



DORSET & WILTSHIRE
FIRE AND RESCUE

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FAO: The Company Secretary

Dear Sir/Madam

Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005

Address of Premises: Accommodation Barge - Bibby Stockholm (ARAP), Bibby Stockholm, Rotherham Road, Portland Port, Portland, DT5 1PB

A fire safety follow up audit of your premises was completed on Thursday 21st September 2023 to evaluate the effectiveness of the fire safety measures you have put in place to keep people safe.

Based on what I saw during the visit, I am pleased to be able to advise you that a reasonable standard of fire safety was evident at the time.

You should note however that the visit was not enough to evaluate all of the fire risks which may be present on the premises. I therefore take this opportunity to remind you that fire safety is a dynamic process and the responsible person has an on-going duty to periodically review the fire risk assessment and the adequacy of the fire safety measures in place.

You can find further advice and guidance on our website: dwfire.org.uk.

Fire Safety Management

Taking this advice will help you to sustain the level of fire safety demonstrated during the audit.

- Due to the management plan to move further service users onto the barge in separate cohorts and to evidence that the fire evacuation procedure is resilient, regular visits by the fire and rescue service fire safety inspectors should continue until the accommodation is at maximum occupancy.
- This audit does not ratify the proposed maximum occupancy of the premises which should be subject to a continual review as the numbers increase. The most

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appropriate means to confirm the effectiveness of the evacuation plan is through drills and training to staff and occupants. These drills should include all staff and be conducted at different times of day and night in order to test the response.

- Where the means of escape from the premises requires coordination and cooperation with other Responsible Persons these should be agreed in writing.

Further Recommendations

- Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service recommend the use of appropriately designed and installed residential sprinklers in all sleeping accommodation. Retrospective fitting of sprinklers to residential accommodation should be a consideration as part of the ongoing review of fire risks.
- Changes to the fire safety legislation as a result of the Building Safety Act 2022 come into force on 1st October 2023. You should ensure that any requirements imposed upon you as a result of the changes are implemented. These may include enhanced fire risk assessment processes, sharing of fire safety information with relevant persons and additional coordination and cooperation with other Responsible Persons. Further details on the new requirements can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/check-your-fire-safety-responsibilities-under-section-156-of-the-building-safety-act-2022/fire-safety-responsibilities-under-section-156-of-the-building-safety-act-2022>

Automatic Fire Alarm Equipment

You are required to have adequate procedures to minimise false activations of automatic fire detection equipment and prevent unwanted notifications from being transmitted to the fire service.

To ensure we are available to respond to genuine emergencies, we will not routinely attend automatic fire signals generated in commercial premises between the hours of 8:00am and 6:00pm Monday to Sunday. We will always attend premises where we know people sleep.

You should ensure your fire risk assessment, emergency protocols, and procedures for investigating fire alarm activations are suitable considering the type and use of the premises. If a fire is confirmed, a call should be made using the 999-emergency system.

Further information is available from [dwfire.org.uk/Automatic fire alarms](http://dwfire.org.uk/Automatic%20fire%20alarms).

Additional Support and Information

If you require further information about your responsibilities on how to comply with the law or access additional help or guidance, please visit our website; dwfire.org.uk.

Have your say

We value your feedback. Please click [here](#) to take part in our Technical Fire Safety Survey.

Yours faithfully

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Fire Safety Inspector

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