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Dear Mr Pledger

Carpets in Common Parts to Flat Blocks

I am writing in response to your letter to SDO Paul Bowers of 15th November 2011, regarding the matter of carpets in common parts to blocks of flats.

I would take this opportunity to reinforce the informal advice that has been previously provided by Essex County Fire & Rescue Service Officers, that carpets in common parts should be avoided. The decision to remove existing carpets from common parts will be influenced by the findings of a site specific risk assessment and should take account of a number of factors, many of which are detailed in the report presented to the Housing Scrutiny Panel in October 2011. Therefore, and as this is a matter for the Responsible Person as designated under the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005, I am unable to provide more specific advice on your enquiry.

Yours sincerely

DO Jon Payne
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