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REPORT TITLE:

Gateway 2 & 3 Building Control Regime for Higher Risk Buildings

REPORT OF: Director of Property Management

FOR SUBMISSION TO:

Housing & Fire Safety Advisory Panel

DATE:

18th July 2024

SUMMARY OF REPORT

The report provides an update on the Building Safety Act Building Control Gateway approval regime which is now force. The regime applies to high-risk residential buildings where the Building Safety Regulator is now the Building Control Authority for building regulation purposes.

Local Government Act 1972 - Access to Information

The following documents have been used in the preparation of this report: No documents that require listing have been used in the preparation of this report.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Panel notes the content of the report.

Signed:

Director of Property Management

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Date: 9th July 2024

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To update the Panel on the Building Control Gateway approval regime which is now force and applies to high-risk residential buildings where the Building Safety Regulator is now the Building Control Authority.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Following the Grenfell Tower in 2017 government has been introducing a more rigorous building safer regime for high-rise/higher risk residential buildings (HRBs), defined as those with 2 or more residential units, and which are 18+ metres or 7+ storeys in height.
- 2.2 The method for determining the height of such buildings is set out in Approved document 'B' of the Building Regulations 2010, the diagrammatic guidance on determining building height is attached at Appendix 1 to the report. The Gateway regime applies to the construction of new high-rise/higher risk buildings (HRBs) and to building work in an existing high-rise building or the extension of an extension building to create an HRB.
- 2.3 The definition of building work to an existing high rise building which will trigger the application of the Gateway regime is contained in section 12 of the Building (Higher-Risk Buildings Procedures) (England) Regulations 2023 The Building (Higher-Risk Buildings Procedures) (England) Regulations 2023 (legislation.gov.uk).
- 2.4 The new regime has been developed incrementally with initial amendments to planning law introducing a requirement for a *Gateway 1* Fire Statement to be prepared and submitted by building as part of planning applications for developments that involve HRBs.
- 2.5 Fire Statements must set out fire safety considerations specific to the HRB. Developers must demonstrate to the Building Safety Regulator at Gateway 2 construction stage and Gateway 3 Handover/Occupation that the approved design and fire statement for the HRB has been followed.
- 2.6 Developers must expand on the limited information provided at planning/gateway 1 stage and provide details of design, construction materials and methods, records of installation, change control and compliance with building regulations in order to continue and complete construction and enable the issue of a Building Assessment Certificate, building handover and occupation.,

3.0 GATEWAY 2 & 3 REQUIREMENTS

3.1 Following approval of the Building Safety Act, 2022 Gateway 2 and 3 Building Control requirements are now in force and the Building Safety Regulator is the

- building control authority for higher-risk buildings as defined in section 2. Principal designers, principal contractors, and clients must follow the new building control regime when designing and constructing higher-risk buildings.
- 3.2 The Building Safety Regulator has published guidance on the requirements Building inspector competence framework (BICoF) Building safety HSE, which are also summarised in an information booklet on the Regulator website 23 039-Building-Control-Authority-Booklet-3.pdf (buildingsafety.campaign.gov.uk).
- 3.3 The plans and designs approved for planning purposes with their accompanying Fire Statement are the 'Approved Plans' against which Gateway 2 and 3 applications are assessed and the evidence, approval and construction compliance regime described in section 2 and set out in detail in this section of the report.

Gateway 2

- 3.4 Gateway 2 is the building control approval application stage for an HRB. It occurs prior to construction work beginning on site and requires a rigorous inspection of building regulations at each stage of the design and construction process.
- 3.5 Construction work cannot commence without Gateway 2 approval by the Building Safety Regulator who has the power to prevent start on site if they are not satisfied that the developer application meets the functional requirements of the Building Regulations. The <u>Building Regulations 2010</u> and amendments in <u>The Building Regulations etc. (Amendment) (England)</u>

