Dear Ms Etherington,

Use of the title “architect”.

Our organisation, the Architects Registration Board, was established under the Architects Act in 1997 to regulate the architects’ profession in the UK. Section 20 of the Act prohibits anyone from using the title “architect” in business or practice unless they are registered with ARB. Please find attached further guidance for your information.

It has been brought to the Board’s attention that the article ‘St Moritz Church by John Pawson’ on your website, www.dezeen.com, refers to John Pawson as an ‘Architect’ (Please see information attached). However, John Pawson is not a registered architect and therefore should not be described as such.

I can advise the Architects Act 1997 specifically protects the title ‘architect’ and derivatives such as ‘architecture’ and ‘architectural’ are not protected under the Act and therefore can be used as an alternative.

Could you please confirm in writing within the next fourteen days the steps you will be taking to update this article accordingly.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Loukes
Professional Standards Administrator