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FAO: Jacques Burrowes

Dear Jacques,

Having viewed the plans for the planning application no. DC/26/0561 for a temporary campsite to open between 22/05/2026 - 28/09/2026 for a total of less than 60 non-consecutive days: the nearest fire hydrant for the supply of water for firefighting is 445m away from the entrance to the field and a further 275m to the furthest camping plot, a total of 720m away, 545m further than the 175-metre distance generally required for sleeping accommodation. If an alternative water supply for firefighting is to be considered it will need to conform with the details identified in Approved Document-B (AD-B) Volume 1: B5 section 14 and agreed with West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service.

For your information a fire appliance will not drive across unmade up land i.e., grass, any driveway will need to be capable of supporting 18-Tonne axial weight of the fire appliance. From the plan submitted the fire appliance will attend from the entrance to the field and attempt to reach the fire location from this position to extinguish the fire and help prevent it spreading to other areas. As this is a camp site the information provided is for information only, information you might want to make your insurance company aware of, as it may affect your premiums, and information that should be included in the fire risk assessment for the site.

It is also unclear if the access route to the camp site is suitable for a fire appliance to gain access to attend any fire incidents that occurs. A Fire appliance requires a clearance of 3.1m through any gateway or narrowing, 3.7m width between road edge or curb, capable of supporting 18-Tonne axial weight of the vehicle and a suitable turning facility to enable them to turn and make an exit.

Regards
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