

Phil Reilly - Health and Safety Advisor

Query 1 regarding Hydraulic Platform;

A hydraulic platform has visited the Graiseley Estate following a request made by myself during the high rise inspections. This information had not been passed to back to me. Information confirmed this afternoon were as follows. The HP was found to be able to access the blocks however there were concerns that it was very tight also if residents parked inappropriately access would be difficult. I have agreed with wmfs to revisit this to again check access and also to provide a formal response which can then be escalated and provide basis for any remedial works if required.

Query 2 regarding high rise muster point;

A full evacuation would only take place within a high rise block during a serious fire situation. This would be after phased evacuation from around the fire floor. The evacuation would be managed by wmfs and also any area for mustering would also be directed by wmfs on a dynamic risk based decision. e.g. the carpark may full of emergency vehicles or be subject to falling debris etc. Following this the duty would be passed primarily to WH (every fire situation in WH stock is attended by duty supervisor) or WCC depending upon severity of incident.

Neale Shore – corporate Landlord

Query 3 regarding Civic Centre disabled staff egress through the barriers at ground floor level in the event of an evacuation scenario.

I have reviewed today with the Head of Facilities and advise that;

- The stairs leading to the barriers do not form part of an escape route as they are not fire protected
- Notwithstanding, to the left of the barriers (viewed as leaving the building), there is a glass door which opens automatically in the event of full alarm activation or can be manually opened by an emergency door release adjacent to the door (a green break glass button)