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Our ref
CAS-313109
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20250479
Date
29 May 2025

FAO: Lisa Fisher

Dear Lisa,

County of Kent Act 1981 Section 53

Re: Land At St Albans Close Open Space, Gravesend, Kent, DA12 5SE.

Thank you for your email dated 22 May 2025. Following my assessment of Fire and Rescue Service emergency access provisions for planning application; 20250479, I would like to make the following observations.

Upon reviewing the plans on the Gravesham planning portal, I note the fire and refuse distances (drawing: 109-133-PA-005), where hose lay to the 4 southern modular homes appear just within 45m and therefore acceptable. However, I would like to point out that hose lay distances to the furthest home in the northern section will extend slightly from the plan drawing. Our fire crews would inevitably use the steps by the grass bank, which would extend hose lay by a short distance, therefore please take this into consideration.

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,

Fire Engineering Team

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