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To: Planning
Subject: RE: Planning consultation - DC/25/0145 Hope Farm The Haven Billingshurst West Sussex RH14 9BN

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FAO: Shazia Penne

Dear Shazia,

Having viewed the plans for the planning application no DC/25/0145 for the proposed demolition of 1970's extension to Grade II listed Farmhouse and changes to architectural treatment of proposed extension which was part of consented planning applications DC/22/2377 and DC/22/2378. Proposed new dwelling to north of the Farmhouse and associated landscape works (Full Planning): the nearest fire hydrant for the supply of water for firefighting is 800-metres away, 625-metres further than the 175-metre distance required for a domestic premises. 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.

Evidence will also be required to show Fire Service vehicle access meets with the requirements identified in Approved Document B Volume 1: B5 Section 13, including Table 13.1 and diagram 13.1. This is to ensure a fire appliance can gain access to within 45m of all points inside the dwelling, and a suitable turning facility within 20m to ensure a fire appliance does not need to reverse further than this distance, also a requirement identified in section 13.

Although this is a change of use of an existing agricultural building and anew dwelling house, it is a significant change with an increase of risk to life and property in the event of fire, with no supply of water for firefighting available within the required distance, information the owner may not be aware of, and information that could affect their insurance premiums if water for firefighting is not provided.

Regards

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