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From: Anita Gardner <Anita.Gardner@arun.gov.uk>
Sent: 23 December 2021 11:38
To: Planning.Responses <Planning.Responses@arun.gov.uk>
Subject: FW: FG/209/21/DOC

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From: Ian Stocks [REDACTED] **On Behalf Of** FRS Water and Access
Sent: 23 December 2021 07:43
To: Anita Gardner <Anita.Gardner@arun.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: FG/209/21/DOC

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Hi Anita,

The issue we have is the amount of new housing estates across the County that have houses occupied by residents long before we are made aware the development is complete or

partially complete. We generally find out of our own accord by our Fire Hydrant Inspectors driving past and observing housing developments progress and identifying houses occupied.

We then have to check the fire hydrants are located as agreed, test them, mark their location with an H plate and spray the cover plate yellow and then plot them on our mapping system. Without all this taking place any attending Fire Crews would not know the location of any fire hydrants on site which could potentially put houses and lives at risk in the event of a fire.

If we were informed when the fire hydrants are in place and ready for use there would not be an issue but this does not happen. Another concern I have is when we do find a development complete with properties occupied by residents and the fire hydrants are not installed where agreed (which we have come across already) who is then going to get the developers back to rectify this issue and enforce it?

It has been mentioned by other planning offices that if the agreed condition is not met the planning officer would then enforce the fire hydrant requirement. As we do not get notified when sites are occupied this could be a considerable amount of time down the line and the developer moved onto the next site.

So if it would mean we get informed when the fire hydrants are in place and ready for use prior to the condition being discharged then yes we would, however this is a condition raised by the planning officer following our advice, something we rarely get consulted on, if we did fire hydrants would be in place and available a lot sooner.

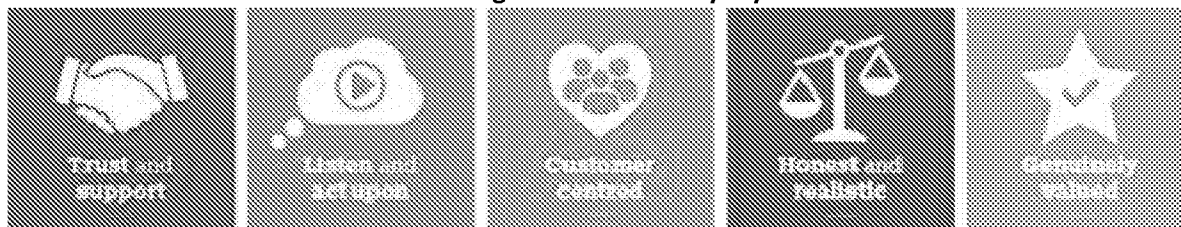
Hope this helps explain our concerns with new developments, fire hydrants and the fact we are not informed when they are available for use.

Regards

Ian

Ian Stocks - Water & Access Manager
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From: Anita Gardner <Anita.Gardner@arun.gov.uk>

Sent: 22 December 2021 16:54

To: FRS Water and Access [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: FG/209/21/DOC

Dear Ian,

From your comments do I take it that you are objecting to the application to discharge the condition as submitted and are unlikely to support any proposal until the process outlined in your e-mail has been undertaken and the hydrant is plotted on your system.

Thanks

Anita

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From: Ian Stocks [REDACTED] **On Behalf Of** FRS Water and Access

Sent: 22 December 2021 16:38

To: Emma Avis [REDACTED]

Cc: Anita Gardner <Anita.Gardner@arun.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: FG/209/21/DOC

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Hi Emma,

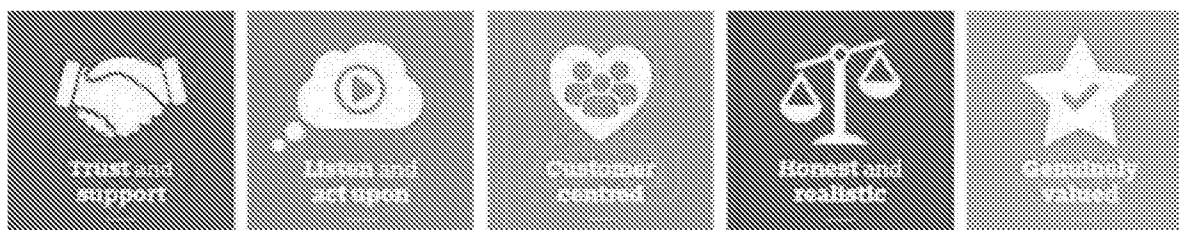
For a Private hydrant to be considered for use as a fire hydrant West Sussex Fire and Rescue Service will need to be made aware of its location. We would then need to know the water main dimension to ensure it is 90mm or more, attend the site and test the hydrant to check there is sufficient pressure, and then plot it on our water management system to inform any attending fire crews know of its whereabouts. Without this information the Fire Service would not know the fire hydrant existed and available for use.

Regards

Ian Stocks

Ian Stocks – Water and Access Manager
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From: Emma Avis [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 December 2021 09:37
To: Anita Gardner (Anita.Gardner@arun.gov.uk) <Anita.Gardner@arun.gov.uk>
Cc: Fire Safety [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: FG/209/21/DOC

Morning Anita,

No we wouldn't consult Fire and Rescue for a Discharge of a Hydrants condition, the LPA normally consult them directly. We'd only consult them if we wanted their views on access for a site that we have a planning application in for. I've attached their direct email address above.

Kind Regards,
Emma

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From: Anita Gardner <Anita.Gardner@arun.gov.uk>
Sent: 21 December 2021 10:29
To: Emma Avis [REDACTED]
Subject: FG/209/21/DOC

Hi Emma,
I have received the above comments. Has the consultation been forwarded to Fire and Rescue for comment in relation to fire hydrants or do your comments include theirs?
Thanks
Anita

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