FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – 788/17

Dear Sir/Madam

Your request for information has now been considered and the information requested is provided below.

Request:

Please answer the following questions. I make this request under the Freedom of Information Act. For clarity, residential tower blocks should include those in your area, whether they are owned or managed by the council, arms-length housing company, housing trust, or whether privately owned or any other form of ownership or management.

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

   Answer: Rutland County Council does not hold this information. We are a non-stock retaining local authority. Please find information regarding local Housing Associations attached.

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

   Answer: See answer to question 1.

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?

   Answer: See answer to question 1.

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

   Answer: See answer to question 1.

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?

   Answer: See answer to question 1.

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), etc.
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?

Answer: See answer to question 1.

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

Answer: See answer to question 1.

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

Answer: See answer to question 1.

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?

Answer: See answer 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).

Answer: See answer to question 1.

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.

Answer: See answer to question 1.

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.

Answer: See answer to question 1.

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)

Answer: None

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

Answer: Not Applicable

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

Answer: See Attached “788/17 - Safety Checks Following Grenfell Tower”.
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.

Answer: None

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.

Answer: In order to determine this, an officer would have to manually inspect records to determine whether it fell within the scope of your request and if so, extract the relevant data. Given the number of records involved, we believe it to be a reasonable estimate that to comply with your request would exceed the appropriate cost limit of £450. This figure is set out in Regulations and is equivalent to one person working more than 18 hours to determine whether we hold the information, and to locate and extract the information.

Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act the Authority is not obliged to comply with your request and we will not be processing your request further.

Response:

Rutland County Council does not hold this information. We are a non-stock retaining local authority. Please find information regarding local Housing Associations attached.

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Yours faithfully

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