



Local Policing Support Team

Your Ref: BE/103/19/RES

Our Ref: PE/ARU/20/06/A

Date 25th March 2020

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Dear Mr Cole

RE: Land West of New Barn Lane, Bersted, PO21 5DN.

Thank you for your recent correspondence advising me of a planning application for the approval of reserved matters following the grant of BE/77/16/OUT and BE/40/18/PL for 50 No. residential units with associated roads, drainage & other related infrastructure 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.

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 the Arun District being 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 and site specific requirements should be considered.

There have been numerous crime prevention comments concerning this development from this office over time. In order to release this reserved matters application, my only comments would be to ask that the garden fences looking into the unobserved rear garden pathways are constructed of close board fencing, 1.5 metres high topped with 300mm of trellis. This creates a security height of 1.8 metres whilst allowing surveillance into what was a previously unobserved area. Other than this I have no other crime prevention comment to make.

I thank you for allowing me the opportunity to comment.

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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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