



East Sussex
Fire & Rescue Service

EAST SUSSEX FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE

PROHIBITION NOTICE

Notice No: ESFRS/RO/PMC/0630/P02/25

Notice requiring the use of the premises to be Prohibited or Restricted under Article 31 of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005

Name of Premises: Northiam Hand Wash
Address of Premises: The Old Market, Station Road, Northiam, TN31 6QT
Responsible Person: The Responsible Person

I, [REDACTED] on behalf of East Sussex Fire Authority, hereby give you notice that the Fire Authority is of the opinion that the following use of the said premises as occupied by you, namely for sleeping and resting, involves or will involve a risk to persons on the premises in case of fire so serious that use of the premises ought to be restricted.

The Fire Authority is further of the opinion that the matters which give rise to the said risks are: -

- Unprotected means of escape in the event of a fire
- Inadequate means of detection and early warning in case of fire

and the Fire Authority hereby directs that the use of the premises to which this Notice relates is restricted as follows:

- The premises must not be used for sleeping or resting within the premises

The Fire Authority is of the opinion that the risk of injury is imminent and the restriction is to take effect immediately.

This Notice continues in force until the specified matters have been remedied or the Fire Authority withdraws it.

The Fire Authority further directs that the steps specified in the Schedule, which forms part of this Notice, shall be taken to remedy the said matters.

You have the right to appeal against the Notice (see notes), by way of complaint for an order, to the Clerk to the Court of the Magistrates' Court acting for the petty sessions area in which your premises is located. If you wish to bring an appeal, you must do so within 21 days of the date this Notice is served on you. The Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 will apply to the proceedings. The bringing of an appeal does not have the effect of suspending this Notice, unless on the application of the appellant, the Court so directs (and then only from the giving of the direction).

Signature [REDACTED]
(on behalf of, and duly authorised by, East Sussex Fire Authority)

Date: 30th June 2025

**SCHEDULE REFERRED TO IN PROHIBITION NOTICE NO ESFRS/RO/PMC/0630/P02/25
REQUIRING STEPS TO BE TAKEN UNDER ARTICLE 31 OF THE REGULATORY REFORM
(FIRE SAFETY) ORDER 2005 ISSUED BY EAST SUSSEX FIRE AUTHORITY ON 30 JUNE 2025**

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Where appropriate, a plan may form part of this Schedule to illustrate the measures, which in the opinion of the Fire Authority, need to be taken in order to reduce the excessive risk to an acceptable level.

Note: Notwithstanding any consultation undertaken by the Fire Authority, **before** you make any alterations to the premises, **you** may need to apply for approval from either the Local Authority Building Control or an Approved Inspector and/or the approval of any other local bodies having a statutory interest in the premises.

SCHEDULE

The location and details of matters which are considered to be a risk to relevant persons so serious that the use of the premises ought to be prohibited or restricted, and the measures considered necessary to reduce the excessive risk to an acceptable level, are detailed below.

1. Risk to relevant persons

There is no adequate for detecting and giving warning in case of fire on the premises. In the event of fire, heat and/or smoke would likely block the means of escape, before people could make their escape from the to a place of ultimate safety – before being overcome with smoke/heat

Measures necessary to reduce risk

Install a means of giving early warning in case of fire within the premises.

2. Risk to relevant persons

There is insufficient fire resisting separation from the rear of the premises to an ultimate place of safety.

A fire within the premises will result in heat and/or smoke filling property and preventing people from making a safe escape from the premises

Measures necessary to reduce risk

A protected route must be provided. The protected route must be able to withstand the effects of fire and/or heat and smoke for a minimum period of 30 minutes in accordance with current guidance. A protected route for escape should be protected from the rest of the building by fire resisting construction and be free of all ignition sources and combustible materials

The Fire Authority considers that the above detailed steps will reduce the excessive risk to an acceptable level in the premises. Alternative ways of achieving an equivalent standard may be available and any request for the Fire Authority to consider alternative proposals should be submitted as a matter of urgency.

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Served On	Notice Type	Premises Name	Location	Notice Number
30/06/2025	Prohibition	Nothiam Hand Wash	Rother	ESFRS/RO/PMC/0630/P02/25

The Public Register can be accessed via the Internet at www.esfrs.org and this actual Notice may be viewed by clicking on the link shown in the table above.

9. The works or actions specified in the Notice are only intended to reduce the excessive risk to an acceptable level. The Notice is issued without prejudice to any other enforcement action that may be taken by this or any other enforcement authority.
10. The Fire Authority would be willing to consider and reasonably assist with any proposals you may have to remedy the matters specified in the Notice.
11. To assist with administration procedures, it would be helpful if you could quote the reference number (at the top of this notice) when dealing with the Fire Authority.

