



ACCENT HOUSING - FIRE RISK ASSESSMENT



Region :	South
Scheme Name :	Whitley Court
Scheme Address :	1-36 Whitley Court, Grosvenor Road. Aldershot GU11 1DL
Date of Assessment:	05/02/2026
Date of Next Assessment:	05/02/2027
FRA Frequency:	Annual Re-Assessment under the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005
Fire & Safety Assessor	Gary Bredin AIFireE DipFD

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

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Site Address:	Street:	1-36 Whitley Court, Grosvenor Road.
	Town:	Aldershot
	Post Code:	GU11 1DL
Block & Asset No.		Block 1-36 Asset No. 25240
Date of this Assessment		05/02/2026
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Fire Risk Assessment Frequency		Annual
Purpose of Fire Risk Assessment		Annual Re-Assessment under the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005
Fire & Safety Assessor		Gary Bredin AIFireE DipFD
Director of Customer Experience		Position Vacant
Housing Partner Manager		Richard Adlam
Contract Manager		Adan Rickard
Scheme Manager/Customer Partner		Sami Choudhury
Other staff in attendance		Jan Mitchell H&S
Use of Building		General Needs living Sleeping accommodation
Approximate Number of occupants		100+
Occupancy Profile		Families
Familiarity of the occupants		Fully 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	Whitley Court
Construction Date	2006
Construction Type	Concrete Frame
Roof Finish	Pitched-Clay Tile
External Wall Finish	Brick
	Concrete
	Cement Render
Are there any areas of external wall cladding	No
Are there any balconies	Yes
Conversion or purpose-built	Purpose Built
Number of flats (self-contained)/rooms (HMOS, shared houses)	36 self contained flats
Number of storeys above ground Not including Basements	1 x foyer. 4x floors above
Number of storeys below ground	None
Is there a habitable basement?	No
Number of internal Staircases per Block (protected or unprotected?)	Two-Protected
Number of External Staircases per Block	None
External Balcony part of escape route?	No
Unusual features	The block is located within the pedestrian zone of Aldershot town centre. Modern style five storey construction. Ground floor incorporates an entrance hall and a variety of low risk retail units. Upper floors accessed by a lift and a front and rear protected staircase. All residential units accessed via open balconies within a quadrangle style courtyard area open to the elements."
Building complexity	Complex
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)	Grade A
Category of fire alarm (Communal)	L2 Additional Protection
Evacuation Alert System (EAS)	Not Fitted
Emergency Lighting Provision	Non Maintained System - Further investigation is required to determine the necessity of a fire alarm in these areas.
Additional Comments:	
Portable Fire Extinguishers	None fitted

Additional Comments:	
Fixed Fire Fighting Installations	Dry Riser
Additional Comments:	AOV Front and rear stairwells.

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	No	Double socket on the front stairwell 4th floor is broken and requires replacing. Job raised 1352137.	.		
1.2	Valid Electrical Installation Condition Reports held on file. (Common Areas)	Yes	Valid communal area EIC Reports uploaded to property file all In date at time of inspection Last Inspection - November 2023	.		
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 ActiveH.	.		
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	Electronic door entry system in place.	.		
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		.	
4.2	Are fixed heating installations subject to regular maintenance?	N/A		.	
4.3	Valid LGSC held on file for each residential flat that contains gas appliances.	Yes		.	
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?	No	Items of rubbish building up outside flat 9. Fly tipping in the rear stairwell, contractors rubbish in the electrical intake cupboard and slip hazard in the communal courtyard. HP Dealing with all noted issues.	.	
7.2	Are all electrical/intake/service cupboards secure and free from general waste, contractors waste and residents personal items.	No	See note 7.1	.	
7.3	Are combustible materials separated from ignition sources and stored appropriately?	No	See note 7.1	.	
7.4	Are unnecessary accumulations of combustible materials or waste avoided?	No	See note 7.1	.	
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 site	.	
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		.		
10.2	Escape routes unobstructed and safe to use?	No	Fly tipping in the rear stairwell.	.		
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?	Yes		.		
10.7	Is it considered that the building is provided with reasonable arrangements for means of escape for disabled people?	No	This building is not suitable for persons with mobility needs.	.		
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		.		
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	No Access to roof space from Common Area	.		

