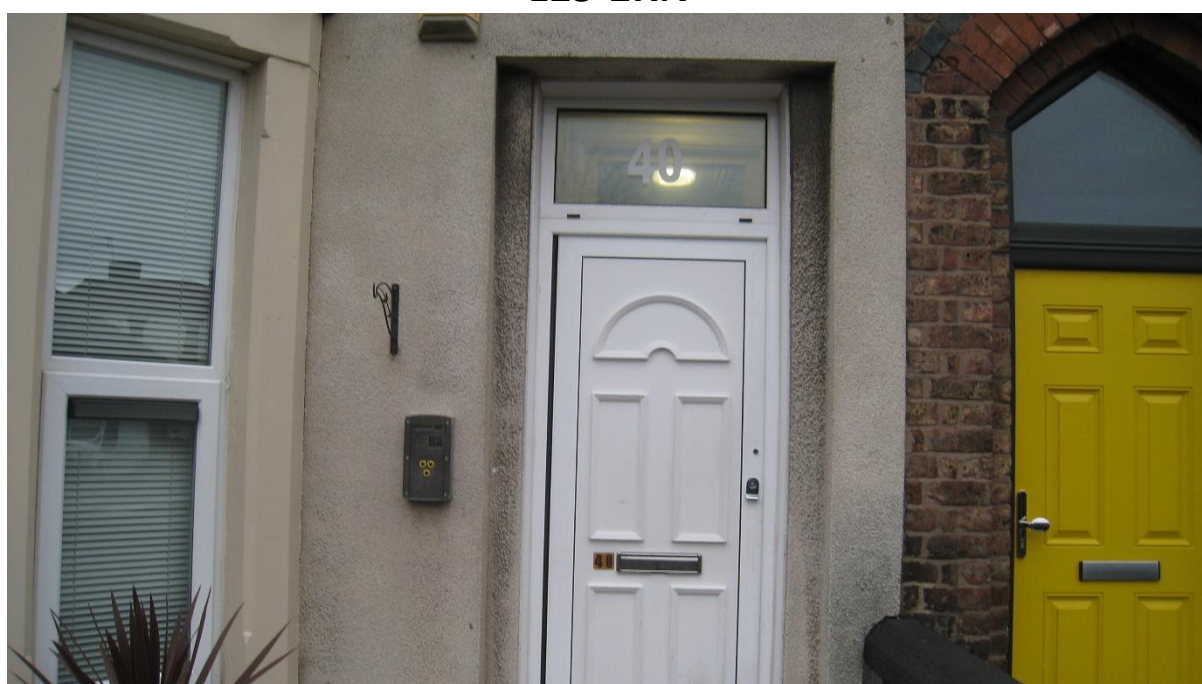





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**Fire Risk Assessment  
South Liverpool Homes  
40 Palmerston  
Garston  
Liverpool  
L19 1RN**



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## 1 Introduction

The purpose of this fire risk assessment is to provide an informed and structured examination of the potential fire hazards, which could cause harm to those who work in, visit, reside, or try to escape from the above property. As appropriate, it will help decisions to be made on the status of existing fire safety control measures and to ensure compliance with the current fire safety legislation. The observations and recommendations contained in this fire risk assessment are pertinent to the conditions on the date of inspection only.

### Types of survey

The survey which has been undertaken, is a non-destructive type of survey (Type 3), and unless there has been any reason to suspect otherwise, the inspection has been purely visual. There may have been a requirement, however, to lift ceiling tiles in communal areas if compartmentation or fire stopping issues were suspected.

The fire risk assessment completed, included the assessment of the structure and external walls of the building, including any cladding systems, balconies and windows.

