

## **Kew Riverside Policy for Private Block Balconies**

Ground floor terraces, rear gardens and front patios should be treated as a private balcony.

### **Allowable Items**

The following items are permitted in private balcony areas:

Metal (or thick timber) framed tables and chairs.

Plants/flowers that do not pose a hazard of falling and are kept watered, and alive in pots made of limited combustibility materials.

### **Items not allowed on private balconies**

The following items present a hazard and are not permitted:

Gas canisters, barbeques or patio heaters

Fuel, petrol or sources of ignition of any kind (or any equipment powered by fuel e.g. generators or gardening equipment)

Trailing cables, sockets or electrical white goods

Paints, oils or paint thinners

Excessive furniture or items cluttering the balcony

Plastic or upholstered furniture

Loose plant pots / plant pots placed insecurely on ledges and or railings

Combustible plant pots fixed to railings

Curtaining or enclosing of the balcony on any side i.e. shade screens or awnings

Gazebos, tents and sheds – if they cannot be sited more than six metres away from any the building perimeter.

Cigarette butts - there are serious risks associated with carelessly discarding smoking materials.

Clothes lines - no washing (or clothing) must be aired outside as not only is it visually unattractive but cigarette butts/ends being thrown from other balconies presenting a fire risk.

Any domestic item being used for storage e.g. suitcases, filing cabinets, cardboard boxes

Plastic play equipment

Non fire rated storage containers (storage boxes) that could hold combustible items

Secondary flooring of any type e.g. timber decking, ceramic flooring, astroturf.

The above list is not exhaustive and other items may be considered as unsuitable or unsafe at the discretion of the Managing Agent.