



Kent Fire &
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Our ref
CAS-303024
Your ref
20250136
Date
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FAO: Alison Webster

Dear Alison,

County of Kent Act 1981 Section 53

Re: St Josephs Convent Of Mercy , Hillside Drive, Gravesend, Kent, DA12 1NY.

Thank you for your email dated 04 March 2025. Following my assessment of Fire and Rescue Service emergency access provisions for planning application; 20250136, I would like to make the following observations.

Upon reviewing the available plan drawings on the Gravesham planning portal, I note paragraph 6.0 within the planning statement regarding a turning area at T1, this is not entirely clear, please confirm where this is located (e.g. adjacent to 'D1' at the amber hatched area). In addition, I acknowledge the turning head at T3, please confirm that this will be a designated turning facility to be made available at all material times, as a fire appliance would have restricted access otherwise. On this basis, emergency access requirements for the Fire and Rescue service under the above act appear to be met, pending confirmation of the above.

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 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,

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