 Regulations 2023 require the submission of 'full plans'. This is usually deemed to include both plans and the specification, as well as other schedules to describe the building works.
- 3.6 This means that the fire statement and approved construction plans have to outline exactly how compliance with the functional requirements of the building regulations is going to be met and that they do not rely on unrealistic management expectations of the building in operation. The Regulator also has the power to stop construction if they find work is not being carried out in compliance with Gateway 1 approved plans or if the detailed design and construction methodology is insufficient.
- 3.7 The Regulator assessment will be made by a multi-disciplinary team (MDT) assigned to each submission, the MDT will include a Registered Building Inspector, and any other specialists required to assess a submission. The Regulator may ask Local Authority Building Control Officers to form part of

individual MDTs, although they would not be asked to assess Council applications in their own local authority jurisdiction due to conflict of interest. To date LB Camden Building Control have been asked to participate in two MDT assessments which were not Camden Council related works.

Gateway 3

- 3.8 Gateway 3 is the final building control stage for an HRB construction project where an application is made to the Building Safety Regulator for a completion/building assessment certificate. In order to receive the completion certificate, the client must demonstrate that the building has been built in compliance with the **approved plans** submitted at Gateways 1 & 2 and include as built drawings and change control information. The building cannot be occupied until a completion certificate has been issued.
- 3.9 The Gateway 3 process is an application to the Regulator by the building occupier for a completion certificate to allow handover and occupation of the HRB. The application must include the following of information.
 - 'As built' building plans
 - Final versions of all accompanying documents that were included in the gateway 2 application.
 - A controlled change log showing any changes during construction from Gateway 2 plans
 - Construction/installation information
 - Information captured through commissioning.
 - Information captured through final, functional inspections.
- 3.10 The accountable person for the HRB must be able to demonstrate that they have received all of the handover information from the developer to enable them to operate, maintain and understand the building systems. The Building Safety Act requires the developers/owners of HRBs to record and keep up to date a 'golden thread' of HRB design and construction information for individual HRBs amending it as and when changes are made to the building.
- 3.11 Construction projects must create this record during the new build or extension/refurbishment which create or change an (existing) HRB. These records provide the 'as built' position of the construction project that will be required as part of a Gateway 3 application, The Regulator will take 8 weeks to assess an application for a completion certificate and the building cannot be occupied until the Regulator has provided the certificate.

4.0 Camden Council HRBs

4.1 Camden has 188 existing residential HRBs (as defined at paragraph 2.1 and Appendix 1) where the Gateway regime will apply if works which affect the building structure or compartmentation are to be carried out or where development is proposed within their curtilage.

The current Council HRB list is attached as Appendix 2 of the report.

- 4.2 The Gateway regime would also apply to an existing non-HRB residential building if the Council proposed to extend it by adding additional storeys and increasing the building height in such a way that the criteria set out in Approved document B applied.
- 4.3 The Gateways will apply to any new HRBs developed by the Council as part of the Community Investment Programme (CIP); at the time of writing up to 6 new CIP HRBs are either under construction or in the consultation and development stages of regeneration projects. The future of 2 existing HRBs on the Regents Park estate are also under consideration pending government decisions on the redevelopment of Euston station.

5. Finance Comments of the Executive Director Corporate Services

- 5.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Panel on the Building Control Gateway approval regime that came into force on 1 October 2023 and applies to high-risk residential buildings where the Building Safety Regulator became the building control authority for higher risk buildings.
- 5.2 Finance will work with the service to monitor and ensure as much as possible that associated costs are funded from HRA Property Management's existing resources.

6. Legal Comments of the Borough Solicitor

6.1 The Borough Solicitor has been consulted in the preparation of this report and has no further comments.

7. Environmental Implications

7.1 There are none.

8. Appendices

- 8.1 Appendix 1: Building Regulations 2010 Approved Document B diagrammatic guidance for measuring HRB building height.
- 8.2 Appendix 2: LB Camden Existing Residential HRB List

