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Subject: RE: Planning consultation - DM/23/0140 68 - 70 Church Walk Burgess Hill West Sussex RH15 9AS

Dear Andy,

We can confirm that the proposed flats at 68-70 Church Walk will incorporate a full sprinkler system to all areas as required under the relevant fire safety regulations.

The system will be designed and installed in accordance with BS 9251:2021 – Sprinkler systems for residential and domestic occupancies – Code of practice, and will provide coverage to:

- All individual flats, with sprinkler heads positioned in each habitable room and other required areas.
- All communal areas, including lobbies, corridors, and any shared storage spaces.

This provision is intended to ensure compliance with the fire safety requirements set out in Approved Document B (Volume 1 – Dwellinghouses) and Volume 2 where applicable, specifically Requirement B3 (Internal fire spread – structure) and Requirement B5 (Access and facilities for the fire service), as accepted by Building Control for developments where the fire appliance access distance exceeds 45 metres.

The system will be connected to a suitable and reliable water supply, with installation and commissioning carried out by a competent contractor registered under a recognised third-party certification scheme.

Please let us know if you require any further detail.

Kind regards
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Hi

Could you please provide the requested information as soon as possible and no later than Monday morning, so that this matter can be resolved in time for committee next week.

Thank you

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FAO: Andrew Watt

Dear Andrew,

Having viewed the plans for the planning application no. DM/23/0140 for the redevelopment of an existing two storey commercial building to create a four storey mixed use building through the addition of new floors over the existing building footprint (with partial demolition of the existing 1st floor) to accommodate 10 No. flats over the top three floors, retaining the existing commercial/retail use at ground floor; evidence is required to show that all points inside all flats

are within 45 metres of the location of a fire appliance or a dry riser outlet in accordance with Approved Document B (AD-B) Volume 1 B5 section 13. This is to be measured along the hose lay route, not in a direct line or arc measurement as this type of measurement can rarely be achieved due to obstructions.

Any areas not within the 45-metre distance will need to be mitigated by the installation of sprinkler or water mist system complying with BS9251 or BS8458 standards. If a dry riser is intended to be used to overcome any extended distances the riser inlet will need to be within 18m of the fire appliance and in line of site of the fire appliance operator at the rear of the fire appliance as identified in AD-B Vol. 1 B5 section 13.

Regards
Ian



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