# FIRE RISK ASSESSMENT

# Report of audit and inspection

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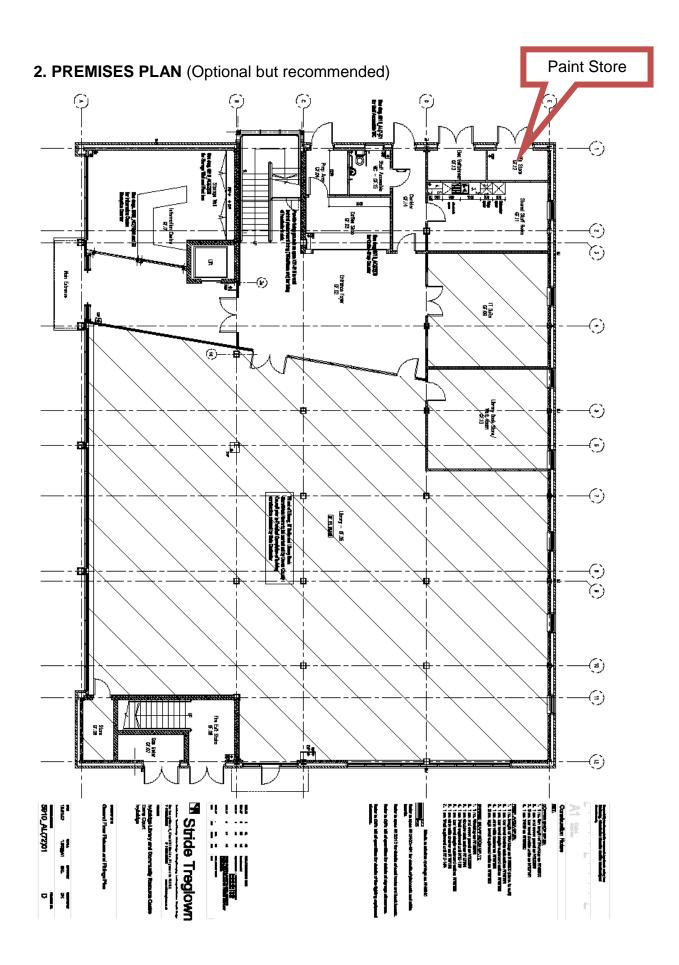
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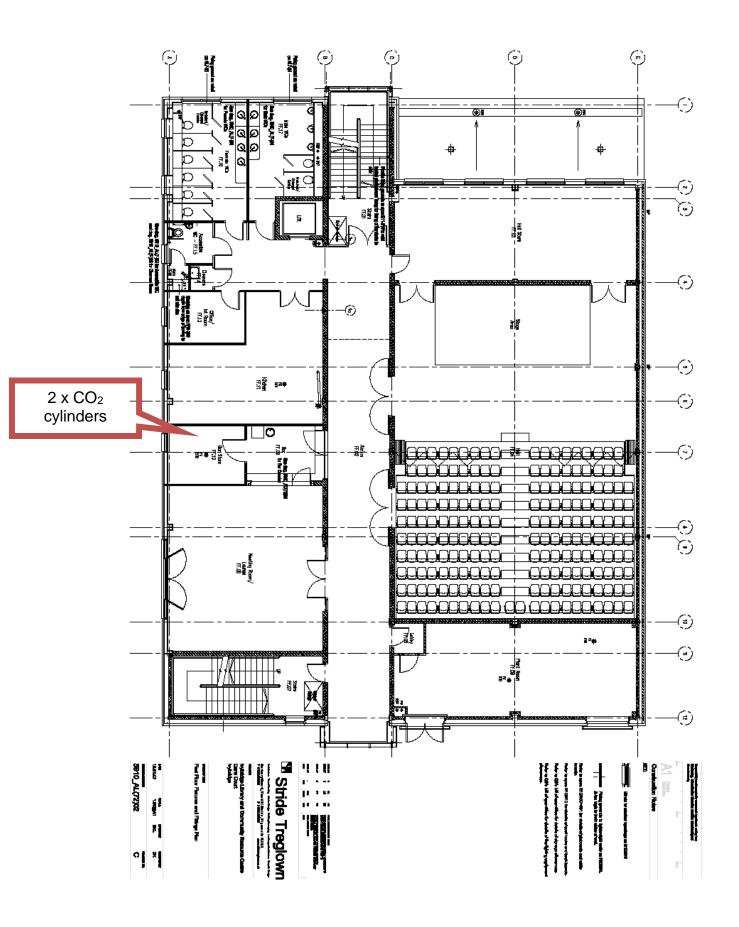
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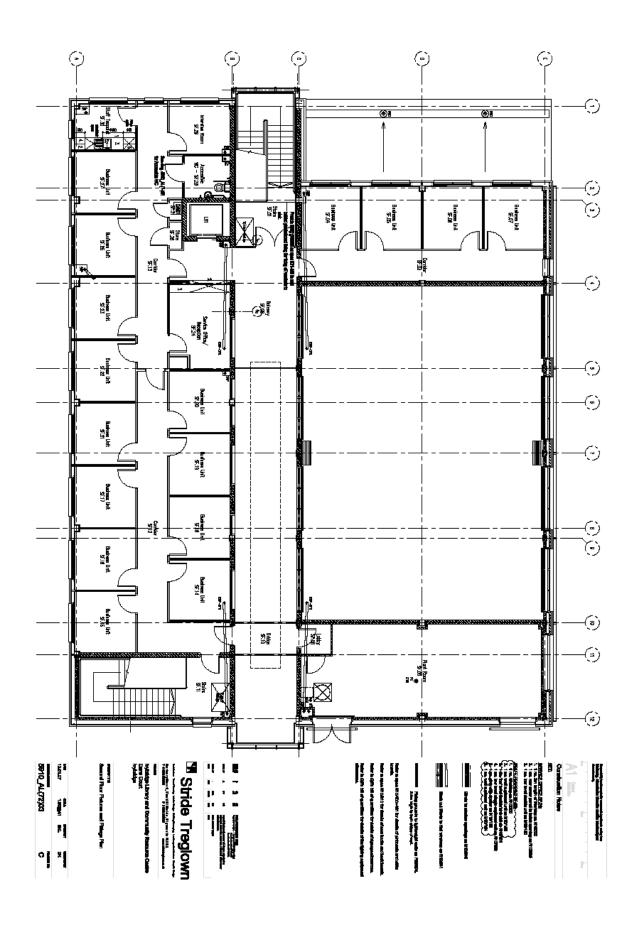
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#### 1. PREMISES DETAILS

