

Proposed single storey extension.

5A Westmoreland Road, London SE17 2AX

Fire Safety Statement

Introduction

Studio Charrette has been commissioned by Alhaji Turay to prepare a planning application for a single storey rear extension at 5A Westmoreland Road, London SE17 2AX.

Application Site

The application site is part of a terrace of shops that front onto Westmoreland Road, Walworth, London SE17 2AX with a service yard to the rear which in turn gains access to Arnside Street.

The property is not listed but is sited within the Walworth Road Conservation Area.

A previous application was submitted and refused and also dismissed at Planning Appeal to retain an existing single storey extension at the rear.

Figure 1: Site Location Plan



The applicant has advised of the following in regard to Fire Safety measures appertaining to the above proposal:-

- (i) Designated assembly point located at the rear of the car park facing Arnside Street.
- (ii) This assembly point can be reached via the rear door to the premises, through the extension.
- (iii) Presently there are three fire extinguishers and blankets. The extinguishers are sited:-
 - (a) At the entrance to premises onto Westmoreland Road;

- (b) Midway through the premises opposite the toilets;
- (c) Far corner of the extensions now retrospectively applied for.

(iv) The Fire Emergency Procedures including evacuation strategy and emergency plan currently in place are as follows:-

- (a) With regard to detecting fires and warning occupiers, there is a plan in place which shows details for detecting fires has been installed;
- (b) Use of automatic fire detection systems i.e smoke alarms and fire detectors;
- (c) Trained designated person who will undertake an investigation into the fire alarm before calling the Fire Service;
- (d) Occupiers will be warned of a fire in the premises by staff members simply by shouting fire to automated systems using sounders, voice alarms and visual signals in place;
- (e) On hearing an alarm signal the building will be evacuated by reporting fire to nominated person, leaving the building immediately and Fire Marshal ensuring that the floor is completely evacuated and reporting this action has been undertaken.
- (f) On hearing the fire alarm, occupiers who do not have specific designated duties should start to leave the building as soon as the alarm sounds, unless instructed to the contrary.
- (g) Everyone on leaving the premises should do so in a calm, orderly manner, by the most direct route to the exit doors;
- (h) No one should stop to collect belongings;
- (i) All escape routes are clearly marked;
- (j) At the assembly points there should be a roll-call by trained person;
- (k) The Fire Service should be advised on arrival of any person not accounted for by trained person who should liaise with the Fire Service;
- (l) There is currently a trained fire Marshal in the premises who will be fully trained in the use of fire extinguisher and then if the fire cannot be put out, it should be left for Fire Service;
- (m) If a false alarm, the trained person will ensure procedures for re setting the systems including automatic fire detection and alarm systems;
- (n) The trained person will investigate why fire alarm was set off and undertake the necessary remedial action to prevent recurrence;
- (o) Fire Engines can access premises via either Westmoreland Road or the rear service yard off Arnside Street;
- (p) The materials for the development are as per the submitted plans i.e. brick construction, insulated floor, insulated single ply membrane roof, insulated walls with plasterboard internal lining and brick external finish