



Local Policing Service Improvement & Engagement Department

Your Ref: F/19/25/OUT

Our Ref: LM/ARU/25/12A

Date 30th June 2025

Contact Name: Lee Melbourne

Dear Ms Riches,

RE: Land to the South of Ford Lane Arundel, Arundel BN18 0DF

Thank you for your correspondence of the 30th of June 2025, advising me of an outline planning application with some matters reserved (except access) for up to 400 No dwellings, an 8-10 form entry secondary school with associated sports pitches and facilities, a community hub of up to 600 sqm, new pedestrian, cycle and vehicular access point onto from Ford Lane with additional secondary pedestrian/cycle access points will be provided throughout the site, allotments/community growing space, an orchard, country park, a sustainable urban drainage system and other formal public open space, landscaping and associated infrastructure 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 when compared with the rest of Sussex, 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.

Ms Riches
Planning Officer
Planning Control
Arun District Council

As this application is submitted in outline with some matters reserved except access, I have no detailed comments to make at this stage.

I would like to take this opportunity to direct the applicant to the website: www.securedbydesign.com where the Secured by Design Residential Guide for 2025 (formerly known as the Homes Guide) can be found. The guide incorporates the latest security standards, developed to address emerging criminal methods of attack, and includes references to the Building Regulations and other statutory requirements across the United Kingdom.

I would also like to direct the applicant or their agent to the www.securedbydesign.com where the Secured by Design (SBD) New Schools 2014 Document can be found. This document provides design guidance and specification requirements for reducing the risks for crime against people and property in all schools and school grounds such as burglary, theft, arson, vehicle crime and assault. The same advice is also intended to reduce the fear of crime and the incidence of anti-social behaviour.

I would also ask you to note that Sussex Police is now exploring the impact of growth on the provision of policing infrastructure over the coming years and further comment on this application may be made by our Joint Commercial Planning Manager.

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

**Miss Lee A Melbourne
Designing Out Crime Officer
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Dear Planning Officer,
Please find consultee comments as requested on the above application.

Kind regards,
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