11.5	Loft hatches fire resisting?	Yes		.		
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	All testing is recorded on M files and Active H.	.		
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,	Yes		.		
12.2	"Fire door keep shut/locked" signage displayed on both sides of all applicable doors.	Yes		.		
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?	Yes	All flat entrance doors open inward, into the individual flats. There are two potential emergency exit routes available. All balconies are open to the external environment and are not enclosed.	.		
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?	Yes		.		
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	All records are held on M file and Active H.	.		
15.10	Are records of annual testing available?	Yes	Last drop test 10th February 2026	.		
16	Fire Safety Signs and Notices:					
16.1	Are the correct Fire Action/Advice notices displayed in prominent locations within the common areas?	No	All singage has been removed form the front communal stairwells and require replacing. GB dealing.	.		
16.3	Directional fire escape signage in place and adequate?	No	All singage has been removed form the front communal stairwells and require replacing. GB dealing.	.		
16.4	Is there a suitable LIFT sign i.e. do not use in case of fire.	Yes		.		
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		.		
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)	Yes	The fire alarm panel was showing a fault. This was reported and cleared by Tunstall following the audit.	.		
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	No Fire alarm Panel at this scheme	.		
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		.		
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?	Yes		.		
18.6	Records available of fire fighting equipment servicing within past 12 months	Yes	Dri riser is tested every 6 months under BS9990 testing certs are held on M files and Active H.	.		
19	Management of Fire Safety					
19.1	Are there suitable arrangements for summoning the fire service?	Yes	Residents responsible for calling fire service	.		
19.2	Do relevant staff carry out regular fire safety checks	Yes	Housing Partners do 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 ther flats.	.		

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Photo No. 1

Evacuation notice posted throughout the building.



Photo No. 2

Contractors waste in the electrical intake cupboard.

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Photo No. 3

Rubbish requires removing from outside flat 9.



Photo No. 4

Washing Machine fly tipped in the rear stairwell 3rd/4th floor.

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Photo No. 5

Fault showing on the alarm panel.



Photo No. 6

Communal courtyard paving slabs require cleaning off.

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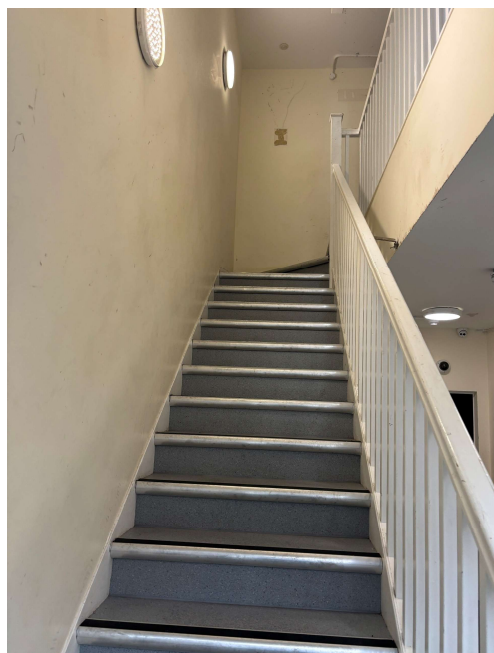


Photo No. 7

All wayfinding singage has been removed from the front stairwell.

