

## **Timber Constructed High Rise Buildings**

You will have heard about CLT (cross laminated timber) which is being used to build high rise timber buildings. There was one such building erected in London (The Staudhaus, Hackney) recently which is believed to be not sprinklered and was 7 storeys high. There is a full-on drive now for organisations throughout the world to drive the carbon agenda by 'waiving' conventional fire safety considerations for timber buildings.

The following link will take you to an interesting article regarding building tall buildings and skyscrapers out of timber. Although it does not focus on fire safety, we should all consider very carefully the notion of timber high rise buildings and how to make them safe from fire as the timber trend continues to drive the building agenda.

A speaker has been booked to present on timber framed buildings at the IFSM 2015 AGM set for 15<sup>th</sup> October at BRE, Boreham Wood. This presentation and this article will stimulate some very 'healthy' debate on the subject.

<http://www.cnn.com/2015/06/12/europe/worlds-tallest-wooden-skyscraper-paris/index.html>