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Subject Application No. 101245/FO/2012

Dear Sir/Madam

I have today received a letter from you regarding the above application number, with 5 queries. I will address each of these queries in turn:

1) You have stated your preference is for timber doors as opposed to aluminium doors. We have selected powder coated aluminium doors for two reasons. Firstly, an aluminium door is more secure than a timber door. Secondly, aluminium doors have a greater longevity and have a much lower requirement for maintenance. Once installed and completed, the visual appearances of a gloss painted timber door and a powder coated aluminium door are very similar indeed, with the only difference being the timber grain which is only visible when viewed very closely. In the longer term, the appearance of an aluminium door is likely to be better, as the timber door would deteriorate at a much greater rate than aluminium. I would appreciate your views on this, and would be interested in knowing your specific concerns with an aluminium door.

2) We will provide elevation drawings which show the whole elevations in question rather than only the lower storeys. In respect of sectional drawings, providing these will create a great deal of additional work for us, and I do not see detail a cross section will provide. The proposed and existing cross sections would be exactly the same, and this requirement seems onerous for what is a very small piece of work – widening doors by less than 200mm. I would be grateful if you could reconsider whether sections are required on this occasion, before I approach my client and seek approval for the additional fees.

3) We will provide a scaled drawing of the building, showing the location of the doors.

4) The existing levels will be retained to all 3 nr doors.

5) I have made enquiries regarding the air conditioning units, as I was not involved in this building when they were installed. I will provide further details when available. Notwithstanding this, I do not expect that this matter will affect this planning application, as the works we are completing do not have any impact on the air con units. They are merely adjacent to one of the doors we are replacing.

I would be grateful for your response to the above, so I can commence work on the additional drawings you require.

Kind Regards

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