

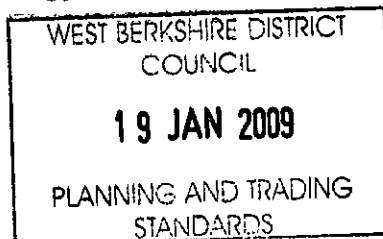
# ROYAL BERKSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE



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13 January 2009

Dear Mr Lugg

## **AWE Burghfield, Reading, Berkshire**

With reference to your correspondence dated 18 December 2008, I would make the following comments:

There are at present, no available public mains in this area to provide a suitable water supply in order to effectively fight a fire. This Authority would therefore request that part of any planning consent terms include the requirement for the applicant to provide suitable private fire hydrant(s), or other suitable emergency water supplies to meet Royal Berkshire Fire & Rescue Service requirements.

Access requirements for Fire Fighting are to meet the functional requirements the Building Regulations 1991 and the relevant provisions of the Berkshire Act. It should be noted that any gates required for emergency access should provide a minimum 3.1m clear opening.

The layout plans provided have not been reviewed for fire safety provisions. This is the responsibility of your Buildings Regulations Department or Approved Inspector, in consultation with this Authority as part of a Building Regulations submission.

If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Peter Gray  
Water Officer