## [Defence Exhibit 13 – Removal of restrictions from exits and entrances]

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Afternoon

Thank you for the update,

As per our conversation yesterday, Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service cannot get involved in any matters civil.

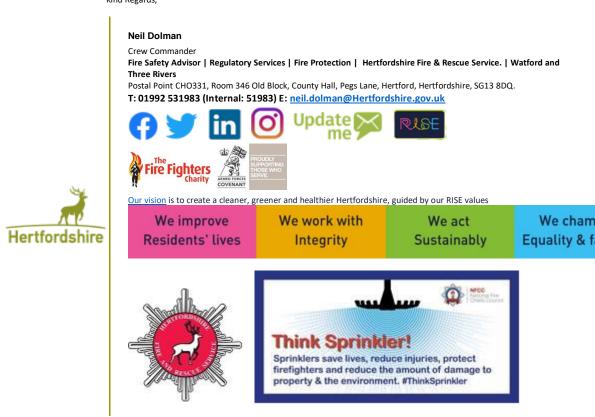
If the building is occupied legally "Relevant Person" the "Means of escape" - fire escape routes are required to be accessible at all times as per the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 and require reinstating **immediately**.

Article 14 - Emergency routes and exits

- No door should be locked or fastened in such a manner that it cannot be easily and immediately opened from the
  inside without the use of keys or codes.
- All final exit doors not in normal use should be fitted with panic type fastenings conforming to BS 1125 and indicated by suitable signage.

The tenant was made aware that if he was there illegally he may be putting his staff and himself at risk as the fire escapes are locked shut.

## Kind Regards,



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