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Date
01 September 2026

FAO: Rebecca Harrison

Dear Rebecca,

County of Kent Act 1981 Section 53

Re: Land North of, The Drove Way, Istead Rise, Gravesend, Kent, DA13 9JY.

Thank you for your letter dated 12 August 2026. Following my assessment of Fire and Rescue Service emergency access provisions for application; 20260649, I would like to make the following observations.

I note there are two main access points into the proposed development which for up to 100 dwellings appears adequate. Please ensure that turning areas in front of proposed driveways are outside of the respective plots' ownership and available at all material times to ensure no dead-end access greater than 20m exists, this is particularly important at the North-East of the site by point '06' (Illustrative Masterplan: 006, Rev V3). On this basis, the emergency access requirements under the above act would appear to be broadly compliant 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.

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 the planning control body 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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