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Subject: Planning consultation - DM/25/1800 Woodside Grange Woodsland Road
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Dear Anna,

Having viewed the plans for the planning application no. DM/25/1/800 for the reserved matters application pursuant to outline application DM/23/2687 for the approval of appearance, and Landscaping for two detached dwellings): the nearest fire hydrant for the supply of water for firefighting is 490 metres away, 315-metres further than the 175-metre distance required for a domestic premises. However, providing there is a maintenance program in place for access to the existing pond on site, it holds a minimum 45,000 litres water, and suitable access is available to the existing swimming pool, these alternative water supplies will meet the requirements of Approved Document – B (AD-B) Volume 1: B5 section 14 and considered acceptable by West Sussex Fire & Rescue service as an alternative water supply to a fire hydrant.

The consultation raised for this planning application will be met, WSFRS will need to be informed when these alternative water supplies are ready for use so we can plot them accurately onto our operational mapping, to ensure fire crews are fully aware of their existence and use providing suitable access and management is put in place for the pond and swimming pool. We will then attend the site, add the required signage to indicate the alternative water supplies and check the access route for a fire appliance.

Regards
Ian



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