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Our Ref: NW/ARU/19/02A

Date: 11th January 2019

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Dear Mr Eastham

RE: Land East of Orchard Gardens ,Woodgate,Chichester

Thank you for your correspondence of 11th December 2018 advising me of an Outline application with some matters reserved for the development of 55 No. units with public open space & affordable housing (resubmission following AL/111/16/OUT).for which you seek advice from a crime prevention viewpoint.

The National Planning Policy Framework demonstrates the government's aim to achieve healthy, inclusive and safe places which are safe and accessible, so that crime and disorder, and the fear of crime, do not undermine the quality of life or community cohesion. With the level of crime and anti-social behaviour in Arun district being below average when compared with the rest of Sussex, I have no major concerns with the proposals, however, additional measures to mitigate against any identified local crime trends should be considered.

I direct my comments solely from a crime prevention viewpoint and I direct the application or their agent to our website at www.securedbydesign.com where SBD Homes 2016 document can be found. The Secured by Design scheme is a Police initiative to guide and encourage those engaged within the specification, design and build of new homes, and those undertaking major or minor property refurbishment, to adopt crime prevention measures. The advice given in this guide has been proven to reduce the opportunity for crime and the fear of crime, creating safer, more secure and sustainable environments.

I note the number of houses within planning application AL/111/16/OUT have been reduced from 57 to 55 within this current application.

I refer to our previous letter PE/ARU/16/34A dated 1st December 2016 regarding application AL/111/16/OUT.

All matters within our letter remain extant and apply to this new application AL/129/18/OUT.

I would add that lighting throughout the development and access road must conform to specifications within BS 5489:2013.

It is important that pedestrians have a good view ahead and around them. Foot paths should be straight, wide and well lit, be overlooked and avoid potential hiding places.

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Routes for pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles should be integrated to provide a network of supervised areas to reduce crime and antisocial behaviour.

Where it is desirable to limit access or use to residents and their legitimate visitors, features such as rumble strips, change of road surface, pillars, or brick piers can be useful to indicate the area is private.

As a general recommendation where good visibility is needed, shrubs should be selected to have a mature growth height no higher than 1 metre, and trees should have no foliage or lower branches below 2 metres which allows 1 metre field of view between them.

Due to this application being outline and for access, I will deliver further comments at reserved matters.

The Crime & Disorder Act 1998 heightens the importance of taking crime prevention into account when planning decisions are made. Section 17 of the Act places a clear duty on both police and local authorities to exercise their various functions with due regard to the likely effect on the prevention of crime and disorder. You are asked to accord due weight to the advice offered in this letter which would demonstrate your authority's commitment to work in partnership and comply with the spirit of The Crime & Disorder Act.

I would also ask you to note that Sussex Police is now exploring the impact of growth on the provision of policing infrastructure over the coming years and further comment on this application may be made by our Joint Commercial Planning Manager.

Yours sincerely

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