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Dear Sirs

**Our reference: MW/FG/19/05220/PREAPP**

Further to the planning application reference **19/05220/PREAPP – Land at Broom Hill, Broomhill, Bristol**. Avon Fire & Rescue Service will have additional Hydrant requirements associated with this application, please see attached plan as to our hydrant requirements.

The costs will need to be borne by developers through developer contributions. I have set out below the calculated costs per Hydrant.

Avon Fire & Rescue Service aim is ensuring members of the community are safe from fire and feel safe within their own homes by taking a risk assessed approach. We work with partner agencies developing strategies to help reduce the risk of fire within the community, and also assisting our partners in achieving their targets.

Our current strategy to reduce risk is simple: prevention, protection, response. Where efficiencies can be made we will work in partnerships to achieve these strategies. For example, we can bring positive change through effective education, influencing safer design of products, buildings and many other fire prevention activities. In the event of a fire occurring we want to ensure that people are protected, remain safe and can escape unharmed.

We can achieve this by enforcing fire safety regulations in buildings and undertaking home fire safety checks, including the fitting of smoke alarms. It is important that our communities know that if they need our help, we can respond to a range of emergencies, including fires and rescues.

Central Government does not provide any funding to Avon Fire & Rescue Service for the capital cost of growth related infrastructure. Where possible Avon Fire & Rescue Service will need seek and explore opportunities in relation to funding from other sources to meet the changing demands within its operational area.



Therefore Avon Fire & Rescue Service may need to become reliant on local support funding through either developer contributions, Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, through the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL).

These developments will contribute to a significant increase in demand for Avon Fire & Rescue Service. As the population increases, so does the demand. This has an added impact upon the current resources therefore stretching our assets to meet this demand.

### **Fire Hydrants**

The additional residential and commercial developments will require additional hydrants to be installed and appropriately-sized water mains to be provided for fire-fighting purposes. This additional infrastructure is required as a direct result of the developments and so the costs will need to be borne by developers either through them fitting suitable mains and fire hydrants themselves and at their cost or through developer contributions.

Avon Fire & Rescue Service has calculated the cost of installation and five years maintenance of a Fire Hydrant to be **£1,500 + vat** per hydrant. Again this cost should be borne by the developer.

Importantly, these fire-fighting water supplies must be installed at the same time as each phase of the developments is built so that they are immediately available should an incident occur and the Fire & Rescue Service be called.

Please do not hesitate in contacting me if you have any further questions.

Yours Sincerely

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