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Hello Richard
Please find attached my crime prevention comments for the above application.
Kind regards
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Your Ref: BR/194/17PL

Our Ref: PE/ARU/17/26/A

Date: 11th August 2017

Contact Name: Phillip Edwards

Direct Dial No: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr Temple

Re: Promenade Opposite Clarence Road The Esplanade Bognor Regis PO21 1LX

Thank you for your correspondence of 13th July 2017, advising me of a planning application for the demolition of the existing Foreshore Office and decommissioning of existing underground toilets. New purpose built unisex toilet block including urinals, baby changing facilities and accessible WC, plus a separate beach office with public information point and first aid facilities. All located on the existing seafront promenade 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.

The National Planning Policy Framework demonstrates the government's commitment to creating safe and accessible environments where 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 below average when compared with the rest of Sussex, I have no major concerns with the proposal regarding crime levels at the above location, however, additional measures to mitigate against any identified local crime trends should be considered.

Public Toilets

- I have concerns about the positioning of the facility, which as result causes the toilets doors to open onto the promenade's balustrade area. With the doors open, this creates a barrier blocking users in, unable to make their way back to the promenade until the adjacent door is closed. This is more apparent for the middle cubicle users
- This orientation increases the vulnerability of the users, the opportunity for robbery, assault and anti- social behaviour as well as the fear of crime.
- Despite the design's orientation being suggested to alleviate bad weather conditions impacting upon the users, I recommend that the orientation be changed so that the doors open onto the promenade. This will remove the possibility of creating a blocked off area and reduce the opportunity for robbery and assault as well as reducing the fear of crime by utilising natural surveillance and the presence of capable guardians who are using the public promenade.
- Should the orientation remain the same with all doors opening in, this will remove my above concerns but will impact upon the available space inside.

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- I recommend the fitting of vandal resistant dusk till dawn lighting above each door.
- I support the recommendation of the fitting of a one way viewer in the doors to ensure safe exit for the user.
- I question why one cubicle door opens in, when the others open out. This reduce considerably the space within, given it is a baby cubicle, this may impede upon the size of pram / pushchair used and create problems shutting the door.
- I recommend that vandal resistant door and windows are installed that conform to LPS 1175 SR2 with any glazing being laminated that conforms to BS EN 356 P1A.
- The mentioned accessible toilet will need to have an adequate and fit for purpose automated door system that allows access for all types of wheelchairs and mobility, and as such have appropriated door timers and door closers installed. Access to this facility will need to be managed to ensure misappropriation of the facility is removed.

Beach Office

- Vandal resistant door and windows to conform to LPS 1175 SR2 with laminated glazing that conforms to BS EN 356 P1A to be fitted.
- Vandal resistant dusk till dawn lighting fitted above entry doors
- I recommend the fitting of a monitored intruder alarm within the premises to alert any out of hour's unauthorised entry.

Should any shutters be installed within either of the two buildings, I recommend that these are treated with an anti-graffiti treatment to assist in the removal of any graffiti and tags.

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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