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Dear Mrs. Gardner,

**THE NORFOLK ARMS HOTEL, ARUNDEL.
LISTED BUILDINGS CONSENT ref: AB/23/16/L
APPLICATION to DISCHARGE CONSENT CONDITION 5.**

Further to our recent e-mail correspondence, and your discussions with the Historic Buildings Officer, Dr. Ian Wightman, I can confirm that this letter is part of a formal application to discharge Condition 5 of the Listed Buildings Consent ref: AB/23/16/L, for The Norfolk Arms Hotel, Arundel.

As discussed, the Listed Buildings Approval Condition 5 calls for '.... precise details of the retention / replacement entrance lobby glazing and self-adhesive fire-proofing film' to be submitted, but such a film which would satisfy the Building Regulations requirements for fire-resistance, is not yet available on the market.

As a result, this Condition Release application proposes the installation instead, of 2no. ceiling-mounted 'fire curtains' within the Reception Corridor and rear Stairwell, which would enable the existing Reception entrance door & fanlight and the existing Stairwell glazed screen, glazed doors & fanlight etc. to be fully retained and unaffected.

From your e-mail correspondence, I understand that Dr. Wightman would not have any objection to this proposal.

Dr. Wightman was previously concerned also that the existing pair of glazed doors within the Stairwell glazed screen should not be replaced. The application drawings now show the existing pair of doors being retained and unaltered, except that they would need to be re-hung to open outwards, in the direction of emergency escape.

Under current Building Regulations, there is a requirement for '... the door of any doorway or exit should, if reasonably practicable, be hung to open in the direction of escape and should always do so if the number of persons that might be expected to use the door at the time of a fire is more than 60' (Building Regs. Part B, Vol.2, para 5.14).

The occupancy numbers of the Hotel guests and staff means that these doors would fall into the 'more than 60' category, hence the need to re-hang the existing door leaves within the existing frame.

I would hope that this can all be considered as acceptable, but please do not hesitate to let me know if you need anything further to be included as part of this application, or if you have any queries on the submitted information.

Yours faithfully,

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