PREMISES ADDRESS	The Watermark, Erme Court, Leonards Road, Ivybridge, PL21 0SZ
OCCUPIER	Ivybridge Town Council, Libraries Unlimited and various tenants on top floor
OWNER	Ivybridge Town Council
RESPONSIBLE PERSON	
USE & MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PERSONS PRESENT	Varied use, up to 350 people. No sleeping in.
HOURS PREMISES ARE IN USE	Varied – core M-F 9am-6pm, Sat 9am-2pm, Sunday Henlake Suite 1.30pm – 5pm, various evenings until midnight, occasionally later
CONSTRUCTION	Standard – steel and concrete. Built to 2008 building regs.
DIMENSIONS	
No. OF FLOORS IN PREMISES	3
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DETAILS OF OTHER PREMISES IF PART OF MULTI-OCCUPIED BUILDING	
NAME OF ASSESSOR INCLUDING CONTACT DETAILS	Jonathan Parsons/Julie Gilbert
TRAINING & EXPERIENCE OR KNOWLEDGE OR OTHER QUALITIES OF ASSESSOR	H&S Coordinators – 9 and 3 years' experience respectively IOSH Certified
DATE ASSESSMENT CARRIED OUT REVIEW DATE	December 2016, revised April 2017, revised April 2018, April 2019, June 2019, April 2020, April 2021 April 2022







#### 3. FIRE HAZARDS

3.1. SOURCES IGNITION INCLUDING ACTION TAKEN TO REDUCE THE RISK:	
HAZARDS IDENTIFIED	<ol> <li>Electrical Equipment</li> <li>Cooking equipment</li> <li>Smoking</li> <li>Hot works</li> <li>Arson</li> </ol>
EXISTING CONTROL MEASURES	<ol> <li>PAT testing and 5yr Periodic Electrical Installation Inspections completed. Any hirers using their own equipment are required to ensure it is PAT tested.</li> <li>Only experienced members of staff to use kitchen cooking equipment. Regular cleaning regime. Annual maintenance contract to maintain and test gas installations.</li> <li>Smoking limited to one outside area away from combustible materials.</li> <li>All contractors provide RA and detailed method statement for hot works and situation is managed by a single member of staff.</li> <li>All combustible materials (rubbish) stored out side are in locked bins</li> </ol>
ACTION REQUIRED	None

