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Reasonable Exception Statement (RES)

London Plan Guidance

Planning Fire Safety Strategy Policy D.12(A)

Proposed development: *Erection of an terrace extension for the Orangery*

Site address: Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, TW9 3AE

1. Information on space provisions for fire appliances and assembly points

The proposed extension will be located within a small section of the Great Lawn, located in front of the south elevation of the Orangery, where the proposed extension does not alter existing roadways or the space provisions for access for fire appliances or assembly points. Provision of appliances will be made in line with RBGK's existing fire strategy.

Evacuation assembly points will remain unchanged from RBGK's existing strategy.

2. Information on passive and active safety measures

The proposed terrace extension is located outside on the Great Lawn, and therefore does not cause any risk to life. As a result, passive and active safety measures are not relevant to this proposed.

3. Information and data on construction products and materials

The proposed terrace extension will consist of a self-binding permeable gravel which will replace the existing layer of grass, and furniture and movable planters will occupy the space. All materials will be in line with Building Regulations.

4. Information on means of escape and evacuation strategy

The proposed development is located outside in the Great Lawn, and therefore an escape and evacuation strategy does not apply to this proposal.

5. Information on access and equipment for firefighting

As above, the proposed development is located outside and therefore access and equipment for firefighting does not apply. This has already been organised for the Orangery, and an adequate firefighting water supply will always be provided in line with RBGK's existing strategy.

All of the above information is based on the fact that the building is NOT a MAJOR DEVELOPMENT and it is being established that NO net impact on existing Fire Safety Provisions. The project site and all works will comply with the minimum Fire Safety Standards of the national Building Regulations requirements.