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Our ref
CAS-329082
Your ref
20250121
Date
18 September 2025

FAO: Kelly Joyce

Dear Kelly,

County of Kent Act 1981 Section 53

Re: Leasden, Rhododendron Avenue, Meopham, Gravesend, Kent, DA13 0TT.

Thank you for your email dated 17 September 2025. Following my assessment of Fire and Rescue Service emergency access provisions for planning application; 20250121, I would like to make the following observations.

Upon reviewing the available plans on the Gravesham planning portal, I acknowledge that this is an existing access road. However, with the erection of a bungalow please ensure the overall access route outside of the dwelling is unobstructed by any potential overgrowth of foliage coming into the roadway to allow for 45m hose lay distances to be achieved to the furthest point of the dwelling from a suitably parked position. On this basis, I can confirm that it is in my opinion, that the emergency access requirements under the above act appear to have been met at this stage.

Please be aware that should this proposal be successful it would then be subject to a Building Regulations consultation where the access arrangements would again be examined under section B5 in greater detail.

Fire Service access and facility provisions are a requirement under B5 of the Building Regulations 2010 and must be complied with to the satisfaction of the Building Control Authority. A full plans submission should be made to the relevant building control body who have a statutory obligation to consult with the Fire and Rescue Service.

If you require any further advice, please contact this office using the details above. Please be aware that the Building Safety office hours are 09:00-17:00 Monday to Friday.

Yours sincerely,

Fire Engineering Team

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