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## 2 Summary

### The Property

Property address	40 Palmerston Road, Garston, Liverpool, L19 1RN
Number of flat assessed (Type 3)	1
Version	1
Assessment date	March 2024
Assessor	Lee Smart BEng (Hons) MCIQB MIFSM
Client	South Liverpool Housing

### Building Information

Property use	Flats Purpose Group 1 (a)
No of floors	3
No of flats	2
Approach to flats	Via protected route
Approximate age and construction details.	It is of traditional construction, built approximately 1950's and appears to be of masonry construction, timber floors / stair with a pitched roof of timber overlaid with slate tiles. Internal partitions appear to be a mixture of masonry construction and plasterboard on wooden stud, the internal fire spread of linings appears to be Class 0.

### Building height

Approximate total building height to ridge of roof.	11 m
Height of top floor slab	3.3 m
External window construction	UPVC

### Occupants

Are there any occupants especially at risk from fire?	At the time the audit was carried out the assessor was not made aware of any occupants that may be especially at risk from fire.
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### 3 Risk Score

Following consideration of current fire safety standards and controls within the premises, the assessor is of the opinion that:

The likelihood of fire occurring is Medium  
 The potential severity of harm is Moderate Harm  
 The current risk to life is (Use the table below) Moderate

		Potential severity of harm		
		Slight Harm	Moderate Harm	Extreme Harm
Likelihood of fire occurring	Low	Trivial	Tolerable	Moderate
	Medium	Tolerable	Moderate	Substantial
	High	Moderate	Substantial	Intolerable

ESTIMATED RISK LEVEL	Action and timescales
Trivial	No further action is required other than maintaining the control measures that are currently in place
Tolerable	No major additional controls required. However, there might be a need of improvements.
Moderate	It is essential that efforts be made to reduce the risk. The additional control measures that are recommended should be implemented within a defined time period.
Substantial	Urgent action should be taken to reduce the risk. The additional control measures, that are recommended, should be implemented as soon as possible or limitations should be imposed on the parts of the premises affected.
Intolerable	The premises or the part of the premises affected should not be occupied until the additional control measures that are recommended have been implemented.

## 4 Fire Prevention

### Electrical

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Are electrical installations and appliances free from any obvious defect? Yes

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Are fixed installations periodically inspected and tested? Yes

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Are portable appliances used? No

Comments: Electric test date 03/12/2021

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### Gas

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Are gas installations and appliances free from any obvious defect? See comments

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Is gas equipment protected / located so as not to be prone to accidental damage? See comments

Comments: No gas installations in the communal areas

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### Heating

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Are fixed heating installations free from any obvious defect? See comments

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Are portable heaters used? See comments

Comments: No heating in communal areas

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### Cooking

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Does cooking take place on the premises?	See comments
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Are reasonable measures taken to prevent fires as a result of cooking?	See comments
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Are filters changed and ductwork cleaned regularly?	See comments
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Comments: Yes, but within the individuals flat. Cooking is not carried out in the communal areas. The audit was to inspect communal areas and not individual flats as individual flats fall outside the Regulatory Reform (fire safety) Order 2005

#### Arson

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Does basic security against arson appear reasonable?	Yes
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Is there a reasonable absence of external fuels and ignition sources?	Yes
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Comments: Access control on the front door

#### Housekeeping

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Is accumulation of combustibles or waste avoided?	See action plan
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Are there appropriate storage facilities for combustible & hazardous materials?	Yes
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Comments: See action plan regarding items in the common areas.

#### Hot Works

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Are there any hot works being carried-out?	No
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Comments:

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### Smoking

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Are there suitable arrangements taken to prevent fires caused by smoking?

Yes

Comments: No smoking evident in the communal area.

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### Dangerous Substances

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Are dangerous substances present, or liable to be present?

No

Comments:

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### Lightning

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Is a lightning protection system installed?

