



Local Policing Service Improvement & Engagement Department

Your Ref: BE/112/25/OUT

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Date 26th September 2025

Contact Name: Lee Melbourne

Dear Mr Davis,

RE: Land at Heath Place Bersted PO22 9SL

Thank you for your correspondence of the 26th of September 2025, advising me of an outline planning application with some matters reserved (except access, layout and scale) for 3 No class E light industrial units and associated landscaping 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 as indicated within Police.uk 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.

The proposal relates to the development of the site for the erection of three detached Class E buildings along with associated hardstanding, parking and landscaping.

Mr Davis
Planning Officer
Planning Control
Arun District Council

As this proposal is submitted in outline with some matters reserved (except access, layout and scale) I would like to take this opportunity to direct the applicant to the website: www.securedbydesign.com where the Secured by Design Non-Residential Guide for 2025 (formerly known as the Commercial Guide) can be found. This guide incorporates the latest security standards, developed to address emerging criminal methods of attack, and includes references to the Building Regulations and other statutory requirements across the United Kingdom.

From a crime prevention perspective – each industrial unit should be fitted with an intruder alarm system to protect the premises out of hours.

Although video surveillance systems (VSS) are not a solution to all security problems it can help deter criminals and assist with the identification of offenders after a crime has been committed.

Should CCTV be a consideration the following documents will be of assistance to the applicant:

CCTV guidance for police requirements: [HO \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](http://HO.publishing.service.gov.uk)

CCTV at Commercial Business <https://www.gov.uk/can-i-use-cctv-at-my-commercial-premises>

[CCTV | Search | Information Commissioner's Office \(ico.org.uk\)](http://CCTV|Search|Information%20Commissioner's%20Office%20(ico.org.uk))

Where lighting is implemented, it should conform to the recommendations within BS5489-1:2020.

Thank you for giving me an opportunity to offer comments in response.

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

Miss Lee A Melbourne
Designing Out Crime Officer
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Dear Planning Officer,
Please find consultee comments as requested on the above application.
Kind regards,
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