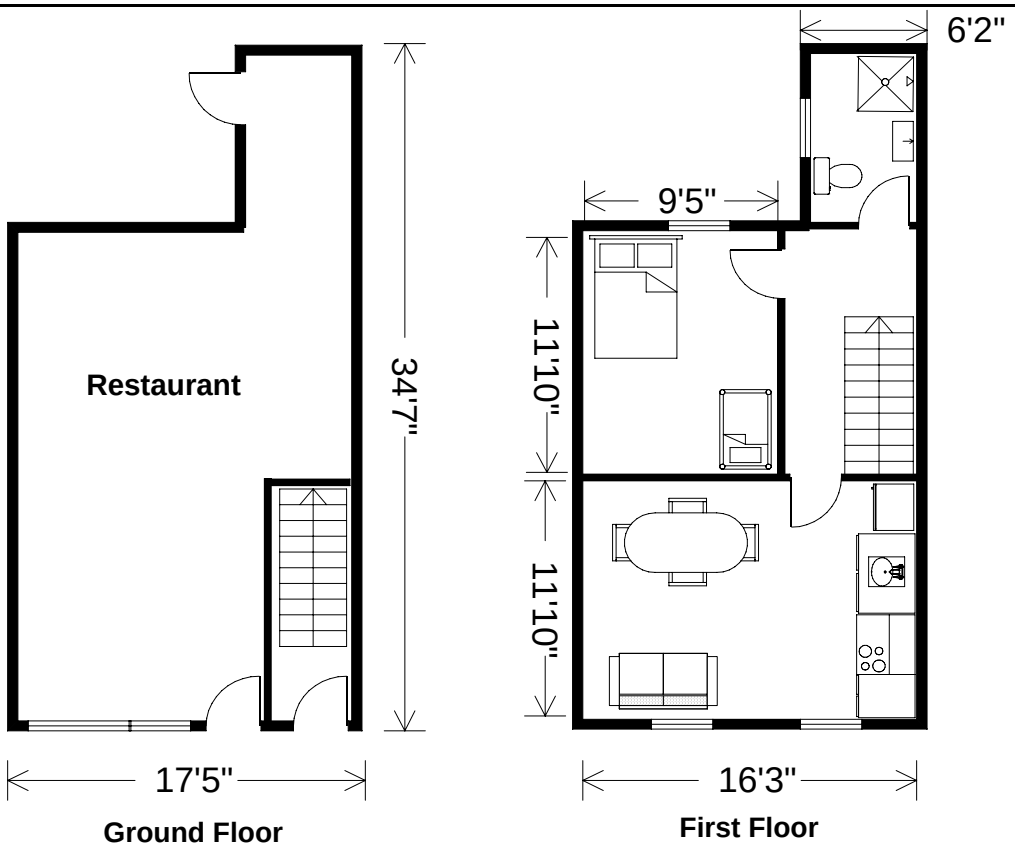
Crowding & Space

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Vulnerable age	No specific age group		**Multiple locations**	Yes	**No**
Related hazards	None		**Secondary hazards**	Yes	**No**



Ground Floor **First Floor**

DESCRIPTION OF HAZARDS

Dwelling: Pre - 1920 First Floor Flat

Background: This dwelling is a first floor flat above a ground floor restaurant and has it's own access from the street at the front. It has access to a garden. The accommodation comprises of a combined living room/kitchen/dining room, one bedroom and a shower room. It is a reasonable state of repair and has full central heating, double glazed windows and around 150mm of insulation to the roof space above the accommodation. The living room/kitchen/dining room has a floor area of around 192 square feet (17m2) with the bedroom being approximately 111 square feet (10m2). There is a large public park within approximately 500 metres of the dwelling.

Current Occupancy: The flat is occupied by a married couple and their 6 week old daughter. All three occupants sleep in the bedroom.