No

Comments:

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## 5 Escape Routes & Fire Spread

### Ease of Use

Are exits easily and immediately openable?	Yes
Do fire exits open in direction of escape where necessary?	N/A
Are escape routes unobstructed and safe to use?	Yes
Are there reasonable measures for the evacuation of disabled people?	See comments
Comments: At the time the audit was carried out the assessor was not made aware of any disabled persons in the premises	

### Dimensions

Are travel distances reasonable?	Yes
Is there sufficient exit capacity?	Yes
Comments:	

### Fire Doors

Doors which are expected to be fire resisting:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Electrical cupboards</li><li>• Flat doors</li><li>• Store cupboards</li></ul>
Standard of electrical cupboard doors:	Acceptable
Standard of flat doors:	Acceptable
Are fire doors to a suitable standard?	Yes
Is there suitable provision of self-closing devices?	Yes
Is there suitable provision of hold-open devices?	N/A

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Are doors kept locked where appropriate?

Yes

Comments: As of 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023, the **Fire Safety (England) Regulations 2022** requires all Responsible Persons of residential buildings with 2 or more domestic dwellings, with common areas to provide information to residents under Regulation 9 and 10, this includes the following:

**Information to Residents**

You must display fire safety instructions in a Lobby/ conspicuous part of the building. The instructions must be in a form that residents can reasonably be expected to understand. The instructions must cover the following matters: the evacuation strategy for the building (e.g. stay put or simultaneous evacuation) • instructions on how to report a fire (e.g. use of 999 or 112, the correct address to give to the fire and rescue service, etc.) • any other instruction that tells residents what they must do when a fire has occurred, based on the evacuation strategy • These instructions must also be provided directly to new residents as soon as reasonably practicable after they move into their accommodation • Material changes to the instructions (e.g. as a result of alterations to the building) • Instructions should be reissued to all existing residents at periods not exceeding 12 months.

**Info to residents – Fire Doors**

You must also provide relevant information about fire doors, particularly residents’ flat entrance doors, as these play an important part in containing any fire within the flat in which it starts. In particular you must provide information to all residents to the effect that: • fire doors should be shut when not in use • residents or their guests should not tamper with self-closing devices on fire doors • residents should report any fault with, or damage to, fire doors immediately to the Responsible Person • Residents will receive this information when they move into a multi-occupied residential building and then on an annual basis

SLH currently provide these fire safety instructions within each common area located on a notice board

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**Construction & Glazing**

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Are escape routes protected with suitable walls and floors?

Yes

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Is there adequate compartmentation?

It appears that there is adequate compartmentation between the common areas and the flats. However, this is not a destructive FRA.

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Is there reasonable limitation of linings that might promote fire spread?

Yes

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Glazing which is expected to be fire resisting, including vision panels and fanlights:

N/A

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Is glazing reasonable and free from any obvious defects?

N/A

Comments:

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### Dampers, Ducts & Chutes

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Are there suitable measures to restrict fire spread via ducts and concealed spaces?

N/A

Comments:

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### Smoke Ventilation

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Areas where smoke ventilation is expected:

N/A

Staircase smoke ventilation:

N/A

Is smoke ventilation reasonable and free from any obvious defects?

See comments

Comments: As the property adopts a simultaneous evacuation, ventilation is not required.

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## 6 Detection & Warning

Is an electrical fire alarm system expected?	Yes
Why not?	N/A
Is a fire detection and/or alarm system provided?	See comments
Areas covered	Flats and common areas
Comments: A BS5839-1 fire alarm is installed in the small communal lobby and heat detector in the hallway of flat.	
<a href="#">Flats</a>	
System Category	BS5839 Grade D LD3
Cause & Effect	Sounds alarm in flat of origin
Is the level of false alarms reasonable?	Yes
Is the fire detection & alarm provision reasonable?	Yes
Are there suitable measures for inner rooms?	Yes

## 7 Firefighting

### Fire Extinguishers

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Are fire extinguishers expected? No

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Why not? No statutory requirement

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Are fire extinguishers provided? No

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Is the provision of fire extinguishers reasonable? N/A

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### Fixed Systems

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Are any fixed systems provided? No

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Is provision of fixed systems reasonable? N/A

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### Fire Service Facilities

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Are there any specific fire service facilities? Yes

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Types of facility Entrance door override

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Is provision of fire service facilities reasonable? Yes

