

Statement to Funders and Investors - UPP update on fire safety in buildings

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Following media coverage of the recent fire at student accommodation in Greater Manchester we are aware that there has been increased media speculation relating to fire safety in buildings with multiple occupants.

The safety of students and staff at all our university partners remains of paramount importance to all of us at UPP.

We can confirm that all of our buildings comply with prevailing building regulations. UPP has recently reviewed fire strategies across our portfolio and this has been undertaken in conjunction with external fire safety consultants and our primary authority.

In terms of active fire safety UPP specifies Level 1 or 2 fire alarm systems and undertakes annual fire risk assessments, annual servicing of fire safety equipment and biannual fire door safety checks. All fire alarm activations are investigated by trained staff.

It remains the case that the design of the facades on our new-build and transferred accommodation is factored into the fire safety and evacuation strategy in each case and these remain under constant review. We continue to work with partners to ensure that all residents remain cognisant of these and will take any appropriate action should it be required.

We hope that our funders and investors feel reassured and, should anyone have any concerns, they can contact us at communications@upp-ltd.com