LIST OF RELEVANT MATTERS

LIKELIHOOD & OUTCOMES

a	Living area	-
b	Kitchen area	-
c	Personal washing area	-
d	Washing area door	-
e	Sanitary accommodation	-
f	Sanitary accommodation door	-
g	Number of bedrooms	1
h	Bedroom size	-
I	Bedroom location	-
j	Recreational space	-

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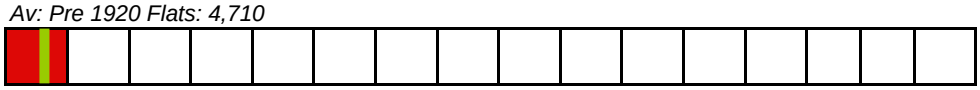
3	Seriously defective
2	Defective
1	Not satisfactory
-	Satisfactory/NA

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HEALTH AND SAFETY RATING SYSTEM SCORES

LIKELIHOOD Low ⟶ High **1 in 5,600**

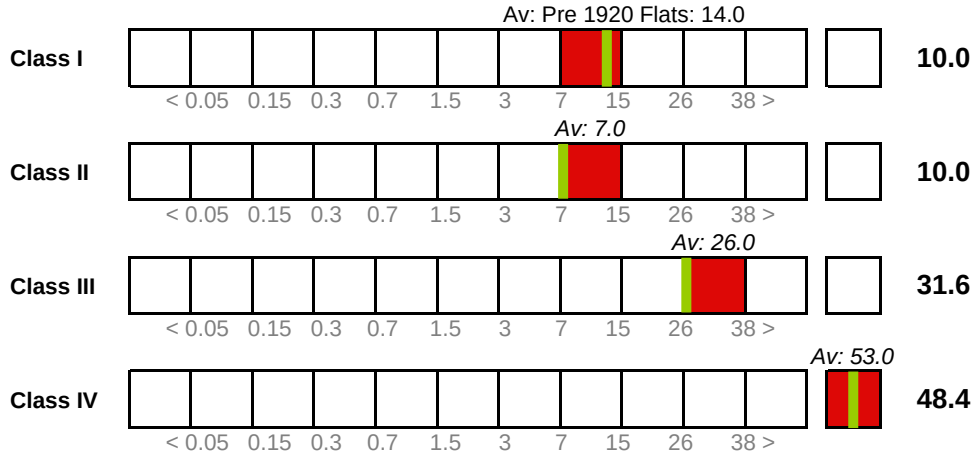
Av: Pre 1920 Flats: 4,710



Justification

As for all hazards, the current occupation is disregarded in the HHSRS assessment of the dwelling. The dwelling provides adequate sleeping, living and recreational space for up to two persons.On this basis, the dwelling is satisfactory. However, there is a mis-match between the current occupying household and the house - on which see below. .

OUTCOMES **%**



Justification

Having disregarded the actual occupancy, there is no reason to suggest that the spread of harm outcomes would be any different to the national average.

Av: Pre 1920 Flats: 33

RATING A B C D E F G H I J **Score: 21**

RATING SCORES TAKING ACCOUNT OF CURRENT OCCUPANTS

IMPROVE **Likelihood to** 1 in 180 **Outcomes to** 10.0 | 10.0 | 37.4 | 48.4 %

Justification

The accommodation is suitable for two persons, the young baby causes that accommodation to be crowded, a situation compounded by the lack of separation between the living space and the kitchen/dining area and the relatively small bedroom. Although parents sometimes like to have a new born child in the same room as them in the first few weeks, this is unavoidable in this situation. The child is only 12 weeks at this time but over the next 12 months will require a room of their own to establish a routine and to allow the parents some privacy and space during teething or when the child is ill etc. It is not practical or reasonable to relocate the child or the parents into the living room. There is significant likelihood that either, or both, of the parents will suffer some psychological distress as the situation continues over the next 12 months. There is nothing however that justifies changing the spread of harm from the national average.

Av: 33

NEW RATING A B C **D** E F G H I J **Score: 666**

Av: Nos	*Average likelihood and health outcomes for all persons of all ages, 1997-1999.*