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Dear Mike Newall, Hugh Talbot,

Ayr Station Hotel - survey post fire

I write regarding a structural condition survey for the Ayr Station Hotel. We have been in touch with Ed Morton, MD of the Morton Partnership, who carried out our recent survey, and he has offered to help and offer his expertise to support your engineers, on the basis of working on previous fire damaged historic buildings and of course his knowledge of the site.

Ed has suggested that ideally he would like to inspect the south wing via cherry picker to allow looking down from above. Due to the height, this is likely to be a lorry mounted cherry picker which should allow 2/3 people to inspect at the same time. It also would be useful to view any drone images or footage taken please.

Calling on his long experience of historic and neglected buildings, he would offer advice on the structural stability of the building, and an approach to making it stable if necessary, and how much fabric can be saved. His approach would be to work alongside your advisers and to offer his expertise.

Given the urgency of the situation I would be grateful if you can confirm as soon as possible if this visit would be possible, and what dates would be available.

Yours sincerely,



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