



Local Policing Service Improvement & Engagement Department

Your Ref: AL/89/24/OUT

Our Ref: LM/ARU/24/06A

Date 19th August 2024

Contact Name: Lee Melbourne

Dear Mr Davis,

RE: Land at Woodgate Nurseries Lidsey Road Woodgate

Thank you for your correspondence of the 19th of August 2024, advising me of an outline planning application with all matters reserved (except access) for the demolition of existing redundant nursery buildings and other structures and erection of a residential development of with up to 130 No dwellings, informal and formal public open space, landscaping, drainage, and other associated works at the above location, 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 – for example through the use of attractive, well-designed, clear, and legible pedestrian and cycle routes, and high-quality public space, which encourage the active and continual use of public areas.

Although the level of crime and anti-social behaviour in the Arun District is average when compared with the rest of Sussex, additional measures to mitigate against any identified local crime trends and site-specific requirements should always be considered.

I have had the opportunity to examine the detail within the application and in an attempt to reduce the opportunity for crime and the fear of crime I offer the following comments using Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles and from a Secured by Design (SBD) perspective. SBD is owned by the UK Police service and supported by the Home Office and Building Control Departments in England (Part Q Security – Dwellings), that recommends a minimum standard of security using proven, tested, and accredited products. Further details can be found at www.securedbydesign.com

Mr Davis
Planning Officer
Planning Control
Arun District Council

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Given that this outline application is only to determine the means of access and to seek approval in principle with design matters reserved for later determination I have no detailed comments to make at this stage.

I would however, like to take this opportunity to direct the applicant or their agent to our website at www.securedbydesign.com where the SBD Homes 2024 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 thank you for allowing me the opportunity to comment and I look forward to being further consulted at the reserved matters stage when I would hope to respond in more detail.

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.

Thank you for giving me an opportunity to comment.

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.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Planning Officer,
Please find my consultee comments as requested on the above application.
Kind regards,
Lee

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