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Conversion of upper floors to create 3 no. new flats, including associated alterations

Thank you for the additional information submitted on the proposed Hydra Plan dated February 2026.

The Hydra Plan is proposed to mitigate the fire safety risk to the top floor flat in what is otherwise a poor design.

Environmental Health understands that an Automist Hydra Scheme can be used as an alternative solution to permit a bedroom with no direct means of escape, provided it is part of a comprehensive Automatic Water Fire Suppression System (AWFSS) – based strategy in line with BS 9991 and BS 8458, and is approved by Building Control.

The Hydra Scheme should be installed and signed off by a Plumis-approved installer and cover the entire top floor flat, and be properly maintained. .

Given the above provisos are met, this system would be acceptable to Environmental Health.

Regards

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