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Dear Phil

FIRE PRECAUTIONS ACT 1971 (AS AMENDED)
Lancaster Sports Centre, Chapel Street, Derby, DE1 3GU

Further to our recent meeting, I would like to confirm the following points:-

Means of Escape

Due to the number of exits from the leisure centre and taking into account door widths, it was agreed that the maximum occupancy be reduced to 100 for the leisure centre.

A revised alternative means of escape was not considered necessary by the Fire Authority as it is likely that occupants of the car park will discharge via the internal ramp, and not all via the two main stairways.

Alternative Means of Escape from Sports Hall

Remedial work is to be carried out to the door, but it is understood that the door needs to be kept shut whilst the hall is in use.

Main Electric Doors

The Fire Authority is in agreement that the doors should be wired into the fire alarm system in order that they fail safe in the 'open' position.

Doors in General

All fire doors are to be maintained with smoke seals fitted and self closers in good working order. This includes the fire doors to both escape stairways.

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Escape from 'Judo' Rooms

The travel distances from the above rooms are considered to be acceptable and the Fire Authority are not of the opinion that the blocked means of escape should be reinstated.

Access / Facilities for Disabled Users

It is the City Council's policy not to admit disabled users to the above premise, unless by prior arrangement, and only then with a risk assessment. The assumption can then be made that the majority of people utilising the leisure centre will be able bodied, and therefore able to use the short ladders down to the sports hall and then make their way out the alternative means of escape if necessary.

Fire Alarm

The M1 system is adequate for the premises. However, the Fire Authority agrees to extending the detection into the roof void (in excess of 800m). It was also agreed to install domestic alarms outside the ladies gym and the toilets to alert their users in case of fire, in effect making it an L5 system.

The break glass call points are correctly positioned, in the view of the fact that the reception will be permanently staffed.

With regards to the car park section, the Fire Authority is of the opinion that it would be difficult to site and maintain break glass call points in the car park storeys due to continued vandalism etc.

Escape Lighting

All parts of the premises occupied by the public to be provided with an escape lighting system independent of the primary lighting. This system to give sufficient light to illuminate the exit signs and allow persons to see their way out of the building in the event of a failure of the primary lighting. The system to be capable of operating on mains failure and localised circuit failure, and is to be designed, installed and maintained in accordance with the current BS5266 : Part 1.

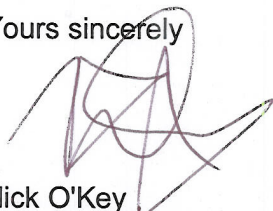
General

The Fire Authority agree that staff training is crucial to the management of the risk in the premise, and all staff are to be trained to conduct a full sweep of the leisure centre in the event of the alarm sounding.

This training should be recorded and records maintained.

If I can be of any further assistance to you in this matter please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



Nick O'Key
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