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FAO: Sam Nye

Dear Sam,

Having viewed the plans for the planning application no. DC/25/2013 for the change of use of stables in to offices (Use Class E(g)(i)) and associated alterations; the nearest fire hydrant for the supply of water for firefighting is 200-metres away, 110-metres further than the 90-metre distance required for a commercial 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 2: B5 section 16 and agreed with West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service. For open water such as ponds, lakes, and rivers etc. evidence will be required to show the habitat in and around the proposed water supply does not have protected species living in them, in accordance with Natural England guidance.

Although this is the change of use of existing land for the location of storage containers, a significant change with an increased 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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