

## **Item 4(e) Statement from applicant**

### **Application Nos 19/01488/F & 19/01487/L – Strangers Club, 22-24 Elm Hill, Norwich NR3 1HG**

Written Statement by the Strangers Club.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit a brief statement in support of our applications.

The Strangers' Club was formed in 1927 and leased in that year our then newly refurbished building from the City Council and our kitchen was installed. There are no records showing when an extraction system was first installed but the Club has a record of an extractor fan being in place in 1965. The extractor fan was upgraded in 1994 at the request of the City EHO and "tweaked" in 1996. In the 25 years following the upgrade there were no comments or complaints about our kitchen from the City Council or our neighbours until the end of last year when concerns of grease emissions, odours, noise and damage to the opposing wall were raised by NPS. This resulted in the Club discussing with the Council's officers various methods to overcome those concerns, resulting in the current applications.

In the meantime, the Club's Committee is particularly concerned at allegations that we have breached listed building controls and the applications are in part designed to remedy those allegations.

The officers' report to the Committee very fairly and comprehensively deals with all aspects of our current applications and we hope that the Committee will accept its recommendations and approve our applications.

12<sup>th</sup> August 2020