3.2. SOURCES OF FUEL INCLUDING ACTION TAKEN TO REDUCE THE RISK:	
	Paints and aerosols
HAZARDS IDENTIFIED	<ol><li>Paper/cardboard based supplies in storage area/plant rooms</li></ol>
	3. Stored items
	Furniture, decorative items and wall displays
	<ol><li>Structure and permanent fixtures and fittings</li></ol>
	Stored in small quantities in sealed containers in
EXISTING CONTROL	defined storage areas away from sources of
MEASURES	ignition. Low volatile paints used.
	Stocks kept to a minimum and away from
	sources of ignition.
	<ol><li>Good level of house keeping maintained and storage kept to a minimum i.e. if not used at</li></ol>
	least once a year then disposed of.
	4. All furniture complies with commercial standards
	for safety and fire retardancy. Wall displays are
	kept to a minimum.
	<ol><li>All wall and floor coverings and fittings comply</li></ol>
	to modern standards (as at 2008).

	None
ACTION REQUIRED	

3.3. DETAILS OF ANY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES PRESENT:	
HAZARDS IDENTIFIED	1. CO2 cylinders in bar (x2)
EXISTING CONTROL MEASURES	1. None
ACTION REQUIRED	1. None

3.4. HAZARDS FROM WORK PROCESSES - DETAILS INCLUDING ACTION TAKEN TO REDUCE THE RISK:	
HAZARDS IDENTIFIED	Cooking     Stage lighting     External electrical items
EXISTING CONTROL MEASURES	<ol> <li>Adequate training and fire fighting equipment provided. Thermostatically controlled fryer.</li> <li>Lighting operated by experience operators and specialist periodic check carried out.</li> <li>All items supplied by customers must have had a PAT check as per the hirer Terms and Conditions.</li> </ol>
ACTION REQUIRED	None

3.5. STRUCTURAL HAZARDS:	
HAZARDS IDENTIFIED	None
EXISTING CONTROL MEASURES	Any changes to building layout will be assessed for fire safety
ACTION REQUIRED	None

# 3.6. POTENTIAL FOR ARSON:

DETAILS	Bins
EXISTING CONTROL MEASURES	Bins are locked shut at all times.
ACTION REQUIRED	None

## 4. MITIGATING THE EFFECTS OF FIRE

4.1. MEANS OF FIGHTING FIRE:	
DETAILS	Sufficient maintained fire extinguishers and blankets.
	Fire awareness training delivered to staff.
	3. Monitored automatic fire detection system.
	<ol><li>Fire action signs in each room and verbal</li></ol>
	instruction given to hirers on arrival.
	<ol><li>Detailed instruction for staff action in the event</li></ol>
	of a fire alarm including plan for evacuation and
	dealing with fire brigade.
	1. None
MATTERS OF CONCERN	2. None
	3. None
	4. None
	5. None
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ACTION REQUIRED	2. None
	3. None
	4. None
	5. None

4.2. MEANS FOR RESTRICTING FIRE SPREAD:	
HAZARDS IDENTIFIED	<ol> <li>Cupboards containing a source of ignition</li> <li>Fire doors</li> <li>Automatic systems</li> </ol>
EXISTING CONTROL MEASURES	<ol> <li>Electrical cupboards contain fire detection systems and are kept locked shut and free of stored items.</li> <li>Fire doors are automatic and close on sounding of alarm.</li> </ol>
	<ol><li>AHUs shut down automatically on sounding of alarms.</li></ol>

ACTION REQUIRED	None
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4.3. MEANS OF SEGREGATING AREAS OF HIGHER FIRE RISK:	
HAZARDS IDENTIFIED	None
EXISTING CONTROL MEASURES	None
ACTION REQUIRED	None

