
3.1	Adequate security against arson?	Yes	On day of the inspection front and rear access secure, Keypad/trades access 13:00hrs.	,		

3.2	Is there an absence of unnecessary fire load in close proximity to building?	Yes		'		
4	**Heating Installations (Portable/fixed) Gas Installations - Common Areas & General Needs Residential flats.**					
4.1	If portable heaters are used, are there suitable controls?	N/A	There are no portable heaters within the communal area.	'		
4.2	Are fixed heating installations subject to regular maintenance?	Yes	Each Individual flat is subject to a 5 year Electrical test.This scheme has recorded Gas Safety Inspections to all flats.	'		
4.3	Valid LGSC held on file for each residential flat that contains gas appliances.	N/A	There is Gas supply to individual flats uploaded to Active "H" and M files..	'		
5	**Cooking:**					
5.1	Are reasonable measures taken to prevent fires as a result of cooking?	N/A	Cooking only permitted within flats.	'		
5.2	Where there is extraction ventilation in communal kitchens are filters changed/ cleaned and ductwork cleaned regularly?	N/A		'		
6	**Lightning Protection System:**					
6.1	Does the building have a lightning protection system, If so, is it adequately maintained?	N/A	No lightning conductor system fitted.	'		
7	**Housekeeping:**					
7.1	Is the standard of housekeeping adequate?	Yes	Generally this scheme is well maintained.	'		
7.2	Are all electrical/intake/service cupboards secure and free from general waste, contractors waste and residents personal items.	Yes	Checked on the day of inspection all clear and all doors are designated Fire Doors and FB2 key.	'		
7.3	Are combustible materials separated from ignition sources and stored appropriately?	N/A		'		
7.4	Are unnecessary accumulations of combustible materials or waste avoided?	N/A		'		
7.5	Are hazardous materials stored appropriately (i.e. oxygen cylinders, flammable materials, explosive products, oxidising products, aerosols)	N/A	No evidence of hazardous materials stored on the scheme.	'		
8	**Furniture/furnishings on escape routes and other communal areas:**					

8.1	Furniture/furnishings in good condition, fire retardant and complies with 1988 Regulations.	N/A	Furniture not permitted in communal areas at general needs schemes	'		
9	**Other Significant Fire Hazards:**					
9.1	Are there other significant fire hazards that are inadequately controlled?	No		'		
Fire Protection Measures						
10	**Means of Escape from Fire:**					
10.1	Is it considered that the building is provided with reasonable means of escape in case of fire?	Yes	Single direction of travel from the flats with 2 directions of travel at ground floor.	'		
10.2	Escape routes unobstructed and safe to use?	Yes	There were no obstructions on the means of escape at the time of inspection.	'		
10.3	Exits easily and immediately openable where necessary, without a key?	Yes		'		
10.4	Reasonable distances of travel where there is a single/alternative direction of travel?	Yes		'		
10.5	Escape routes lead to final exits and open in direction of escape where necessary?	Yes		'		
10.6	Do failsafe's on locked exit doors function correctly?	N/A		'		
10.7	Is it considered that the building is provided with reasonable arrangements for means of escape for disabled people?	Yes	Ground floor flats only.	'		
11	**Measures to Limit Fire Spread and Development:**					
11.1	Is it considered that the compartmentation is of a reasonable standard?	Yes		'		
11.2	Is there reasonable limitation of surface finishes that might promote fire spread (walls, floors, ceilings)?	Yes	Solid Brick Construction and will not enable fire spread.	'		
11.3	Are fire dampers/shutters provided in ducts/refuse chutes to protect means of escape against fire, smoke and combustion products?	N/A	None fitted within this scheme	'		
11.4	Compartmentation within roof spaces of a satisfactory standard?	N/A	This area was no checked during the audit.	'		

11.5	Loft hatches fire resisting?	Yes	Loft hatch 1hr FR fitted within the communal area.	'		
11.6	Fire stopping above cross-corridor fire doors within suspended ceiling void of a satisfactory standard	N/A	No Cross Corridor Doors at this scheme	'		
11.7	Smoke Control Systems (AOV's) Are records of annual testing available?	Yes	Automatic vents fitted at this scheme and last test Date July 2025.	'		
11.8	Roller shutter doors (fire resisting)	N/A	Not fitted at this scheme.	'		
11.9	Do the external walls, windows, balconies etc pose a risk of significant fire spread?	No		'		
12	**Communal Area Fire Doors (Inspection to include - construction, hinges, closure devices, intumescent/smoke seal condition, glazing systems and maximum gaps between door and frame.**					
12.1	Communal fire doors to FD30s standard and in a serviceable condition,	N/A	There are no communal fire doors within this block.	'		
12.2	"Fire door keep shut/locked" signage displayed on both sides of all applicable doors.	Other	All storage utility cupboards FD with signage.	'		
12.3	Hold open devices operate at the sounding of the alarm and are in a serviceable condition	N/A	No Hold open devices at this scheme	'		
13	**Flat entrance doors (Internal Common Areas)**					
13.1	Do flat entrance doors open onto internal escape routes?	Yes		'		
14	**Flats with a single direction of escape to a single escape stairway. (External Balcony)**					
14.1	Do the flat entrance doors that open onto an external balcony have to be passed during an escape?	N/A		'		
14.2	Are the separating walls between the flats and the balcony floor that have to be passed during an escape, fire-resisting up to a height of 1.1m?	N/A		'		
15	**Emergency Escape Lighting:**					
15.1	Is the emergency lighting correctly specified and installed as per BS 5266-1:2016	Yes		'		

