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Comments: Basford Hall estate is an extension of the nearby Tawny Hotel complex as stated on its website, with multiple properties available for holiday lets, and as a residential setting for multiple homes on short-term lease, there is a mix of residents alongside that of the Biomass construction activities in their various stages. It is therefore surprising to find that there is only reference to the Fire Service within the application form, particularly so given the narrow lanes with restricted access over which the emergency services, including the Fire Service, frequently require access in this area, why was there no wider consultation.

It now seems unclear what designation Basford Hall and the surrounding historic parkland should receive. The Forestry Commission now have the requirement of the estate to replace trees recently felled without the necessary permission, with new planting.

Does the harvesting of trees for biomass on the Basford Hall estate come under their supervision of the Forestry Commission or that of the offices of SMDC?

If this application is granted there will be an incremental increase biomass activity on site. In the event of fire where is the protection for the above mentioned residents from a biomass storage fire event? It seems that there has been no consultation with the Fire Service nor any mention of a Fire Prevention Plan (FPP). Advanced advice is available in a document to be found via - <https://www.thefpa.co.uk/advice-and-guidance/free-documents>

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