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Our ref
CAS-334943
Your ref
20251053
Date
18 November 2025

FAO: Rebecca Harrison

Dear Rebecca,

County of Kent Act 1981 Section 53

**Re: Land Adjacent To And To The Rear Of Elm Close, Old Manor Drive, Gravesend, Kent,
DA12 1QD**

Thank you for your email dated 5 November 2025. Following my assessment of Fire and Rescue Service emergency access provisions for application number 20251053 I would like to make the following observations.

Upon reviewing the available plans on the planning portal, I note that the access route between Parrock Road and the roundabout appears narrow, and unsuitable for a fire appliance. The access route along Old Manor Drive appears to be longer than 20m with no turning facilities. Please ensure turning facilities are provided, in accordance with Diagram 13.1 of ADB, Volume 1.

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 faithfully,

Fire Engineering Team

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