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Sent: 04 March 2026 13:10:26 UTC+00:00
To: "Andy Watt" <Andy.Watt@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Planning consultation - DM/26/0003 3-25 Bolnore Road, Haywards Heath, RH16 4AB

Dear Andy,

Provided the fire hydrant is in place, ready for use and West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service are informed it is ready for use the fire hydrant condition raised will be met and can be discharged. Unfortunately, on too many occasions WSFRS are not informed when a FH is ready for adoption, which then puts lives and properties at greater risk in the event of a fire.

Regards
Ian



Ian Stocks

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****EXTERNAL****

Dear Ian

Please see updated comments/plan from the agent below and attached. Could I have your latest comments in due course.

Many thanks

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To: Andy Watt <Andy.Watt@midsussex.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: Planning consultation - DM/26/0003 3-25 Bolnore Road, Haywards Heath, RH16 4AB

Andy,

Apologies, as I think our email has been misunderstood – we will install the hydrant as requested on the 6 inch main

(I've attached a drawing indicating this – *apologies as the original with WSFRS comments was attached previously which probably is the cause for some confusion*)

Trust this is clear

Kind Regards

Richard Woodcock ARB RIBA RIAS

Associate – Architect

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Sent: 04 March 2026 11:19
To: Richard Woodcock <richard.woodcock@harrisirwin.com>
Subject: RE: Planning consultation - DM/26/0003 3-25 Bolnore Road, Haywards Heath, RH16 4AB

Dear Mr Woodcock

Thank you for your email and apologies for the delay in getting back to you. I have received the following comments from WSFRS. Could I please have your response in due course.

Many thanks

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From: Richard Woodcock <richard.woodcock@harrisirwin.com>
Sent: 02 March 2026 16:31
To: Andy Watt <Andy.Watt@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Planning consultation - DM/26/0003 3-25 Bolnore Road, Haywards Heath, RH16 4AB

Andy,

I believe my colleague Emily confirmed via email last week while I was on leave that we can/will install the hydrant in the position requested by the local fire authority.

Not sure if this is sufficient to reference in the decision or if you need a drawing to show this?

Extension til the 20th is fine, although if the decision can be issued prior to this date it would be helpful.

Kind Regards

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Sent: 26 February 2026 14:59

To: Richard Woodcock <richard.woodcock@harrisirwin.com>

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Dear Mr Woodcock

Thank you for your email and apologies for the delayed response. There's nothing else for you to do, other than address the fire hydrant position. I intend to discharge all the conditions in one go, rather than separately, so this would be the only outstanding matter for this DoC application.

However, I am aware that the target date for determination is imminent and therefore to account for an additional consultation period pending the submission of additional information, I would be grateful if you could agree an interim extension of time to determine the application until Friday 20 March 2026.

Kind regards

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From: Richard Woodcock <richard.woodcock@harrisirwin.com>

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To: Andy Watt <Andy.Watt@midsussex.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: Planning consultation - DM/26/0003 3-25 Bolnore Road, Haywards Heath, RH16 4AB

Andy,

Could you advise if you are awaiting any further consultation responses for the discharge of condition application above or if you have any comments?

We have a meeting next week with the contractor and will chase up a response re the hydrant position, but wonder if there is anything else that we need to review.

Kind Regards

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From: Richard Woodcock

Sent: 09 January 2026 15:16

To: 'Andy Watt' <Andy.Watt@midsussex.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: Planning consultation - DM/26/0003 3-25 Bolnore Road, Haywards Heath, RH16 4AB

Andy

Thanks for forwarding the comments, we'll review and get back to you asap

Kind Regards

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From: Andy Watt <Andy.Watt@midsussex.gov.uk>

Sent: 09 January 2026 12:12

To: Richard Woodcock <richard.woodcock@harrisirwin.com>

Subject: FW: Planning consultation - DM/26/0003 3-25 Bolnore Road, Haywards Heath, RH16 4AB

Dear Mr Woodcock

Please see WSFRS comments. I would be grateful for your response in due course.

Many thanks

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From: FRS Water and Access <FRSWaterandAccess@westsussex.gov.uk>

Sent: 09 January 2026 10:55

To: planninginfo <planninginfo@midsussex.gov.uk>

Subject: Planning consultation - DM/26/0003 3-25 Bolnore Road, Haywards Heath, RH16 4AB

FAO: Andrew Watt

Dear Andrew,

Having viewed the details provided for Planning Application No. DM/26/0003 for the discharge of condition 15 fire hydrant provision details, the fire hydrant (FH) indicated on the plan is not considered suitable by West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service (WSFRS) as the FH is supplied by and fitted to a 3" – 75mm main, this not considered suitable for a commercial property. With the drop in mains water pressures across the Country, these smaller water mains sizes will not provide a sufficient flow rate to keep a fire appliance supplied with water whilst attending a fire, which then puts residents and property at greater risk, for this reason the proposed FH is not suitable for WSFRS to adopt, and does not comply with the FH condition raised.

From the plan submitted, there is a 6" - 150mm main near the new build care home, with 90m of the entrance to the care home and would be considered suitable if the FH was supplied by and fitted to this main, I have attached a marked up plan to show the FH could be installed on a 6" main.

Regards
Ian



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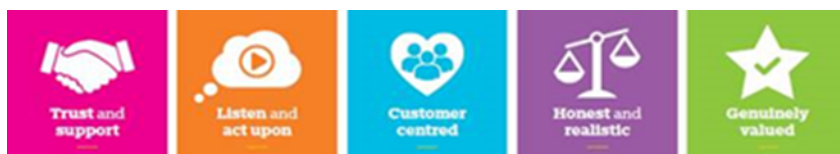
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