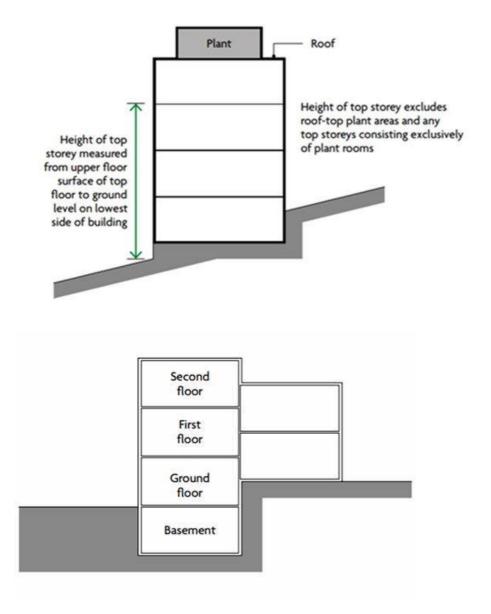
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Appendix 1: Building Regulations 2010 - Approved Document B diagrammatic guidance for measuring HRB building height.

The top storey of the building being 18 metres or more in height should be determined ignoring any storey which is a roof-top machinery or plant area or consists exclusively of machinery or plant rooms and should be measured from the ground level on the lowest side of a building to the top storey upper floor surface.

The building containing 7 or more storeys should be determined ignoring any storey which is below ground level (a storey is treated as below ground level if any part of the finished surface of the ceiling of the storey is below the ground level immediately adjacent to that part of the building) and counted from the ground level on the lowest side of the building.

A mezzanine counts as a separate storey if its internal floor area is at least 50% of the internal floor area of the largest storey in the building which is not below ground level.



Appendix 2: LB Camden Existing Residential High-Rise Building List

Building	Post Code
1-80 DALEHEAD	NW1 2JL
1-80 GILLFOOT	NW1 2JP
1-42 HOLMROOK	NW1 1DD
1-80 OXENHOLME	NW1 2JN
1-29 FAVERSHAM HOUSE	NW1 0LA
1-20 CROWNDALE COURT	NW1 1TY
21-33 CROWNDALE COURT	NW1 1TY
34-47 CROWNDALE COURT	NW1 1TY
48-59 CROWNDALE COURT	NW1 1TY
1-20 Godwin Court	NW1 1NW
21-34 Godwin Court	NW1 1NW
35-50 Godwin Court	NW1 1NW
51-63 Godwin Court	NW1 1NW
64-81 Godwin Court	NW1 1NW
82A-94 Godwin Court	NW1 1NW
95-114 Godwin Court	NW1 1NW
1-16 The Chenies	NW1 1UH
17-32 The Chenies	NW1 1UH
1-16 Park View House (formerly Cecil Rhodes House)	NW1 1UG
17-36 Park View House (formerly Cecil Rhodes House)	NW1 1UG
37-56 Park View House (formerly Cecil Rhodes House)	NW1 1UG
57-72 Park View House (formerly Cecil Rhodes House)	NW1 1UG
119-184 MAYFORD	NW1 1PA
1-5/22-53/64-67/84-87 MAYFORD	NW1 1NX
1-70 BUCKLEBURY	NW1 3LB
1-44 ENGLEFIELD	NW1 3LN
1-44 SWALLOWFIELD	NW1 3PJ
1-70 THE COMBE	NW1 3LG
1-67 CARTMEL	NW1 3SH
1-60 LANGDALE	NW1 3RA
1-60 HARRINGTON HOUSE	NW1 3RB
1-60 HAWKSHEAD	NW1 3RJ
1-60 MACKWORTH HOUSE	NW1 3RE
1-22 Grasmere	NW1 3QL
23 - 44 Grasmere	NW1 3QL
1-22 Borrowdale	NW1 3QG
23-44 Borrowdale	NW1 3QG
1-22 Patterdale	NW1 3QJ
23-44 Patterdale	NW1 3QJ
1-23 GRISEDALE	NW1 3QE
1-16 Ennerdale	NW1 3QE
1 - 22 Derwent	NW1 3JR
23-44 Derwent	NW1 3JR

