

News Release

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Prohibition Notice Lifted 7 The Coneries, Loughborough

On Wednesday 13 March 2024 we served a Prohibition Notice on 7 The Coneries, Loughborough. This was due to various breaches of the Fire Safety Order 2005 (as amended). This was due to concerns about the suitability of the building and the time it would take for residents to evacuate in the event of a fire.

Since the Prohibition Notice was served, Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service has worked with the Responsible Person (Landlord) to ensure the property meets fire safety standards and is safe for residents to return.

On Thursday 11 April 2024 the Prohibition Notice that was in place was removed. This was following remedial works being carried out to reduce the immediate risk to life from fire. A waking watch* has now been put in place by the Responsible Person as a temporary measure whilst works continue to improve compliance with the Fire Safety Order 2005 (as amended).

Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service take the safety of all residents seriously and will continue to engage with the landlord of 7 The Coneries, Loughborough to make continuous improvements for the ongoing safety of residents.

We wish to extend our gratitude to our partners for helping us to support residents during this difficult time.

We are unable to comment any further due to ongoing legal proceedings.

*A waking watch is a system whereby suitably trained persons continually patrol the necessary areas of the building and the exterior perimeter in order to detect a fire, raise the alarm, and alert the Fire service. Those same individuals can then carry out the duties that may be required to manage an evacuation if needed.

A waking watch is an immediate solution to reduce the risk in a building and allow for continued occupation where, without them, the risk of fire may lead a Responsible Person to

determine occupation is no longer appropriate or lead the Fire Service to serve a Prohibition Notice.

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Notes to Editors:

We are unable to offer any interviews at this time.

About the Service

Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service provides emergency response, prevention and protection services from 20 stations across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. Its headquarters is based in Birstall, Leicester.

During 2022/23, we attended a total of 9,440 emergency incidents, including 2,650 fires and 710 road traffic collisions. A total of 13,660 Home Safety Checks were completed and we fitted 4,767 smoke alarms. 238 schools were visited as part of the Service's schools programme, delivering fire and road safety education to 21,033 pupils.

The Service's prevention, education, enforcement and inspection programmes have resulted in significant reductions in the number of incidents attended.

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