



Kent Fire &  
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CAS-294061  
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20241052  
Date  
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FAO: Ethan Bonthron

Dear Ethan,

**County of Kent Act 1981 Section 53**

**Re: Robinson Michael & Jackson, First Floor, 21A-21B King Street, Gravesend, Kent, DA2 2EB.**

Thank you for your email dated 20 December 2024. Following my assessment of Fire and Rescue Service emergency access provisions for planning application; 20241052, I would like to make the following observations.

Upon reviewing the Gravesham planning portal, I have compared the existing with the proposed block plan and note that vehicular access to the building appears to be largely unaffected by the change of use from Class E to Class C. Therefore, it is in my opinion that the emergency access requirements for the Fire and Rescue service under the above act appear to have been met.

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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