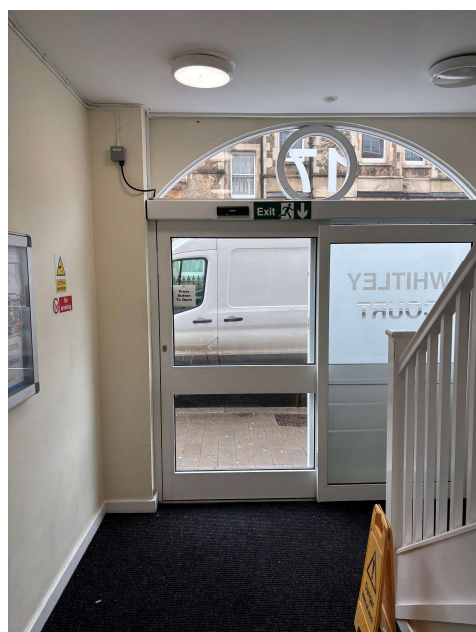


Photo No. 8

All missing wayfinding singage was replaced on compleation of the audut.

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Photo No. 9	The loft hatch is of metal construction and complies to the latest standards
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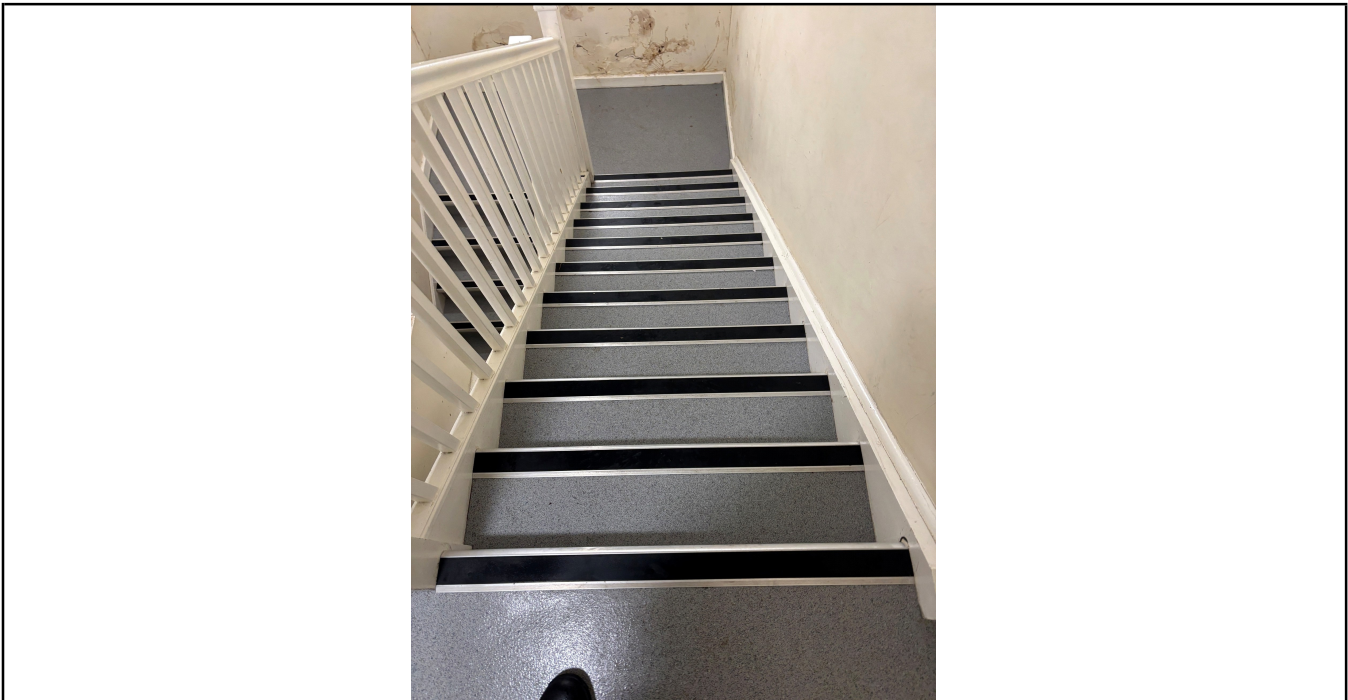


Photo No. 10	All risers and nosings were in good condition during the audit.
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Photo No. 11	Double socket broken on the 4th floor.
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6. Risk Calculator - Fire

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 ☐

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 ☐

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.