

## **Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service**

Please ask for: Service Information Team Leader

Tel: 01604 797000

Our Ref:

Your Ref: N/A

Date: 12 February 2021

If you have any difficulty in obtaining the above telephone number please email enquiries@northantsfire.gov.uk.

## Re: Request for information (our ref: NFRS2021-09-10)

I am writing in response to your request for information under the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000, received 18 January 2021. Our response is provided below:

Q1 I understand that 20 St Michaels Road, Northampton, NN1 3JU has been inspected by yourselves and you have issued a Notice to the Landlord for certain improvements or works to be carried out to ensure compliance with legislation.

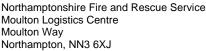
Failure on the part of the Landlord to do these works may be the basis of a claim for damages as a result against the Landlord

As a result we seek documents from you confirming that you have acted upon a report as to the state of these premises (purely of course from a fire perspective), documents or reports confirming that you have inspected the premises and indeed we seek copies of any Notices issues by you as to the state of the premises and non-compliance with any Fire legislation over the last 3 years.

Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service (NFRS) are exempting our response under Section 30 of the FOI Act as this request is part of an ongoing matter (refer to exemption below):

- 30 –(1) Information held by a public authority is exempt information if it has at any time been held by the authority for the purpose of –
- (a) Any investigation which the public authority has a duty to conduct with a view to it being ascertained -
  - (i) whether a person should be charged with an offence, or
  - (ii) whether a person charged with an offence is guilty of it,
- (b) any investigation which is conducted by the authority and in the circumstances may lead to a decision by the authority to institute criminal proceedings which the authority has power to conduct, or
- (c) any criminal proceedings which the authority has power to conduct.

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There is currently an enforcement notice in force (accessible from the <u>public register</u>) and failure to comply with that will cause NFRS to consider formal legal action against the responsible person. Disclosure of any information in relation to this premises may impact potential legal action.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me quoting reference NFRS2021-09-10.

Yours sincerely

Service Information Team Leader

If you are unhappy with the response, you can ask the Service to review it. To do this, please email <a href="mailto:enquiries@northantsfire.gov.uk">enquiries@northantsfire.gov.uk</a> or alternatively write to the address below:

Service Information Manager Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service Moulton Logistics Centre Moulton Way Northampton NN3 6XJ

If our internal review does not resolve the issue to your complete satisfaction, you have the right to apply to the Information Commissioner for a decision at the following address:

Information Commissioner Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF