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FAO: Bethan Tinning

Dear Bethan,

Having viewed the plans for the planning application no. DC/26/0838 for the Change of use of land to a seasonal campsite, comprising 30 pitches and associated facility blocks and covered seating area (Retrospective): the nearest fire hydrant for the supply of water for firefighting is 390m away from the entrance to the field and a further 130m to the furthest camping plot, a total of 520m away, 430m 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 may occur. A Fire appliance requires a minimum width 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. From our mapping it would appear the access road width is less than 3.1m in parts, that could prevent the fire appliance reaching the site.

Regards
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