1 - 22 Rydal Water	NW1 3ED
23 - 44 Rydal Water	NW1 3ED
1-32 WATERHEAD & 1-28 THE TARNS	NW1 3RR
40 Hampstead Road	NW1 2PX
1-71 FAIRFIELD	NW1 7LE
1-32 LINDALE	NW1 3QD
1-24 MARDALE	NW1 3FJ
1-34 WINCHESTER APARTMENTS	NW1 3EN
1-120 BACTON	NW5 4PX
24-82A (EVEN) CASTLE COURT	NW1 8PU
1-35 HEYBRIDGE	NW1 8TD
1-62 CANDIDA COURT	NW1 8PY
1-62 LORRAINE COURT	NW1 8SG
1-56 TORBAY COURT	NW1 8RL
1-91 DENTON	NW1 8BN
1-32 MEAD CLOSE	NW1 8HG
1-32 RUGMERE	NW1 8HE
1-24 TOTTENHALL	NW1 8EX
1-32 BEAUVALE	NW1 8EY
1-56 CAYFORD HOUSE	NW3 2XG
1-56 PALGRAVE HOUSE	NW3 2QJ
13-62 BARRINGTON COURT	NW5 4AT
1-27 HAZEL HOUSE	NW3 2HB
1-27 ROWAN HOUSE	NW3 2EY
1-16 Whitebeam House	NW3 2HG
1-50 MONMOUTH HOUSE	NW5 3BX
1-64 Burmarsh	NW5 3JA
1-31 Headcorn	NW5 3JA NW5 3HZ
1-160 SOUTHFLEET	NW5 4DD
1-48 WENDLING	NW5 4QU
Flats 1-21, 2 Vicars Road	NW5 4AA
1-102 MARY GREEN TOWER	NW8 0BS
1-102 CASTERBRIDGE	NW6 4DR
1-102 SNOWMAN HOUSE	NW6 4DW
4,7,11,14,18 (A-K) Rowley Way	NW8 0SF
23,26,39,33,37,40,44,47 (A-K) Rowley Way	NW8 0SQ
51,54,58,61.65,68,72,75 (A-K) Rowley Way	NW8 0SH
79,82,86,89,93,96,100,103 (A-K) Rowley Way	NW8 0SL
113-119 (C-K) Rowley Way	NW8 0SW
1-42 CAMPDEN HOUSE	NW6 4RN
1-24 GLOVER HOUSE	NW6 4RJ
1-43 HICKES HOUSE	NW6 4RP
1-26 NOEL HOUSE	NW6 4RL
1-56 LANGHORNE COURT	NW8 0SD
1-52 TAYLER COURT	NW8 OSB
1-54 FARJEON HOUSE	NW6 4TL

23-34 Primrose Hill Court	NW3 3QS
47-58 Primrose Hill Court	NW3 3QS
69-80 Primrose Hill Court	NW3 3QT
81-92 Primrose Hill Court	NW3 3QT
15-64 SIDNEY BOYD COURT	NW6 4QZ
37-62 TEMPLAR HOUSE	NW2 3TD
131 - 143 Belsize Rd, Flats 1-47	NW6 4BR
1-24 RIVERSIDE	WC1H 8BH
1-25 Riverfleet	WC1H 8BJ
1-25 Fleetway	WC1H 8BL
1-24 FLEETFIELD	WC1H 8BP
2-18 Laney House	EC1N 7UL
19-28 Laney House	EC1N 7UL
29-37 Laney House	EC1N 70L
38-42 Laney House	EC1N 70L
2-212A FOUNDLING COURT	WC1N 1AN
1-187A O'DONNELL COURT	WC1N 1NZ
1-24 NORTHIAM 1-24 Chadswell	WC1H 8LB WC1H 8LD
1-24 GREATCROFT	WC1H 8LF
1-18 HOLLISFIELD	WC1H 8LG
1-19 MULLETTSFIELD	WC1H 8LJ
1-19 Peperfield	WC1H 8LP
1-20 GATESDEN	WC1H 8EA
1-27 BEDEFIELD	WC1H 8DY
1-32 SANDFIELD	WC1H 8DU
1-120 VESAGE COURT	EC1N 7RF
1-48 GLYNDE REACH	WC1H 8JZ
1-37 WARNHAM	WC1H 8JP
1-56 CHANCELLORS COURT	WC1N 3JP
1-56 BABINGTON COURT	WC1N 3JT
1-50 BLEMUNDSBURY	WC1N 3PF
1-42 WINDMILL	WC1N 3PG
2 GREVILLE STREET, FLATS 1-10	EC1N 8PQ
6 GREVILLE STREET, FLATS 1-10	EC1N 8PQ
1-54 JEYGROVE COURT	EC1N 8LB
1-28 Culverhouse	WC1R 4BG
1-137 LULWORTH	NW1 9SS
1-40 HADDO HOUSE	NW5 1PX
1-43 GRANGEMILL	NW5 1XH
1-19 ABORFIELD	NW5 2UD
20-51 ABORFIELD	NW5 2UD
1-59 GREATFIELD	NW5 2UE
9A YORK WAY	N7 9GY
9B YORK WAY	N7 9GY
9C YORK WAY	N7 9GY

