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To: All Authorized Persons
Registered Structural Engineers
Registered Geotechnical Engineers

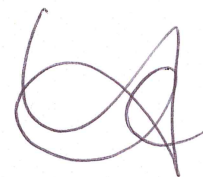
Dear Sir / Madam,

**Code of Practice for Fire Safety in Buildings 2011
Provision of Temporary Refuge Space for Persons with a Disability**

I refer to my letter of 25 April 2014 promulgating the requirements on the provision of temporary refuge spaces (TRS) under Section B of the Code of Practice for Fire Safety in Buildings 2011.

As stated in the aforementioned letter, the TRS requirements are not applicable to buildings or building works which are being carried out¹, or have been given the consent to their commencement on or before 24 October 2014. For clarity sake, the latter scenario (i.e. the “consent” scenario) refers to the situation where the general building plans (GBPs) of the new buildings have been approved and the consent for the commencement of foundation works² for such buildings has been given. Taking heed of the general demand for a pragmatic approach to those GBPs submitted before 26 August 2014 but subsequently disapproved, these GBPs will be regarded as attaining the requisite approval status under the “consent” scenario if they are resubmitted³ afterwards and are subsequently approved before 1 February 2015.

Yours faithfully,



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¹ This “work in progress” scenario refers to the superstructure works.
² Including cases where the foundation works have commenced accordingly.
³ The resubmission may be a major revision under regulation 30(3)(b) of the Building (Administration) Regulations.