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Date 27 April 2021

Dear Sir

**The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005  
ACTIONS TO ADDRESS FIRE SAFETY MATTERS**

**Chillies Restaurant and Takeaway, Former Blue Inn Hotel, Far Moor Lane, Winyates Green, Redditch B98 0SD**

Following the recent fire safety audit carried out at your premises on 27 April 2021, I am pleased to advise you that the standard of fire safety was reasonable. However, I am of the opinion that you can further improve the fire safety in your premises to a satisfactory standard. The attached schedule sets out suggested improvements.

My audits of premises are based on sampling inspection of your fire safety arrangements and may not have identified every deficiency. You remain responsible for reviewing your fire risk assessment, considering the adequacy of your existing arrangements and any extra measures that are needed to safeguard people.

I would be grateful if you could spend a few minutes completing our Client Feedback Form, which will allow the Fire and Rescue Service to improve its performance and service to businesses. This is available on our website at [www.hwfire.org.uk](http://www.hwfire.org.uk). Click on 'Safety and Advice', 'Business Fire Safety' and then 'Rate your visit' or, if receiving this letter via email, click on the following link <http://www.hwfire.org.uk/safety-and-advice/business-safety/rate-your-visit/>. Thank you for your time and assistance.

If you want to ask questions about this letter and schedule, or require any fire safety advice in the future, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully



Authorised Fire Safety Inspecting Officer  
on behalf of Hereford & Worcester Fire Authority

Enc: Schedule of Works

Responding in the time of need  
Protecting from fire and other risks  
Preventing harm and promoting well being

**HEREFORD & WORCESTER FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE**

Premises: Chillies Restaurant and Takeaway

Fire Safety Officer: Chris Wainwright

Date of Audit: 27 April 2021

**SCHEDULE**

**Note to this schedule:-**

- **The Government guidance most suitable to your premises is Fire Safety Risk Assessment :-**
  - **Sleeping Accommodation - ISBN 13: 978 1 85112 817 4.**
  - **Small & Medium Places of Assembly - ISBN 13: 978 1 85112 820 4.**
- **Before you make certain changes to your premises you may have to apply for approval from statutory bodies and/or others having interest in them.**
- **If you have any doubt about the need for approval you should ask the relevant body, for example, you may have to apply for approval from Building Control to make material alterations. You might also need the property owners permission.**

## **1. Fire Safety Matters under Article 9 – failure to carry out a fire risk assessment**

There was no evidence that a suitable and sufficient fire risk assessment has been carried out.

**Required Action that will identify the safety measures you have in place and any further measures you might need to take**

You must carry out a fire risk assessment. Guidance on this is available in the HM Government Guide "Fire Safety Risk Assessment - Small & Medium Places of Assembly - ISBN 13: 978 1 85112 820 4". You can download this guide free from [www.hwfire.org.uk](http://www.hwfire.org.uk) (click on "Business Fire Safety" and then 'Fire Risk Assessment Guides').

**Your fire risk assessment must also address the deficiencies we identified during our audit which are detailed in this schedule.**

You must then make a record of the significant findings which will include:-

- A record of the preventive or protective measures which are already in place to control the risk from fire; it may be helpful to record some of this information on a scale plan of the premises.
- Any further action you identify as necessary and a reasonable timescale for its completion.
- People or groups identified by the assessment as being especially at risk.

Your risk assessment is to be reviewed frequently in order to keep it up to date and particularly if:-

- there is a reason to suspect that it is no longer valid; or
- there has been a significant change in the matters to which it relates including when the premises, work processes, or organisation of the work undergoes significant changes, extensions, or conversions.

The responsible person must take action or make changes identified as necessary from the fire risk assessment.

## **2. Fire Safety Matters under Article 8 – Inadequate measures to reduce the risk of fire spread**

Your measures to reduce risk from the spread of fire are not adequate; in particular:-

- Penetrations by pipes or cables within the boiler room are not effectively fire stopped.

**Required action to reduce the risk of the spread of fire**

- Install fire-stopping around pipes and services where they pass through ceiling and walls.

### **3. Fire Safety Matters under Article 14 – escape routes and exits**

People are unable to evacuate the premises as quickly and as safely as possible:-

- Fire exits and doors on escape routes could not be easily and immediately opened from the inside in an emergency. **Fire exit in kitchen locked with key.**
- There are inadequate arrangements for evacuating people with disabilities.

**Required action to ensure that escape routes (corridors, stairs and doors) can be safely used whenever they are needed**

- Final exit doors should be quickly and easily openable without a key or code in the event of a fire. **Push pads or Lever handles would be acceptable due to staff exit only.**
- Provisions for the safe evacuation of disabled people should be reviewed and necessary improvements implemented. Guidance is available in the HM Government supplementary guide **Fire Safety Risk Assessment – Means of Escape for Disabled People** and you can download this guide free from [www.hwfire.org.uk](http://www.hwfire.org.uk) (click on "Business fire safety" and then 'Fire Risk Assessment Guides').
- Your fire safety management arrangements should be reviewed to ensure that all exit routes, exit doors and other escape provisions are regularly monitored.