14-16 WROTHAM ROAD	NW1 ORE
1-60 AUGUSTUS HOUSE	NW1 3TB
235-277 North Gower Street	NW1 2NN
1-39 Phoenix Court	NW1 1EL
1-107 WOODHALL	NW1 3JP
1-64 HARDINGTON	NW1 8HN
1-72 BLASHFORD	NW3 3RU
1-3,5,7-161 BRAY	NW3 3JU
1-36 BRIDGE HOUSE	NW3 3QD
1-161 BURNHAM	NW3 3JP
1-29 CHALFORD	NW3 6LG
1-158 DORNEY	NW3 3PN
1-32 ELLERTON	NW6 1LX
1-24 FALCON HOUSE	NW6 5UD
1-161 TAPLOW	NW3 3NX
1-14 BEACONSFIELD	WC1R 4PA
1-2, 9-10, 17-18, 25-26, 33-34 & 41-43 Boswell House, 1-14 Springwater	WC1N 3PR
3-5, 11-13, 19-21, 27-29, 35-37 & 44-47 Boswell House	WC1N 3PR
6-8, 14-16, 22-24, 30-32, 38-40 & 48-51 Boswell House /1-28 Richbell	WC1N 3PR
1-38 BRAMBER	WC1H 8JS
50 Britannia Street	WC1X 9JH
1-14 CAVENDISH MANSIONS	EC1R 5DQ
15-28 CAVENDISH MANSIONS	EC1R 5DQ
29-42 CAVENDISH MANSIONS	EC1R 5DQ
43-63 CAVENDISH MANSIONS	EC1R 5DQ
64-89 CAVENDISH MANSIONS	EC1R 5DQ
90-96 CAVENDISH MANSIONS	EC1R 5DQ
97-110 CAVENDISH MANSIONS	EC1R 5DQ
111-124 CAVENDISH MANSIONS	EC1R 5DQ
125-138 CAVENDISH MANSIONS	EC1R 5DQ
139-152 CAVENDISH MANSIONS	EC1R 5DQ
153-166 CAVENDISH MANSIONS	EC1R 5DQ
1-42 FALCON	WC1N 3AA
1-16 GORDON MANSIONS	WC1E 7HE
17-30 GORDON MANSIONS	WC1E 7HE
31-60 GORDON MANSIONS	WC1E 7HG
61-75 GORDON MANSIONS	WC1E 7HG
30/40 GRAFTON WAY	WC1E 6DX
5-26 GREAT RUSSELL MANSIONS	WC1B 3BE
25 GRESSE ST, FLATS 1-92	W1T 1QW
1-35 HUNTER HOUSE	WC1N 1BE
1-44 LANGDON HOUSE	EC1N 7TN
1-30 Laystall Court	WC1X 0AH
11-84 MEDWAY COURT	WC1H 9QZ
1-33 MULLEN TOWER	WC1X 0AG
8 NEWTON STREET, FLATS 1-50	WC2B 5EG

1-70 SEYMOUR HOUSE WC1	WC1H 9RL
1-32 SOMERTON HOUSE	WC1H 9AA
Tavistock Mansions- Flats 3-12 ,16 Tavistock Place	WC1H 9RU
1-23 TRENTISHOE MANSIONS	WC2H 0JE
1-12 TRESHAM	WC1R 4RE
1-30 WINSTON	WC1H 0EA
1-62 WINTER GARDEN HOUSE	WC2B 5ND

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