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Our Ref: NW/ARU/17/26/B

Date: 20th November.2017

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Dear Mr Temple

RE:- Promenade Opposite Walton Avenue The Esplanade Bognor Regis PO21 1LX

Thank you for your correspondence of 14th December 2017, advising me of an application for the Demolition of the existing Foreshore office & decommissioning of existing underground toilets. New purpose built unisex toilet block including urinals, baby changing facilities & accessible WC, plus a separate beach office with public information point & first aid facilities. All located on the existing seafront promenade 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, and 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 proposals, however, additional measures to mitigate against any identified local crime trends should be considered.

I refer to our previous planning application BR/194/17/A and our previous email PE/ARU/17/26A dated 11th August 2017 to which all matters remain extant except for the below items.

I am pleased to see that the orientation of the toilet block and beach office has been reversed so that all the toilet doors face towards the beach and offer natural surveillance, thus removing issues of person caught between open doors being subject to crime and unable to pass, or being struck by an opening door. Self-closing doors will also help prevent persons being struck by a flapping door in high winds.

I would recommend the rear access doors to the toilet service area and also the beach office have a guard rail or post to prevent passers by being struck when the doors open and fitted door viewers would assist to see who is outside before opening the doors.

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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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