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Dear Mr Cleveland

Re: Vacant Building at Rustington Golf Centre, Golfers Lane, Angmering, BN16 4NB

Thank you for your letter of 30th August 2011, advising me of a proposed change of use at the above location, for which you seek advice from a crime prevention viewpoint.

I have had the opportunity to examine the detail within the application and in an endeavour to reduce the opportunity for crime and the fear of crime offer the following comments.

The crime and anti social behaviour at this location is average when compared to the rest of England and Wales. I do not have concerns with this proposal.

Due to the rural location it will be essential that the building's perimeter is secure and strong. To this end I recommend that all existing doors have locks to BS3621 with any outward opening doors benefiting from hinge pins.

Existing windows if not already with window locks to have them provided.

The fitting of a monitored intruder alarm would be beneficial or consideration given to connecting to the existing system. Clear legible signage indicating this fact to be prominently displayed.

In order to provide security to the office areas, access control to the offices doors for authorised staff members to be implemented with suitable signage to be prominently displayed.

Valuable and attractive items to be security marked and catalogued.

Cash in transit handling procedures to be reviewed with the appropriate company or to be incorporated within the golf club's present arrangements.

In order to provide a safe and secure environment for staff and customers, adequate fit for purpose lighting is to be installed in the car parking areas, the entrance and exits of the building.

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The Safer Places document from the ODPM, (2004) offers a good practice guide for the creation of well designed and safe places through the planning system. 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.

This letter has been copied to the applicant or their agent who is asked to note that the above comments may be a material consideration in the determination of the application but may not necessarily be acceptable to the Local Planning Authority. It is recommended, therefore, that before making any amendments to the application, the applicant or their agent first discuss these comments with the Local Planning Authority.

I thank you for allowing me the opportunity to comment.

Yours sincerely

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