



Application to Listed Planning Authority for change to Grade 1 Listing at Rochdale Town Hall

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Management of Combustible Content

A performance-based strategy to support existing heritage doors has been developed in line with Historic England Door Guidance as described in detail in Appendix B. To support this strategy, building operators will be responsible for ensuring combustible content within certain key rooms remains in line with the fire strategy. Drawings in Appendix A show areas with restricted combustible contents (shaded green, blue, and orange).

Areas	Decorative Items and/or Wall Hangings
All Areas	Non-combustible decorative items are permitted. Decorative items should not obstruct escape routes or wheelchair refuges.
Fire sterile escape routes (Green)	Small combustible decorative items are permitted, spaced at least 1m apart from other combustible items. Combustible items should be remote from potential ignition sources (e.g. should not have independent lighting, should not be placed near electric heaters)
Areas of restricted fire load (Blue)	Low combustible loading permitted. Combustible furnishings permitted, but should be spaced well apart (0.5m-1m between items). Loose combustible items such as fabrics and papers should be avoided.
Areas of moderate fire load (Orange)	Low/medium combustible loading permitted. Combustible furnishing is permitted and need not be spaced apart. However, stacked and densely packed combustible items such as storage racks, stacks of combustible items, or bookshelves should be avoided.