15.2	Are all emergency lighting units in good condition and securely fixed to walls/ceilings	Yes	All in good condition at the time of inspection.	'		
15.9	Are records of monthly testing available?	Yes	Monthly test certs uploaded to M-Files and Active H	'		
15.10	Are records of annual testing available?	Yes	Annual test certs uploaded to M-Files and ActiveH In date at time of inspection. Last drop test date : - July 2025	'		
16	**Fire Safety Signs and Notices:**					
16.1	Are the correct Fire Action/Advice notices displayed in prominent locations within the common areas?	Yes		'		
16.3	Directional fire escape signage in place and adequate?	Yes		'		
16.4	Is there a suitable LIFT sign i.e. do not use in case of fire.	N/A	No lift present at this scheme.	'		
17	**Means of giving Warning in case of Fire:**					
17.1	Is the fire detection and warning system appropriate for the occupancy and fire risk?	Yes	There are detectors within the communal area which operate the AOV system. This scheme has a stay put evacuation policy.	'		
17.2	Is the fire detection and warning system correctly specified and installed as per BS 5839-1:2017	Yes		'		
17.3	Is the fire detection and warning system maintained/tested and all certificates saved on file. (BS 5839-1:2017)	N/A		'		
17.4	Are there heat detectors located in the Kitchen, Boiler, Plant Room and Laundry?	N/A	Fire detection is within the flats only.	'		
17.5	Is the fire alarm panel remotely monitored, and if so are there records of regular testing?	N/A		'		
17.6	Are smoke/heat detectors within General Needs flats subject to an annual inspection and the results recorded on an in date Landlord Gas Safety Record (LGSR)	Yes	Flats only. No Gas in the communal areas.	'		
18	**Fire Extinguishing Equipment:**					

18.1	Portable fire extinguishers - appropriate type/number/position?	N/A		'		
18.2	Correct signage displayed by each fire extinguisher?	N/A		'		
18.3	Fire blanket in communal kitchen, secured to the wall, complete with signage?	N/A		'		
18.4	Hose Reels - fitted, maintained?	N/A		'		
18.5	Dry/wet risers - Full access to all inlet/outlet boxes. All inlet/outlets secured and/or securing straps fitted to outlet valves?	N/A		'		
18.6	Records available of fire fighting equipment servicing within past 12 months	N/A		'		
19	**Management of Fire Safety**					
19.1	Are there suitable arrangements for summoning the fire service?	Yes	It's the responsibility to summon the emergency services.	'		
19.2	Do relevant staff carry out regular fire safety checks	Yes	Housing Partners carry out scheme inspections.	'		
19.3	Sheltered Schemes & Regional Offices - Are there sufficient number of qualified Fire wardens.	N/A		'		
19.4	Offices - Are there suitable arrangements for ensuring the premises are evacuated?	N/A		'		
19.5	Offices - Are there suitable arrangements for evacuating disabled people?	N/A		'		
19.6	Offices - Are there suitable arrangements for meeting the fire service on arrival and providing relevant information?	N/A		'		
19.7	Offices/IL Schemes - Is there a suitable assembly point?	N/A		'		
19.8	Offices - Are fire drills carried out at appropriate intervals?	N/A		'		
20	**Evacuation Policy**					
20.1	Taking the findings of the FRA into account, is the evacuation policy appropriate for the scheme?	Yes	The evacuation policy is correct for this type of building. The flats were Purpose built to allow residents to stay safely within there flats.	'		

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Photo No. 1	Electronic door entry system in place.



Photo No. 2	Rear Door View to main entrance

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Photo No. 3	Electrical cupboards were clear at the time of the audit.



Photo No. 4	All areas were clear at the time of the audit.

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Photo No. 5	Second Floor lobby area and AOV window opening with FR loft Hatch.



Photo No. 6	Satisfactory location of the bin store.

6. Risk Calculator - Fire

The following risk estimator is based on the general health and safety risk level estimator contained within BS 8800: 1996. Guide to occupational health and safety management systems.

1. Taking into account the fire prevention measures observed at the time of this risk assessment, it is considered that the hazard from the fire (the probability of ignition) at this building is:

(please insert x below)

LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH
X		

2. Taking into account the nature of the building, the occupants, the fire protection afforded and any procedural arrangements observed at the time of the assessment, it is considered that the consequences for life safety in the event of a fire would be:

(please insert x below)

MINOR	MAJOR	CRITICAL
	X	

The definition of the above terms is as follows:

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MINOR	Outbreak of fire is unlikely to result in serious injury or death of any occupant (other than the occupant sleeping in a bedroom in which a fire occurs).
MAJOR	An outbreak of fire could result in injury of one or more occupants, but is unlikely to lead to fatalities.
CRITICAL	There is significant potential for serious injury or death of one or more occupants.

3. The above estimates are then read into the following matrix table to give the overall risk level for the site:

Fire Hazard	Minor	Major	Critical
Low	Trivial	Tolerable	Moderate
Medium	Tolerable	Moderate	Substantial
High	Moderate	Substantial	Intolerable

When the level of risk is established, the action level can be read from the table below:

Risk Level	Guide to actions and appropriate timescales
Trivial	No action is required
Moderate	Efforts should be made to reduce the risk level and this should be carried out within the specified time periods.
Substantial	Considerable resources may have to be allocated to reduce the risk level. It may be necessary to limit the occupation of some parts until urgent remedial action is
Intolerable	The building (or the relevant area) should not be occupied until the risk is reduced.