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## 8 Lighting

### Normal lighting

Is there adequate lighting of internal escape routes?	Yes
Is there adequate lighting of external escape routes?	Yes
Is there adequate lighting in risk critical areas?	N/A

### Emergency lighting

Method of emergency lighting of internal escape routes:	Non-maintained emergency lighting
Is this provision reasonable?	Yes
Method of emergency lighting of external escape routes:	Adequate borrowed lighting
Is this provision reasonable?	Yes
Method of emergency lighting of other areas:	None
Is this provision reasonable?	N/A

Comments: The communal emergency lighting system is maintained by Grosvenor APTEC on Behalf of SLH and receives 6 monthly servicing/ full duration tests. Any deficiencies identified with the system during the 6 monthly servicing are rectified as soon as possible. The service was last carried out on 18/10/2023

## 9 Signs & Notices

### Escape Routes

Is escape route signage necessary?	No
Why not?	Single escape route
Is escape route signage provided?	No
Is provision of escape route signage suitable?	N/A

### Fire Doors

Is there signage suitable for self-closing fire doors?	Yes
Is there signage suitable for locked fire doors?	Yes
Is there signage suitable for automatic fire doors?	N/A

### Other signs & Notices

Is there suitable signage for fire service facilities?	N/A
Are fire action notices suitable?	Yes
Are there suitable notices for fire extinguishers?	N/A
Is there suitable zone information for the fire alarm system?	See comments

Comments: A zone plan is required adjacent to the fire alarm panel in accordance with BS5839-1. However, due to the size of the premises and search distance, the assessor has deemed a zone plan to be unnecessary.

## 10 Fire Management

### Procedures & Arrangements

	Simultaneous Evacuation
Current evacuation policy	
Are fire action procedures suitable and appropriately documented?	Yes
Are there suitable arrangements for calling the fire service?	Yes
Is there a suitable fire assembly point?	Yes
Are there suitable arrangements for the evacuation of disabled people?	See comments

### Training and Drills

Are staff regularly on the premises?	No
Do staff receive suitable training on the following areas:	
Fire risks on the premises & fire prevention measures?	N/A
Action to take on discovering a fire?	N/A
How to raise an alarm?	N/A
Responding to the fire alarm?	N/A
Calling the fire service?	N/A
Location & use of firefighting equipment?	N/A
Are fire drills carried out at appropriate intervals?	N/A



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Are employees from outside organisations given appropriate fire safety information?	N/A
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Comments: No disabled persons identified; adaptations will be put into place for any persons that require them.	
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### Testing & Maintenance

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Is the fire alarm tested & records kept?	<b>See Action Plan</b>
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Is the emergency lighting tested & records kept?	See Comments
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Door entry test records	See Comments
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Are fire extinguishers subject to suitable tested and records kept?	N/A
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Have sprinklers been tested	N/A
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Have smoke vents been tested	N/A
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Has the Dry Riser been tested	N/A
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Comments:


Fire alarm 6 monthly 24/08/2023

Door Entry 18/10/2023

Emergency lighting 18/10/2023

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## 11 Action Plan

Priority	<b>High</b>	
Category	<b>Fire Prevention</b>	
Subcategory	<b>Housekeeping</b>	
Significant findings	A resident is storing an electric bike in the communal area on the means of escape.	
Actions required	The common areas & escape routes should be kept clear and sterile at all times in compliance with article 14 of The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005.	
Status	<b>Identified</b>	
Due Date	<b>1st May 2024</b>	

Priority	<b>Medium</b>	
Category	<b>Fire Management</b>	
Subcategory	<b>Testing &amp; Maintenance</b>	
Significant findings	The assessor was provided with records stating the fire alarm system was last serviced 24/08/2023.	
Actions required	The Part 1 fire alarm system should be tested weekly and service biannually in compliance with BS5839-1. Testing records should be record in a fire logbook	
Status	<b>Identified</b>	
Due Date	<b>1st August 2024</b>	