



Local Policing Support Team

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Our Ref: LM/ARU/20/37A

Date 10th December 2020

Contact Name: Lee Melbourne

Dear Ms Myer,

RE: Butlins Upper Bognor Road Bognor Regis PO21 1JJ

Thank you for your correspondence of the 8th of December 2020, advising me of a planning application for Erection of temporary buildings to accommodate performance stage and seating for a period of up to 3 years. This site is in CIL Zone 4 (Zero Rated) as other 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.

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.

With regards to the bar area the applicant and their partners are strongly advised consult directly with Police Licensing at Sussex Police before making plans for licensed premises serving alcohol or conducting other licensable activities at this site.

From a crime prevention perspective in relation to the bar area thought should be given to alcohol only being bought onto the site when performances are occurring and not being stored permanently in situ. Failing this thought should be given to locking alcohol away and consideration given to the siting of CCTV and an intruder alarm to reduce potential incidents of theft.

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Details regarding CCTV and Data Protection can be found at the Information Commissioners Office website at: https://icosearch.ico.org.uk/s/search.html?query=CCTV&collection=ico-meta&profile=__default

CCTV guidance for police requirements:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/378449/09-05-UK-Police-Requirements22835.pdf

My only other concern is that of the potential to disturb the amenity of neighbouring residential properties when performances are taking place and although a matter for the applicant I would ask that this issue is sensitively handled to ensure that disturbance late into the night to surrounding areas is kept to a minimum.

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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