Dear

Re: Freedom of Information request number 7005

Thank you for your recent communication which is being managed in line with the Freedom of Information Act under the above reference number. The details of your request are outlined below together with the council’s response.

Your request

1) How many residential tower blocks are there in your council area? How many people live in these tower blocks

Thurrock Council have fifteen purpose built high rise blocks of flats within the Borough, the fifteen blocks contain 981 flats. Please see below data for tenancies, please note the actual number of occupants living in the blocks is subject to variation from the figures below. Data taken from registered number of tenants on each tenancy agreement.

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| Block 1-91 Consec, Poole House Cf01, Godman Road, Chadwell St Mary, Grays, Essex, RM16 4TG | 90  101  
| Grand Total | 913  1087  

2) How many of those residential tower blocks do not contain sprinkler systems? How many people live in tower blocks without sprinkler systems?

Sprinkler systems are fitted in to the ground floor bin rooms only in all fifteen blocks. Sprinkler systems are not in any other location in these blocks.

3) How many residential tower blocks do not have a central fire alarm system? How many people live in tower blocks that do not have a central fire alarm system?

All fifteen blocks, have a central fire detection system of which is connected to fire compartmentation doors, none of these systems are audible, however, each flat is fitted with a standalone audible fire detection system. This systems have been designed to adhere to the “stay put” policy.

4) How many residential tower blocks are cladded? How many people live in cladded residential tower blocks?

Twelve out of the fifteen high rise blocks have had external rain screen cladding retro fitted to the building

5) How many residential tower blocks are cladded with Aluminium Composite Material (also known as Aluminium Composit Panels)? How many people live in tower blocks cladded with ACM/ACP?

None

6) Please state, for each building cladded with ACM/ACP, the type of insulation and core used with the panels, for example polyethylene (PE), polyurethane (PUR), profiled metal or a mineral core. How many residential tower blocks are cladded with each core? How many people live in each building cladded with each core?

N/A

7) How many residential tower blocks are cladded with Reynobond PE cladding? How many people live in tower blocks cladded with Reynobond PE cladding?

N/A

8) How many residential tower blocks are cladded with Reynobond FR cladding? How many people live in tower blocks cladded with Reynobond FR cladding?

N/A

9) Where another type of cladding was used on a residential tower block, please state the type of cladding used. How many buildings are covered with each other type of cladding and how many people live in them?

Only twelve of Thurrock Council blocks have cladding, the nine blocks located in Grays have a rain
screen cladding. The product is called “Steni stoneflex” of which is a glass fibre reinforced polyester resin cladding system.

The other three cladded blocks are in Tilbury, are a traditional concrete rendered system of concrete base coat and stone dash finish. Insulation used on all 12 blocks is a mineral wool fibre slab. The Three blocks in Chadwell St Mary have no form of cladding applied.

Names of blocks in the applicable areas and numbers of registered tenants is provided above in reply to Question 1.

10) Where cladding has been installed on a residential tower block, please state the name of the company that carried out the installation (where this is known).

External cladding works to all twelve blocks were completed circa 2000, due to the time that has passed details of contractors who completed the works are no longer held.

11) Where fire tests have been carried out since the Grenfell Tower fire, please state how many residential tower blocks have been found to be cladded with materials found to be combustible? Please state how many people live in these tower blocks and the type of material that was found to be combustible.

No, the cladding installed on the tower blocks in the Thurrock Borough has not been identified for fire testing. This was confirmed directly with the BRE.

12) Please provide a copy of any fire test reports on cladding that have been produced since the Grenfell Tower fire and the results of these tests.

N/A

13) Please provide a list of all buildings in your area (residential and non-residential, where council managed or not) with ACM cladding and buildings more than 18m high. Please provide a copy of fire rest reports and results on these buildings (see 11)

N/A

14) How many of these buildings are used to house asylum seekers? How many asylum seekers live in these buildings?

There are no buildings of the specified height and type designated for occupation by asylum seekers.

15) Please provide a copy of any correspondence with the Government about tower block cladding sent or received since 13 June, 2017.

Please see attached documents Appendix A-C.

16) Please provide a copy of any correspondence sent or received in the last seven years between the council and your local fire brigade and you local coroner about cladding on any buildings in your area.

N/A The housing department of Thurrock Council do not hold any specific records from the fire service in relation to cladding.
17) Please provide a link to any planning applications involving cladding in the last seven years and a copy of any fire safety advice about cladding.

This information is already publically available via www.thurrock.gov.uk/planning

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Yours sincerely,

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