## 5. HISTORY

HISTORY OF ANY PREVIOUS FIRES AFFECTING THE PREMISES:	
DETAILS	None
ACTION REQUIRED	None

#### **6. IDENTIFING PEOPLE AT RISK**

6.1. IDENTIFY PEOPLE AT RISK	
DETAILS OF OCCUPANTS	<ol> <li>Members of the public – unfamiliar with building</li> <li>Lone Workers</li> <li>People with special needs/mobility issues</li> </ol>
DETAILS OF ANY PERSONS CONSIDERED TO BE PARTICULARY AT RISK E.G LONE WORKERS, VISITORS,PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS, PEOPLE WHO MAY BE ASLEEP	<ol> <li>Public building so people come and go whilst building is open. But clear signage is in place and building is swept where safe to do so in the event of an evacuation. Hirers are instructed on arrival and ensure their delegates are familiar and evacuated in the event of an evacuation.</li> <li>Lone Working Policy applies</li> <li>Anyone with difficulties will be assisted where possible by the building sweep process. Those with mobility issues that cannot use the stairs will wait in the designated stairwell refuge area with intercom and await assistance.</li> </ol>

ACTION REQUIRED	<ol> <li>None</li> <li>None</li> <li>None</li> </ol>

6.2. YOUNG PERSONS EMPLOYED TO WORK IN PREMISES:	
DETAILS	None
ADDITIONAL ACTION REQUIRED	None

#### 7. RAISING THE ALARM

MEANS OF DETECTING & GIVING WARNING OF FIRE:	
DETAILS	Smoke and fire detectors in all areas plus call points at all exits and stairwells.
MATTERS OF CONCERN	None
ACTION REQUIRED	None

# 8. ESCAPE ROUTES

8.1. ARE TRAVEL DISTANCES ACCEPTABLE AND CAN OCCUPANTS REACH A PLACE OF SAFETY BEFORE A FIRE OR SMOKE PREVENTS THEM DOING SO:	
EXISTING PROVISION	As designed - sufficient
MATTERS OF CONCERN	None

	None
ACTION REQUIRED	

8.2. ESCAPE ROUTES AND EXITS AVAILABLE FOR OCCUPANTS:	
EXISTING PROVISION	A safe and an alternative exit available to all floors. A safe refuge area is available for all users who cannot use the stairs. Intercom communication maintained with fire marshal at front door until evacuation is possible.
MATTERS OF CONCERN	None
ACTION REQUIRED	None

8.3. MEANS FOR ENSURING ESCAPE ROUTES CAN BE SAFELY USED DURING EVACUATION:	
EXISTING PROVISION	<ol> <li>Maglock doors have emergency releases plus doorclosers all close on sounding of alarm.</li> <li>Good level of housekeeping, all areas are checked at least once per day for obstruction.</li> </ol>
MATTERS OF CONCERN	None
ACTION REQUIRED	None

## 9. EVACUATION PROCEDURES

EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN:	
EXISTING PROCEDURES	See 'Other Information'
EXISTING I NOCEDORES	
	None
MATTERS OF CONCERN	NONE

ACTION REQUIRED	None

## **10. FIRE SAFETY MANAGEMENT**

10.1. FIRE SAFETY POLICY STATEMENT:	
DETAILS	<ul> <li>We will put in place arrangements for the assessment of risks from fire and appropriate control measures to minimise the risks identified. These measures will include the following arrangements, procedures and controls.</li> <li>Regular inspection of the premises for fire safety.</li> <li>Adequate means of detecting and warning of a fire</li> <li>Fire extinguishers will be placed at clearly signed fire points.</li> <li>Emergency exit routes will be kept clear at all times.</li> <li>We will train in the use of extinguishers, procedures for fire drills and evacuation.</li> <li>Records of training and drills will be kept.</li> <li>Undertake an annual fire risk assessment</li> <li>Regular inspection of the premises for fire safety.</li> </ul>
MATTERS OF CONCERN	None
ACTION REQUIRED	None
10.2. FIRE SAFETY MANAG	EMENT SYSTEM IN PLACE:
DETAILS	The Council members have the ultimate responsibility and sign off the Health and Safety policy. The Town Clerk and Assistant Town Clerk are responsible for ensuring policies and procedures are in place. An annual general Health and Safety inspection is carried out by an independent inspector and their recommendations as well as actions resulting from any Risk Assessment are notified to the P&R committee as well as progress against the actions.
MATTERS OF CONCERN	None
ACTION REQUIRED	None

10.3. PROCEDURES IN PLACE TO MONITOR AND REVIEW FIRE SAFETY PROCEDURES IN THE PREMISES:			
DETAILS	Fire RA to be reviewed annually with all other RAs. Policy signed off by P&R Committee.		
MATTERS OF CONCERN	None		
ACTION REQUIRED	Annual review must be carried out		

