

# Scottish House Builders Health & Safety Forum

Fire Guidance in Practice



Design & Application



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What does it all mean





Many publications used for reference;

**Construction Confederation / Fire Protection Association** 

**Health & Safety Executive** 





- In at the earliest stage possible (feasibility)
- Avoid any potential 'nasty' surprises
- Layout optimisation
- Better cost certainty

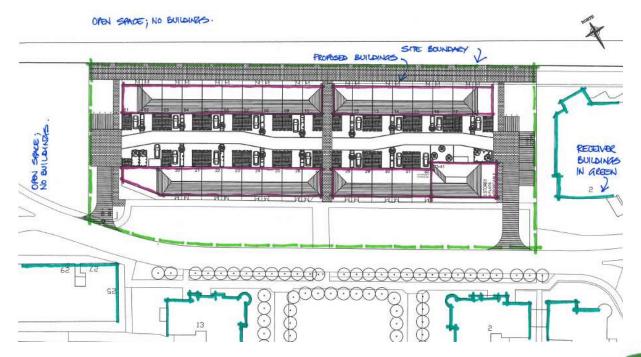






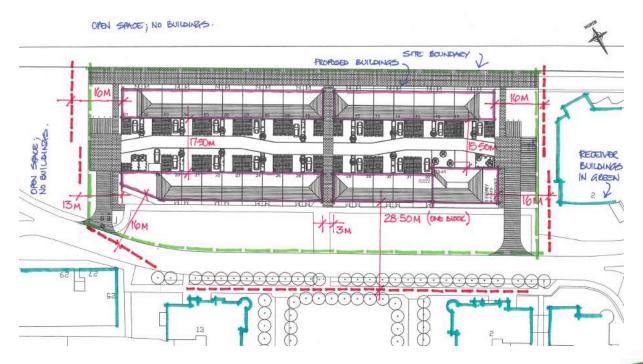


Establish site boundaries and locate surrounding property (& use)
Delineate the location of proposed new buildings within site
How many storeys are there and total floor area of blocks
Over 600m<sup>2</sup> (2500m<sup>2</sup>) registration with CFOA required



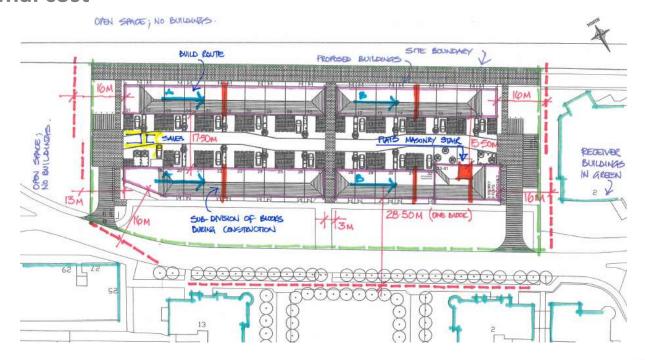


Determine separating distances to receiver buildings
In reality Category A preferred within hierarchy
Are mitigation measures required
Build route





Each block over 50m long; requires sub-division during build Breaks at party walls and /or flat stairwells
Agreed build route AND occupancy
Minimal cost



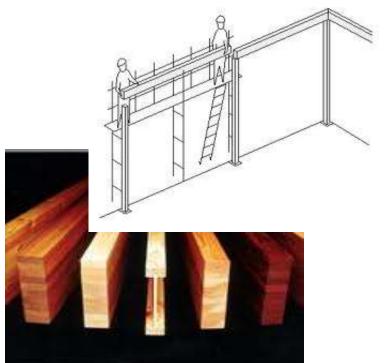


# Multi-storey

Allowance made for disproportionate collapse

Greater use of engineered timber

Suitable design?







# Multi-storey

Oregon examples;

**Plymouth** 

Wakefield

Watford

Manchester





#### Site Safe PROCUREMENT



- If not in early, next best stage to feasibility; essential
- Again, avoid any potential 'nasty' surprises
- Solution AND build optimisation



SITE SAFE UKTFA Fire safety during construction

UKTFA Site Safe Compliant
UKTFA 16 Steps Guidance
UKTFA Risk Assessment Checklist
UKTFA Separating Distance Guidance
UKTFA Guidance Notes on Security
and Alarms



Project Construction Procurement Phase





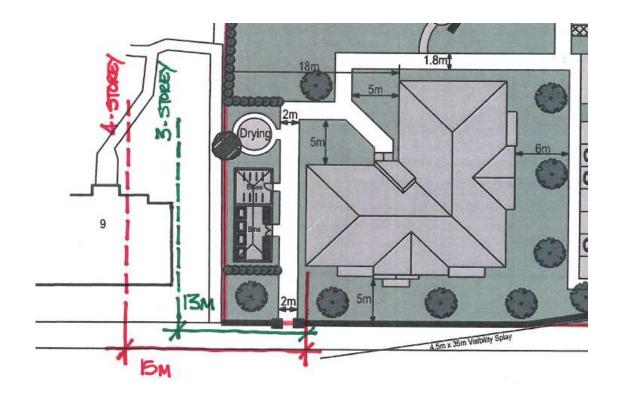
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#### Site Safe PROCUREMENT

Gable end of four storey block, separating distance beyond receiver If build 'reduced' to three storey separating distance is fine Ground floor blockwork (and returns) built Built before fourth floor erected





## Site Safe construction



- At this stage all major decisions should have been made by all
- Occasionally changes (spanners) can be thrown in the works
- Re-assess the site and review guidelines as before
- Most cost effective solutions at time employed





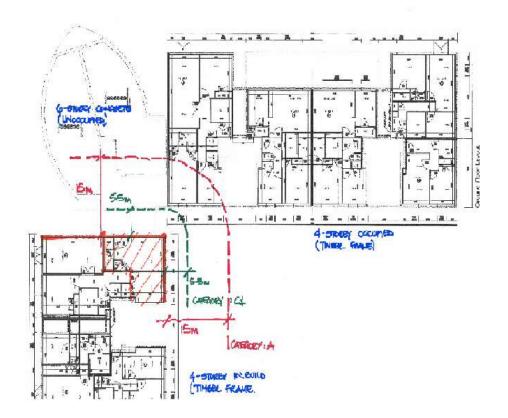
On Site Phase





## Site Safe CONSTRUCTION

New build route due to unforeseen circumstances & good sales
Four storey timber frame next to occupied wing
Category A no longer allowed
Category C1 used





#### What does it all mean

#### Construction of medium rise timber frame -

tried & tested structural solutions available now

#### **Development of taller buildings -**

continuing research & development of new composite materials

#### Proactive industry approach to fire issues -

working with others to provide adequate guidance and details

#### Timber frame as a form of construction -

good planning, correct specification, site safe - use with confidence

#### End of this session, and (say what you see)









