



Local Policing Support Team

Your Ref: FP/12/21/PL

Our Ref: LM/ARU/19/27B

Date 2nd February 2021

Contact Name: Lee Melbourne

Dear Mr Eastham,

RE: Felpham Site 6 Westmorlands Drive Felpham

Thank you for your correspondence of the 31st January 2021, advising me of a planning application for minor alterations, following FP/239/19/PL, to the emergency access to include replace small section of 1.2m close board fence with 1.2m post & rail fence, addition of guard railings adjacent to northern gate, gate colour to be amended from grey to yellow & addition of 4 No. car parking spaces, to total 32 No. parking spaces, to serve the Community Centre building in lieu of the spaces in the layby 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.

I refer the applicant to previous correspondence from this office Your Ref: FP/239/19/PL dated the 20th of November 2019 and Our Ref: NW/ARU/19/27A to which all comments remain extant.

Having reviewed the plans I am very pleased to note that appropriate risk commensurate security measures will be implemented with regards to the emergency access/pedestrian area of the site.

Mr Eastham
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With regards to the addition of the 4 car parking spaces to serve the community centre I have not identified any issues and therefore have no further comments to make from a crime prevention perspective.

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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