# 11. MANTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT

MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME FOR PREVENTITIVE & PROTECTIVE MEASURES:		
DETAILS	Annual contracts are in place for the Lift, HVAC systems, fire and intruder alarm systems. Annual inspections take place	
MATTERS OF CONCERN	None	
ACTION REQUIRED	None	

# **12. TRAINING**

FIRE SAFETY TRAINING PROVIDED FOR RELEVANT PERSONS:		
DETAILS	New members of staff receive instruction as part of induction. Fire safety awareness e training provided to all staff.	
MATTERS OF CONCERN	None	
ACTION REQUIRED	None	

#### 13. RECORDS

RECORDS OF MAINTENANCE & TRAINING:		
DETAILS	<ol> <li>Certificates of Awareness Training held on personnel files.</li> <li>Maintenance certificates and details, plus contracts on file.</li> </ol>	
MATTERS OF CONCERN	None	
ACTION REQUIRED	None	

#### 14. CO-OPERATION & CO-ORDINATION

14.1. PROCEDURES IN PLACE TO ENSURE CO-OPERATION AND CO-ORDINATION BETWEEN OCCUPIERS OF RELEVANT PREMISES:				
DETAILS	No adjacent properties. Tenants follow all our procedures and are inducted into the building accordingly. Tenancy agreements require compliance.			
MATTERS OF CONCERN	None			
ACTION REQUIRED	None			

14.2. CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT WITH INTERESTED PARTIES DURING RISK ASSESSMENT PROCESS. E.G. EMPLOYEES/SAFETY REPRESENTATIVES:		
DETAILS	RA is the result of several discussions with staff, experts and personal experience of the building.	
MATTERS OF CONCERN	None	
ACTION REQUIRED	None	

14.3. PROCEDURES IN PLACE FOR ANY NECESSARY CONTACT WITH EXTERNAL EMERGENCY SERVICES, PARTICULARLY AS REGARDS FIRE-FIGHTING, RESCUE WORK, FIRST-AID AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE:			
DETAILS	D&SFRS have carried out familiarisation visits and know they are welcome to do so whenever they feel necessary.		
MATTERS OF CONCERN	None		
ACTION REQUIRED	None		
15. CONCLUSIONS			
CONCLUSION:			
There are no significant collis monitored as part of the	ncerns arising from the assessment. Staff training action plan.		
ACTION REQUIRED:			
See action plan			

#### **17. ACTION PLAN**

DEFICIENCY	REMEDIAL ACTION REQUIRED	TO BE COMPLETED BY DD/MM/YY	DATE COMPLETE D DD/MM/YY	VERIFIED BY NAME
Fire awareness refresher training due	E-learning on fire safety awareness being ordered	Various dates in 2021		J Parsons
Fixed electrical building inspection	Quotations currently being provided	June 2021		J Parsons

#### 18. ANY OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

Fire evacuation procedures – Updated April 2019

# On the sounding of the fire alarm

# **Business Manager/Supervisor**

Go to fire panel, identify location of fire/call point activated and if safe go to that area to decide if a genuine fire/incident, ensuring evacuation has commenced. If required, as a backup make 999 call using the cordless phone, giving the address as

# The Watermark, Erme Court, Leonards Road, Ivybridge, PL21 0SZ

Keep fire brigade/monitoring company up to date with any developments

#### **Grab evacuation bag from Manager's office**

If safe to do so, wait at front door to stop people entering the building. If not safe at front door, go to muster point.

If safe to do so, instruct the other staff members/volunteers to sweep specific areas not already checked or report to muster point, which ever appropriate

Maintain communication via the intercom with any occupants waiting at refuge areas on floor 1 & 2. Note number of people present and advise Brigade when they arrive.

#### Other staff members

Sweep immediate work area and wait for Supervisor at the front door if safe, else go straight to muster point. Supervisor will inform staff where the incident is and any areas that need checking to ensure full evacuation. One member of staff to take the fire register to muster point and call it.

If Library is staffed the Senior Librarian will sweep Library and IT suite, staff room and toilet.

<u>Procedure for top floor occupants working out of hours</u> - In the event of no staff in the building evacuate immediately via the fire exit stairs, sweeping the offices on your exit route as you go. When safe to do so, call 999 as a backup.