



Local Policing Service Improvement & Engagement Department

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Date 9th September 2026

Contact Name: Lee Melbourne

Dear Hebe,

RE: 58 High Street Bognor Regis PO21 1SP

Thank you for your correspondence of the 8th of September 2026, advising me of a planning application for a change of use of a betting shop (Sui Generis) to an adult gaming centre (Sui Generis) 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.

This planning application is seeking permission for a change of use from a betting shop to a 24 hour adult gaming centre.

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.

Hebe Smith
Planning Officer
Planning Control
Arun District Council

As indicated within the accompanying planning statement I am pleased to note that secured by design measures have been a consideration. The application of these crime prevention measures will be effective in reducing both incidents and the fear of crime.

My main concern with this application is that of the amenity of the residential dwelling above and local surrounding local community which has the potential to be affected due to the additional footfall into the area especially during the hours of darkness.

Should this planning application be approved a large degree of sensitivity will be required to make sure the surrounding local community is not unduly disturbed, and it will therefore be a matter for the applicant to ensure that this is managed in the most appropriate manner.

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

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