

## Submission for the Building Regulatory Independent Review concerning Fire Safety

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### **The Architectural & Specialist Door Manufacturers' Association (ASDMA )**

ASDMA represents the specialist door sector. Members include manufacturers, door component suppliers (e.g. hardware, seals and glazing), technical specialist consultants and leading UK test and certification organisations.

The sector provides specialist bespoke and custom-made timber door assemblies, typically to satisfy individual and project-specific specifications for characteristics which combine fire resistance and smoke control with other functional requirements – for example, security, sound insulation, ease of opening and access. There are also typically distinctive aesthetic and design features arising from the requirements of the location to consider, in what can be a complex overall requirement specification.

### **Our evidence**

ASDMA is keen to support this Review, seeking to make the fire safety regulatory system more robust, and buildings more fire safe in the future.

Throughout we have focused on solutions, as requested, backed by the experience of our members, including in-depth input on fire-resistant glass, seals, hardware, testing and consultancy as well as specialist knowledge and manufacturing know-how on the development of fire door assemblies.

Members' core competencies include product development and design to meet fire safety requirements, with a great deal of experience in the testing, assessment, technical advice and validation of products for use in fire. That includes third-party certification for fire safety, a key principle of ASDMA which is enshrined by our constitution.

The activities of ASDMA's members involve interactions with architectural specifiers of various types. That in turn brings insights from dealing with the issues that can arise in the process of fulfilling a requirement specification to provide a fully functioning, effective and fit-for-purpose door assembly.

Fire doors are essential elements in all fire safety building designs, and we feel that the experiences from our sector reflect common issues touching on fire safety across a number of other sectors.

We are happy to provide further information if required. Please contact [enquiries@asdma.com](mailto:enquiries@asdma.com).

Reference: ASDMA doc/MW/12.10.17/

Part 1: Cultural factors and main ASDMA recommendations    Part 2: Detailed Q&A as requested by the Review