

have retrospectively been fitted with cladding from Class 1 fire rated materials to its facing walls, then the separation distance between it and adjacent caravans may be reduced to a minimum of 5.25 metres. So, clarification needs to be shown that this has been met. The Model Homes Act 2013 also states "No caravan shall be stationed less than six metres from any other caravan on any other pitch."

West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service have identified the distance to the nearest fire hydrant which is outside the distance we recommend for dwellings and sleeping accommodation. If water for firefighting is not being provided, with reliance on the water provided on the attending fire appliance, the owner may well need to inform their insurance company as it may well affect their cover in the event of a fire. The majority of fire appliances in West Sussex actually carry 1,800 to 2,000 litres of water, not 2,500 litres, generally enough water to attend a fire for 10 to 15 minutes, enough time to connect up to a fire hydrant or alternative supply to then keep the appliance supplied with water.

Just for your information on why we ask for these standards for travellers' sites and workers caravan sites, I have attached a BBC news article regarding a caravan site fire in Redbourn, Hertfordshire, where most of the caravans were lost. Interesting report and shows why spacing and water is so important when a fire occurs on a caravan site.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cvg8dgeom5o>

Regards

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Water & Access Manager - Protection

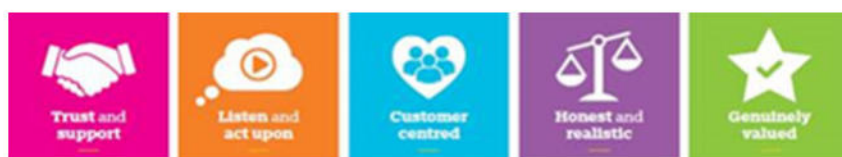
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To: **Water & Access Management- West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service**

NOTIFICATION FROM ARUN DISTRICT COUNCIL

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

Application No: AL/67/25/PL
Registered: 11th November 2025
Site Address: Nyton Rest Nyton Farm Shop Nyton Road Aldingbourne PO20 3TU
Grid Reference: 492582 106193
Category: Plan Applicat'n
Description of Works: Permanent planning permission for change of use to agricultural worker's accommodation comprising of 14 No. chalets, low level lighting, retention of existing hardstanding, utilisation of existing individual foul treatment plants and existing permitted access with associated works. This application falls in CIL Zone 3 (Zero rated) as other development.

I am able to inform you that I have received an amendment to the above application dated 21st January 2026 relating to:- Fire Risk Assessment

If you should wish to make further representations as a result of this amendment, please make any further comment by **7th February 2026**.

[Click here to view the application, documents and make further comments](#)

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Yours sincerely

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