



Local Policing Support Team

Your Ref: BR/129/21/OUT

Our Ref: LM/ARU/21/11A

Date 24th May 2021

Contact Name: Lee Melbourne

Dear Mr Davis,

RE: 26 Burnham Avenue Bognor Regis PO21 2JU

Thank you for your correspondence of the 21st of May 2021, advising me of a planning application for outline application with all matters reserved for 10 new dwellings consisting of 1 No. 1 bed property, 8 No. 2 bed properties and 1 No. 4 bed property with associated services, landscaping, car parking & amenity (resubmission following BR/190/20/OUT) 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. 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

I note that this is a further resubmission following the withdrawal of the previous application at the request of the applicant on the 2/12/2020.

Mr Davis
Planning Officer
Planning Control
Arun District Council

Sussex Police Headquarters
Malling House, Malling, Lewes, East Sussex, BN7 2DZ

I refer the applicant to previous correspondence from this office Your Ref: BR/49/19/OUT dated the 18th March 2019 and Our Ref: NW/ARU/19/08A dated the 12th April 2020. Additionally Your Ref: BR/190/20/OUT dated the 3rd September 2020 and Our Ref: LM/ARU/20/26A dated the 3rd September 2020 to which all comments remain extant.

Given that this outline application is to seek approval in principle, I have no detailed comment to make at this stage. I thank you for allowing me the opportunity to comment and I look forward to being further consulted at the reserved stage, when I would hope to respond in more detail.

I would however, like to take this opportunity to 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.

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
Sussex Police Headquarters

Sussex Police Headquarters
Malling House, Malling, Lewes, East Sussex,
BN7 2DZ

