



Local Policing Support Team

Your Ref: BE/40/22/PL

Our Ref: LM/ARU/22/20A

Date 8th April 2022

Contact Name: Lee Melbourne

Dear Ms Tomalova,

RE: Former Bartons Infant School Romney Broadwalk Bersted PO22 9BH

Thank you for your correspondence of the 8th April 2022, advising me of a planning application for the demolition of former school building and erection of 21 No new dwellings and associated car parking, cycle parking and landscaping. This site is in CIL Zone 4 and is CIL Liable as new dwellings 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.

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 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 from a Secured by Design (SBD) perspective. SBD is owned by the UK Police service and supported by the Home Office and Building Control Departments in England (Part Q Security – Dwellings), that recommends a minimum standard of security using proven, tested and accredited products. Further details can be found at www.securedbydesign.com

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I direct the applicant or their agent to our website at www.securedbydesign.com where the SBD Homes 2019 Version 2 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 was very pleased to note from the Design and Access Statement submitted in support of the above application, that the applicant's agent has clearly demonstrated their understanding of the Secured by Design scheme and its requirements; back to back gardens that eliminate vulnerable rear garden pathways, good demarcation of defensible space, robust rear fencing and overlooked streets with natural surveillance have all been incorporated into the development.

Parking has also been provided on plot which will the street layout free and unobstructed.

In relation to cycle stores within the development - research by the 'Design against Crime Centre' suggests that cyclists should be encouraged to lock both wheels and the crossbar to a stand rather than just the crossbar and therefore a design of cycle stand that enables this method of locking to be used is recommended. Minimum requirements for such equipment: • Galvanised steel bar construction (minimum thickness 3mm), filled with concrete; • Minimum foundation depth of 300mm with welded 'anchor bar'.

With regards to landscaping - ground planting should not be higher than 1 metre with tree canopies no lower than 2 metres. This arrangement provides a window of observation throughout the area.

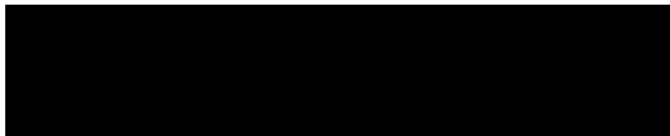
Lighting throughout the development will be an important consideration and where it is implemented it should conform to the recommendations within BS5489-1:2020.

Sussex Police would have no objection to the proposed development as submitted from a crime prevention perspective.

Thank you for giving me an 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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