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Dear Mr. Conboy,

Re. Report on Investigation into Fatal Incident (Patrick Mullings)

Thank you for sending me the report. I am pleased to see that it confirms that we were in no way culpable.

In the light of the unfortunate event last year & your comments, the Managing Trustees reviewed the Church's Hiring Procedures at their recent meeting.

They noted that all new & prospective Hirers are routinely made aware of all exits, where they lead to & their relationship to the outside surroundings. This is required by Fire Regulations.

They also noted that Special Connection had been using our premises on an occasional basis since 1998. They were, therefore, thoroughly conversant with the layout of the buildings & their surroundings. It was felt that giving them a plan (as your report suggests) would not, in this instance, have made any difference to the outcome. The lapse of duty of care was on the part of the hirers.

It was further noted that, when considering a request for the issue of internal keys, the interests &/or needs of all the groups using the premises at that time, are taken into account.

We saw no advantage in changing the procedures regarding internal keys or in routinely issuing those groups providing services to children, with plans to the premises. It is for the Hirer to assess any risk to those in their care & to take action on it. If, during their Risk Assessment, they feel a plan would be helpful, we would be happy to provide one.

The Managing Trustees did recommend that all current groups where children are involved should be written to, stressing the need for vigilance & asking them to review their Risk Management Procedures. New Hirers where children & young people are involved will receive similar written information.

Yours sincerely,

P.Wildman.
For Property Committee

cc. Chief Executive, Brent Council