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PLANNING FIRE SAFETY STRATEGY

Planning Fire Safety Strategy

1. This Fire Safety Strategy has been prepared to accompany an application for planning permission for a proposed external customer seating area at Ground Floor, Hotham House, 1 Heron Square, Richmond, TW9 1EJ.

Planning Policy Requirements

2. Policy D12 of the London Plan addresses fire safety. Part A of this policy states:

In the interests of fire safety and to ensure the safety of all building users, all development proposals must achieve the highest standards of fire safety and ensure that they:

1) identify suitably positioned unobstructed outside space:

a) for fire appliances to be positioned on

b) appropriate for use as an evacuation assembly point

2) are designed to incorporate appropriate features which reduce the risk to life and the risk of serious injury in the event of a fire; including appropriate fire alarm systems and passive and active fire safety measures

3) are constructed in an appropriate way to minimise the risk of fire spread

4) provide suitable and convenient means of escape, and associated evacuation strategy for all building users

5) develop a robust strategy for evacuation which can be periodically updated and published, and which all building users can have confidence in

6) provide suitable access and equipment for firefighting which is appropriate for the size and use of the development.

3. Part B of Policy D12 concerns major development only and is therefore irrelevant to the application proposals.
4. Supporting paragraph 3.12.2 to Policy D12 also states that: *'The matter of fire safety compliance is covered by Part B of the Building Regulations.'*

Application Proposals

5. The application proposals are very modest in nature and their consequential fire safety implications are also modest in nature. The application proposals simply comprise an external customer seating area, to replace the previously approved external customer seating area. The application proposals would replace the existing associated furniture with new furniture, umbrellas, demarcation planters and external waiter station. Furthermore, the existing artificial grass surfacing would be replaced with new external floor tiles. The associated tables, chairs, umbrellas

and waiter station would be taken in at night and stored inside the restaurant premises when the external seating area is not in use. No other works or alterations are proposed as part of the application scheme. There is no change of use of the premises involved, either.

Fire Safety Strategy Requirements

6. The proposed alternative external customer seating area would have no impact upon, and would not amend any existing arrangements already in place at the application site for, the appropriate positioning of fire appliances; the appropriate evacuation assembly points; existing floor layouts and the strategy for evacuation of the premises; existing suppression systems; nor existing stair cores.

7. The proposed replacement external customer seating would simply replace the previously approved external customer seating area and would be positioned in the same location. The management of customers and staff in the event of a fire event would continue to be in the same manner as before.

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