Summer 2024 (Marc Quinn) exhibition, Kew Gardens

Reasonable Exception Statement (RES)

London Plan Guidance
Planning Fire Safety Strategy Policy D.12(A)

Proposed development: Temporary installation of the Summer 2024 exhibition at Kew Gardens

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

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

The proposal comprises temporary installations and no floorspace will be created. Fire appliances and assembly points are not relevant to this development, however it should be noted that evacuation assembly points will remain unchanged from the Royal Botanic Garden, Kew's (RBGK's) existing strategy.

2. Information on passive and active safety measures

As above, the proposal comprises temporary installations and no floorspace will be created. Passive and active safety measures are not relevant to this development. RBGK's existing strategy will remain unchanged.

3. Information and data on construction products and materials

Any proposed new materials will be in line with Building Regulations.

4. Information on means of escape and evacuation strategy

The proposed development does not provide any new internal floorspace, and so there is no requirements for a means of escape and associated evacuation strategy. Visitors on the site will be expected to follow any existing fire evacuation procedures and escape strategy at RBGK.

5. Information on access and equipment for firefighting

The site has suitable access. Equipment for fire-fighting is not required on this project and will not be provided apart from the local fire brigade in an emergency situation. 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 proposals are not a major development and are temporary in nature. There is no impact on existing Fire Safety Provisions. The risk of fire starting in or around any installation is considered very low. The risk of the fire spreading before detection and alarm being raised is considered very low.