



FOI REF:	15222
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Request and Response

Please see my FOI request.

- Can you please tell me the number of residential buildings the council owns that are under 11m.
 - We have accounted for all low-to-medium-rise blocks (including sheltered accommodation) houses and bungalows, excluding four high-rise buildings (HRBs) and five 'relevant buildings' i.e., those at least 11 metres in height or with at least five storeys (whichever threshold is met first). Therefore, the total number of residential buildings owned by the council that are believed to be under 11m is 3,630.
- Has the council surveyed these under 11m buildings to identify any potential fire and building safety issues? (yes/no answer)
 - Yes, all sheltered accommodation and blocks of flats have been surveyed in accordance with the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005. Additionally, the council has recently commissioned a new FRA survey programme for such buildings.
- If the answer is yes, can you provide the total number of buildings where an issue has been found.
 - A detailed review is required to assess the current risk level ratings, which will be captured by the new survey programme already underway, along with any outstanding actions for each block. However, it is reasonable to assume that all buildings have identified issues (some more critical than others) at this stage, meaning the number will align with the response to question 1.
- Of the buildings that have fire and building safety issues, can you please then provide the total number where remediation work has started?
 - The plan is to commission the new survey programme and address actions as we progress, allocating tasks to the relevant internal teams. Any major/substantial work will be packaged and delivered as a major works project by the councils Planned Maintenance team. Remediation will largely focus on improvements to compartmentation within the buildings. That said, we have already begun addressing signage issues in many blocks of flats, and we aim to complete this by the summer.
 - We intend to carry out significant remedial works including fire stopping, door replacements etc to 41 no. blocks (excluding HRB's) this financial year i.e. April 2025-26.

