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FAO: Halima Chowdhury

Dear Halima,

Having viewed the details for planning application No. DC/26/0499 for notification of temporary camp site 03/07/2026 - 31/08/2026 a total of 60 non-consecutive days, the nearest fire hydrant to the site is 650m away. However, providing a fire appliance can gain access to the camping site location, and the camping plots are within 90m of the location of the fire appliance, the fire crew will be capable of reaching the plots to extinguish any fires incident and prevent any fire spread. A fire appliance will not drive across grassland or any area not capable of supporting 18-Tonne axial weight of the fire appliance, also looking at our mapping for this area the access track looks to be less than 3.1 metres wide, the minimum width a fire appliance required to gain access.

If all camping plots are within 90m of the fire appliance location, no vehicle access to the camp site would be required. The fire appliance carries 1,800 to 2,000 litres of water that will last 15 to 20 minutes when attending a fire, so should be sufficient to extinguish a tent fire if it has not spread to neighbouring tents.

This information should be included in the fire risk assessment for the site

Regards
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