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Our Ref: NW/ARU/16/10F

Date: 11th April 2019

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Dear Mr D Easton,

RE Land West of New Barn Lane, Bersted, Bognor Regis.

Thank you for your correspondence of 15th March 2019 regarding 'Erection of 99 No dwellings together with landscaping open space and associated works. Access to be taken from New Barn Lane, (alternative scheme to BE/29/19/PL), 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. With the level of crime and anti-social behaviour in 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 should be considered.

I direct my comments solely from a crime prevention viewpoint and I direct the applicant or their agent to our website at www.securedbydesign.com where SBD Homes 2016 and the recently published Homes 2019 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 refer to our letter NW/ARU/16/10E dated 3rd April 2019 regarding BE/29/19/PL and previous associated letters referred to within it, to which all matters remain extant.

It is important that there is a good degree of casual observation of the LAP and LEAP as these may well attract anti-social behaviour. Consideration should be given to treating any easily accessible equipment with anti-graffiti coatings.

In regard to cycle storage I refer to Secured by Design 'Homes 2019 paragraph's 56.2 to 56.4' which gives recommendations for bicycle storage within sheds. I note that the garden shed design for the cycle storage indicates a window within one side of the shed walls. SBD require that no windows are included in the shed walls. It also gives further recommendations regarding cycle security and cycle stands.

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There are no substantial changes to the development from a crime prevention viewpoint and therefore I have no additional comments to make regarding this application.

Thank you for giving me the 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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