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Shurgard Fire - 78 Purley Way, Croydon CR0 3JP.

I am writing to request information and be granted access, if any, to all Public Notices and any other relevant public information the LFB have on them.

I know the LFB visits and inspect a range of premises and If they discover problems you can issue legal enforcement or alteration notices, which require the responsible person to take specific action. I would like to know if any Enforcement Notice or prosecution for failing to meet responsibilities has been issued to Shurgard in the past years.

Furthermore, I would like to request the forensic report if it is already available, and any other relevant public information regarding the Shurgard Fire. If it isn't I would like to know how can I register or subscribe to be informed accordingly when new information is made available. Look forward to hearing from you.

I'm attaching for your reference a screenshot of Shurgard's website advertising the benefits of using their facilities to store tyres.

I would like to know if Shurgard consulted LFB on this subject matter and/or would they need any special permit, fire prevention training or any additional fire suppression device(s) in place to comply with the storage of such items.

It's widely known that tyres are noted for being difficult to cool down and extinguish. Such fires produce dark smoke, which carries toxic chemicals from the breakdown of synthetic rubber compounds while burning and studies show that regular sprinkler systems (even if they had any) are not sufficient and inert gas extinguishing system in combination with an effective detection system would be the preferred choice for protecting these warehouses.

I write further to our correspondence regarding your questions on the fire at the Shurgard storage facility - 78 Purley Way, Croydon CR0 3JP.

Having looked into the points you have raised, I have consulted with our fire safety department who have confirmed we hold records of completing two fire safety audits at the Shurgard site on Purley Way. I have provided an audit history for these inspections in the table below.

Inspection	Date Completed	Outcome	Compliance Level	Comments
Fire Safety Audit	12.07.2012	Premises Broadly Compliant	Well Above Average	No further action
Fire Safety Audit	25.08.2016	Premises Broadly Compliant	Well Above Average	No further action

As you will see from the above, neither of these inspections resulted in any notices (informal or formal) being served on the premises under the Regulatory Reform (fire safety) Order (2005) (RRO).

To address your concerns on the storage of tyres and any consultation on the subject matter. I have been advised that we hold no records of Shurgard consulting with the London Fire Brigade (LFB) on such matters regarding the Purley Way site. Any risk regarding the storage of such items should have been addressed by the responsible persons as part of their fire risk assessment. With regards to obtaining a copy of any incident/fire report from this, it is my understanding that you have already been in consultation with our incident reports team who will continue to progress this part of your request outside of the freedom of information act (FOIA)*.

**Our fire reports are exempt from disclosure under the FOIA as they are considered a chargeable service and so incur a fee. As a result they are exempt via Section 21 of the FOIA - Information accessible to the applicant by other means. Regrettably this means we cannot provide you with a copy of these reports (or the information held within them) without payment.*

I do hope you find the information that has been provided in this response of use. Should you have any further questions do let me know.