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**Board Direction
FS29B.FS0563**

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on October 12th 2017.

The Board decided to allow the appeal and accept the inspector's recommendation to remove conditions no 1 & 3 and to attach 2 new conditions as replacements.

Furthermore, the Board decided not to accept the inspector's recommendation and to refuse the appeal in respect of Condition No 2 by a vote of 4:3, and therefore the Building Control Authority shall be directed to remove conditions numbered 1 & 3, to attach Condition No 2 for the reasons and considerations set out below and to add two further conditions as set out below

Reasons and Considerations:

Having regard to

- The type of use, height, scale, form and layout of the hospital building
- The submissions made in connection with the Fire Safety Certificate application and the appeal

It is considered that subject to the attachment of Condition No 2 and the removal of conditions numbered 1 & 3, and to the attachment of 2 no revised conditions, that the proposed works would achieve an adequate level of fire safety that would comply with the requirements of Part B of the Second Schedule of the Building Regulations 1997-2017.

In deciding not to accept the Inspectors recommendation to delete Condition No 2 the Board concurred with the Building Control Authority that in this specific instance, given the nature, height, scale, form and layout of the Hospital that the installation of life safety sprinklers throughout the building would:

- limit the size of the fire
- control fire spread
- provide additional time to escape
- limit fire damage
- be beneficial in terms of operational continuity

and would therefore ensure that the Hospital achieves an adequate level of fire safety that would comply with the requirements of Part B of the Second Schedule of the Building Regulations 1997-2017.

The Building Control Authority should be directed to attach condition 2 and attach the following revised condition numbers 1 & 3:

Condition 1

In the event of design changes to the atrium, a revised Fire Safety Certificate application will be required and will include a reassessment of the atrium smoke venting CFD modelling.

Reason:

To ensure compliance with Part B of the Second Schedule to the Building Regulations, 1997 to 2017

Condition 3

Christmas trees on the base of the atrium are limited to artificial type with fire retardant properties and a maximum height of 2.5m.

Reason

To ensure compliance with Part B of the Second Schedule to the Building Regulations, 1997 to 2017

Board Member

Paul Hyde

Date: 13th October 2017