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Subject: Planning consultation - DM/25/0987 Great Frenches Barn Snow Hill Crawley
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FAO: Caroline Grist

Dear Caroline,

Having viewed the plans for the planning application no. DM/25/0987 for Prior Approval for the conversion of a single-storey agricultural barn to a single-storey dwelling: the nearest fire hydrant for the supply of water for firefighting is 300-metres away, 125-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 the Fire Service vehicle access meets with the requirements identified in Approved Document B Volume 2: B5 Section 15, including Table 15.2 and diagram 15.3. A fire appliance requires a minimum width of 3.1m through any gateway or narrowing and 3.7m between road edge or curbs, and the fire appliance is within 45-metres of all points within each property. A fire appliance should not need to reverse more than 20m to reach either a turning facility or an exit point from the site.

Although this is the change of use of an existing property, it is a significant change with increased risk to life and property and 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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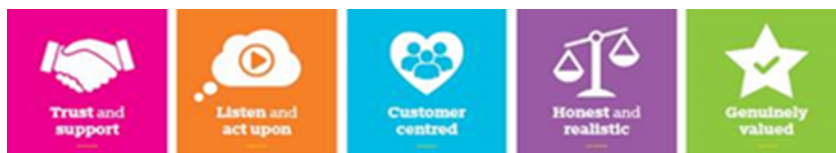
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