

27 July 2021

Dear Neighbour

Re: Listed Building application validated for the installation of a new sprinkler system throughout Great Arthur House (Reference number 21/00566/LBC)

I am writing to inform you that the City of London Corporation (City Corporation) has submitted a Listed Building application to the City of London for the installation of a new sprinkler system throughout Great Arthur House, including communal and private residential areas.

As you will be aware, the City Corporation has been engaging in a detailed review of its processes and procedures relating to fire safety across its housing portfolio. As part of this review, it has been working alongside a specialist project team to develop plans to fit a sprinkler system on all floors of Great Arthur House. The sprinkler system is proposed for all residential homes as well as the lower ground floor storerooms.

In recognition of the heritage of Great Arthur House, the sprinkler system has been tailor designed with consideration of the sensitive architectural heritage components of the building. The team has been looking at bespoke designs to ensure the system has as minimal impact as possible on residents and the fabric of the building.

The sprinkler system presents a significant and necessary step in the development of Great Arthur House. It will ensure all residents have improved homes that meet modern and safe standards and forms part of a broader scheme of works to improve fire safety within the building.

The proposed sprinkler system will provide a number of benefits to Great Arthur House, residents as well as the wider environment. Some key facts about sprinklers are included below.

- Very reliable – finding a faulty head is about one in sixteen million
- Reduce property damage by 90%
- Eliminate fire related deaths and injuries by at least 80%
- Over the past 130 years, sprinklers have had a better than 99% success rate in controlling fires around the world
- Assist search and rescue operations, and reduce the risk to firefighters
- Reduce the impact of fire on the environment

- Widely recognised as the single most effective method for fighting the spread of fires in the early stages
- Sensitive to the heritage of buildings
- In the UK, there has never been a fire related death in a building with a fully maintained sprinkler system.

The Listed Building application and all supporting documentation can be viewed on City of London's website at: <https://www.planning2.cityoflondon.gov.uk/online-applications/> enter the Listed Building application reference number **21/00566/LBC** to search for the application.

You can submit your comments online via the Council's portal, by emailing PLNComments@cityoflondon.gov.uk or by writing to the below address:

Department of the Built Environment
City of London
PO Box 27
Guildhall
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Please add the Listed Building application reference number at the top of your email or letter and state whether you are supporting or objecting to the application. You must also include your name and address.

We hope you can support our application and the opportunity to improve fire safety for all residents of Great Arthur House.

Should you have any queries about the application, please do not hesitate to contact the team by emailing catherines@commcommuk.com and rubyw@commcommuk.com or call 0800 772 0475.

Yours faithfully



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