

Dear Ms Mann,

Further to the Old Aberdeen Community Council's submission on 7th September, we wish to add supplementary comments as follows;

It has been brought to our attention that the back door of this property has been closed off, thus there is only one egress for all 6 bedrooms – the front door.

We note that on the ground floor there are two double bedrooms to the rear of the property. Their only egress route is through:-

1. A communal hall
2. A communal kitchen
3. Communal living room
4. Central hall
5. The front door

We draw your attention to Scottish Government guidance document: "Practical fire safety guidance for small premises providing sleeping accommodation" dated July2010.

On page 35 we find the following:

"156. An inner room is a room where access to a circulation route can only be achieved by passing through another room (see fig 3). The following conditions should apply:

- An access room should not be of a higher fire risk than an inner room, particularly where the inner room is used as a bedroom. For example, it would be unsuitable for the access room to be a kitchen where the inner room is a bedroom".

Could you please bring this to the attention of the appropriate building control officers for their immediate consideration, as the room configuration in this application would seem to run completely counter to this guidance.

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It has also been brought to our attention that the original, two part door (which matches its semi-detached other half) has been replaced with a single panel door.

While the original door is traditionally made, the replacement is a formed flat structure with a bit of moulding stuck to the surface. We can see no necessity for such a change, it was not part of the planning application and we ask that the original door should be reinstated.

Yours sincerely

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