



Local Policing Support Team

Your Ref: BN/84/20/PL

Our Ref: LM/ARU/20/03D

Date 24th September 2020

Contact Name: Lee Melbourne

Dear Mr Eastham,

RE: Land at Angels Nursery Yapton Road Barnham PO22 0AY

Thank you for your correspondence of the 24th September 2020, advising me of a planning application for Application for variation of condition 2 (approved plans) imposed on planning permission BN/93/19/PL for the development of 95 dwellings; and consequential changes to other conditions following commencement of 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 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

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 always be considered.

I refer the applicant to previous correspondence from this office Your Ref: BN/43/16/PL dated the 25th August 2016 and Our Ref: PE/ARU/16/18A dated the 29th September 2016. Additionally Your Ref: BN/131/19/PL dated the 7th January 2020 and our Ref: NW/ARU/20/03A dated the 21st January 2020. Furthermore Your Ref: BN/84/20/PL dated the 4th August 2020 and Our Ref: LM/ARU/20/03B dated the 19th August 2020 and Your Ref: BN/97/20/PL dated the 23rd September 2020 and Our Ref: LM/ARU/20/03C dated the 23rd September 2020 to which all comments remain extant.

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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.

Should a play area be provided within the public open space I direct the applicant to Chapter 9 SBD Homes 2019 Version 2 where recommendations for both communal and play areas can be found.

Regards the proposed landscaping from a crime prevention viewpoint careful selection of plant species is critical in order not to impede natural surveillance and avoid unnecessary high maintenance. Trees on appropriate route stocks can provide a more reliable means of reducing the likelihood of reducing natural surveillance. Trees may restrict the performance of street lighting or cause damage by collision with branches and should not be located within 5 metres of a light source. Account must be taken of the effects of seasonal variations. As a general recommendation where good visibility is needed shrubs should be selected to have a mature growth height no higher than 1 metre, and trees should have no foliage or lower branches below 2 metres which allows 1 metre field of view between them.

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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