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Date
03 March 2026

Our ref
CAS-347802
CAS-347799
Your ref
20260180
20260214

FAO: Amanda Cue

Dear Amanda,

County of Kent Act 1981 Section 53

Re: Land South of White Post Lane, White Post Lane, Cobham, Gravesend, Kent, DA13 9AX.

Thank you for your two letters dated 27 February 2026. Following my assessment of Fire and Rescue Service emergency access provisions for applications: 20260180 (ref: CAS-347799) and 20260214 (CAS-347802), I will provide the following observations for both applications combined as they relate to the same proposed site.

I note that emergency access arrangements for the aforementioned site has previously been commented under the following 3-previous application numbers:

- 20251123 (ref: CAS-335600)
- 20250764 (ref: CAS-326554 and CAS-335213)
- 20241164 (ref: CAS-298318)

Each instance it has been acknowledged that there appears to be dead-end routes in excess of 20m. This would consequently result in an extended hose lay distance from a location suitable for parking a fire appliance, to the furthest point of the site. Therefore, please ensure that any dead-end access routes longer than 20m have the required turning facilities and hardstanding, 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.

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Yours sincerely,

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