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**STATUTORY CONSULTATION**

Further to your recent consultation, below are the observations and comments made by the Fire Authority on the Building Regulations, The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 – “the Order” and any other relevant legislation made in accordance with the “*Building Regulations and Fire Safety Procedural Guidance*”.

**BUILDING REGULATIONS CONSULTATION****To:** [REDACTED] - Building Control / Approved Inspector**Email:** [REDACTED]

<b>Premises:</b>	Salvation Army Donation Centre Unit 5 City Walls Road Worcester WR1 2AH		
<b>Consultation Ref:</b>	507091/AW/LR	<b>Plan Drawing No(s):</b>	As supplied.
<b>Date of Receipt:</b>	30/11/2021	<b>Date of Examination:</b>	01/12/2021
<b>FRS Reference:</b>	S2129325/209376/JJ/AM please quote the above reference number on all communications		
<b>Proposal:</b>	Fit-out of Former Car Showroom to form Donation Centre for The Salvation Army		

In accordance with Article 45 of the Order and the Fire Safety Procedural Guidance, the proposals have been examined by an authorised officer to identify whether the proposed undertaking will allow the responsible persons to fulfil their duties under the Order, once the premises are occupied.

Where additional works to satisfy duties under the Order could be addressed as a requirement under the Building Regulations, such matters are identified in “Building Regulations Consultation”.

Requirements under the Order and other fire safety legislation plus advice are given in the “Client’s Copy”.

Please note that it is unlikely that the responsible person will be able to comply with the Order unless that person is provided with the fire safety information required under Building Regulation 38 before the new or altered premises are occupied.

**See comments on Page 2.**

Signed:

[REDACTED]  
(Authorised Fire Safety Inspecting Officer)

Date:

30 November 2021

Print Name:

Telephone No:

Number of Sheets:

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## Guidance documents used during this consultation:-

## Approved Document B

## OBSERVATIONS IN RELATION TO THE BUILDING REGULATIONS

<b>(i) Items under B1 – Means of warning and escape</b>	
<b>Section/Paragraph No.</b>	<b>Comment</b>
	<p><u>Information provided from the Plans &amp; in the Fire Safety Appraisal is noted:</u></p> <p>Fire Detection and Alarm system to be in accordance with BS 5839 Part 1, 2017 – to L2 standard.</p> <p>Emergency Lighting to be in accordance with BS 5266 Part 1, 2016.</p> <p>Fire Escape Signage to be in accordance with the Health and Safety (Safety signs and signals) Regulations 1996 or BS 5499 Part 1, 2014.</p> <p>Inner rooms should be suitably addressed by the provision of AFD to L2 category.</p>
<b>(ii) Items under B2 – Internal fire spread (linings)</b>	
<b>Section/Paragraph No.</b>	<b>Comment</b>
ADB 2019 Vol 2: - 6.1, Table 6.1	All wall and ceiling linings to comply with B2 – Section 6 - Table 6.1
<b>(iii) Items under B3 – Internal fire spread (structure)</b>	
<b>Section/Paragraph No.</b>	<b>Comment</b>
	Information provided from the Plans & in the Fire Safety Appraisal is noted.
<b>(iv) Items under B4 – External fire spread</b>	
<b>Section/Paragraph No.</b>	<b>Comment</b>
	Information provided indicates that this requirement is not being adversely affected by the proposals.
<b>(v) Items under B5 – Access and facilities for the Fire Service</b>	
<b>Section/Paragraph No.</b>	<b>Comment</b>
	Information provided indicates that this requirement is as existing and is not being adversely affected by the proposals.
<b>Consultation Notes / General Comments</b>	
<b>Reference</b>	<b>Comment</b>

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**FIRE SAFETY ORDER, OTHER FIRE SAFETY LEGISLATION AND ADVISORY MATTERS**

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**FIRE SAFETY ORDER**

**The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 – “the Order”**

The responsible person must take such general fire precautions as will ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, the safety of any of his employees and other relevant persons who may not be in his employment.

**A Fire Risk Assessment of the premises must be carried out in accordance with Article 9 of the Order.**

The following matters relating to compliance with the Order may need to be addressed:

Reference	Comment
Art 9	Fire Risk Assessment
Art 13	Fire Fighting and Detection
Art 14	Emergency Routes and Exits

Adequate fire safety management is integral to the success of the fire safety arrangements. The fire procedure should be individually considered for the premises in the context of the specific active and passive fire safety measures provided, and should be supported by both training and robust and effective maintenance arrangements.

An example of a Fire Risk Assessment template can be downloaded from [www.hwfire.org.uk](http://www.hwfire.org.uk).

If you require further advice please consult the publication Fire Safety Risk Assessment - Small & Medium Places of Assembly - ISBN 13: 978 1 which provides information about the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005. A copy of the Guide can be downloaded from [www.communities.gov.uk/fire/firesafety/firesafetylaw](http://www.communities.gov.uk/fire/firesafety/firesafetylaw) or can be purchased from bookshops.

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## **OTHER FIRE SAFETY LEGISLATION**

<b>Reference</b>	<b>Comment</b>

## **ITEMS THAT ARE ADVISORY BUT NOT ENFORCEABLE**

<b>Reference</b>	<b>Comment</b>

It is the considered opinion of this Fire and Rescue Authority that the inclusion of a sprinkler system would have a significant contribution to make in combating any outbreak of fire. They can Save Lives, Stop Fires and Save Money.

In the United Kingdom around 600 people are killed by fire each year and 14,000 are injured. Sprinklers would greatly reduce both these figures.

Where sprinkler systems have been fitted in buildings, 99% of subsequent fires have either been controlled or extinguished.

Losses from fires in buildings protected with sprinklers are estimated to be only one tenth of those in unprotected buildings. Also sprinklers can save on building costs as under the Building Regulations, larger compartment sizes may be constructed. Your local Building Control Inspector will be able to give you further advice on this.

The after effects of a fire are numerous and can be long lasting, often seriously affecting the running of any organisation together with the down time. Irreplaceable resources are often lost which can affect the morale of the workforce.

Sprinklers help to protect the environment by controlling a fire in the early stages preventing damaging airborne and water run-off pollution.

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**For further Fire Safety advice and assistance, please contact Hereford & Worcester Fire and Rescue Service Business Fire Safety (Protection) Department on 0808 196 9500 or the Service website [www.hwfire.org.uk](http://www.hwfire.org.uk).**