

Post Issue Specific hearing

Follow up from Issue Specific Hearing on Applicants decision not to replace a western access point at Painshill.

It was noted at the specific Issues hearing by Painshill Park Trust (PPT) that consultation with the Emergency services by the Applicant was far from complete in its scope.

Since then a meeting has taken place with Surrey Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) held on 23rd January and key points are noted here and the response of Group Commander SFRS is attached.

Re access to the Gothic Tower

Loss of the secondary access would impede response times

On the basis of a single trial SFRS indicated that a time trial showed response times would be extended from five minutes (via A3 access) to 15 minutes (using trade gate).

This takes the response time to below the Surrey fire service standard of 10 minutes for first frontline appliance

A minimum of 4 appliances (and 3 officer cars) would be needed to control and extinguish a fire.

If the entrance to the western end of the park is not replaced then access routes within the park will need to be improved considerably to include passing points and turning circles and to be maintained to ensure they are available for use at all times.

Should a fire occur, additional water supplies will be required which would be provided via SFRS water carriers. It was stated in the meeting that such vehicles are too large to be brought along the track from the trade gate so water would be accessed either by:

- Closing the A3 and parking the water carrier on the A3 and pumping it in over the fence
- From the lake (post meeting note: this is a distance of some 900 metres from the Gothic Tower)

SFRS noted that both options would add to the response time.

Re Public Events in the landscape

SFRS advised that to comment on emergency procedures for future large-scale public events is beyond the scope of their feedback. The Trust reiterated that such measures need to be considered prior to a decision not to replace the emergency access. An Events Plan to 2022 was shared and PPT noted that in the recent Food Festival hosted by Elmbridge Council the A3 Access was integral to the emergency planning for this event.

Consultation on this issue still to be organised by the Applicant (perhaps via Surrey County Council Emergency Planning Department.)

Re Ambulance Service

PPT is still awaiting the consultation of the Ambulance service.