



Kent Fire &
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Our ref
CAS-314200
Your ref
20250318
Date
03 June 2025

FAO: Amanda Cue

Dear Amanda,

County of Kent Act 1981 Section 53

Re: Garage Site Adjacent to 33, Empress Road, Gravesend, Kent, DA12 2QR.

Thank you for your email dated 29 May 2025. Following my assessment of Fire and Rescue Service emergency access provisions for planning application; 20250318, I would like to make the following observations.

Upon reviewing the plan drawings available, I can confirm that on this occasion, it is my opinion that the emergency access requirements under the above act appear to have been met at this stage. However, please ensure hose lay distances can be achieved within 45m to the furthest point of each dwelling within the building.

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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