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Dear Mr Cronin

Re: The Vinery, Poling, BN18 9PY.

Thank you for your correspondence of 05th June 2013, advising me of a proposed development 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 attempt to reduce the opportunity for crime and the fear of crime I offer the following comments.

I was unable locate within the documents section of this application a Design and Access Statement and therefore could not find mention of any crime prevention measures to be incorporated into the design and layout. The National Planning Policy Framework demonstrates the government's commitment to creating safe and accessible environments where crime and disorder, and the fear of crime, do not undermine the quality of life or community cohesion. Design and Access Statements for outline and detailed applications should therefore demonstrate how crime prevention measures have been considered in the design of the proposal and how the design reflects the attributes of safe, sustainable places set out in Safer Places – The Planning System and Crime Prevention.

I urge the applicant to consider the advice given within BS 8220-3-2004 Guide for Security of Buildings against crime, storage, industrial and distribution premises.

I was pleased to note from the site plan submitted that there is a proposed perimeter security fence with security gates within. I recommend that these security gates are controlled with an access control system that will allow authorised access to deliveries and staff. A remote facility should be available to allow visitors access on approval.

Installing access control throughout the facility should be given some consideration in order to control entry to sensitive areas within the facility for authorised persons only.

Lighting within the development around the car park and entrances will be an important consideration and any lighting should be commensurate with CCTV system should one be considered.

I recommend the fitting of a monitored intruder alarm to protect the facility during out of hours.

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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.

Yours sincerely



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