



Local Policing Support Team

Your Ref: LU/141/21/PL

Our Ref: LM/ARU/17/17D

Date 20th May 2021

Contact Name: Lee Melbourne

Dear Mr Eastham,

RE: Phase 2 Toddington Lane Littlehampton BN17 7PP

Thank you for your correspondence of the 19th of May 2021, advising me of a planning application for Amendments to Phase 2, Hampton Park (LU/121/17/RES) comprising of: the minor relocation of the 4 No. dwellings (plots 123-126) northwards by 1 metre, the replacement house type from a wide front 3 bed to a standard 3 bed affordable on plot 126, acoustic fence details and location thereof, retaining wall boundary treatment, ancillary changes i.e. plot 126 front door position on the approved planning elevation drawings to coincide with the approved planning layout and civils drawings & removal of garage to now be a parking space only at plot 38. This site is in CIL Zone 2 (Zero Rated) 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 from a Secured by Design (SBD) perspective. SBD is owned by the UK Police service and supported by the Home Office and Building Control Departments in England (Part Q Security – Dwellings), that recommends a minimum standard of security using proven, tested and accredited products. Further details can be found at www.securedbydesign.com

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I refer the applicant to previous correspondence from this office Your Ref: LU/121/17/RES dated the 19th April 2017 and Our Ref: PE/ARU/17/17A dated the 15th May 2017. Additionally Your Ref: LU/121/17/RES dated the 20th September 2017 and Our Ref: NW/ARU/17/17/B dated the 18th October 2017 to which comments remain extant.

From a crime prevention perspective I do not have any concerns with the amendments to the original proposal but would like to take this opportunity to direct the applicant or their agent to our website at www.securedbydesign.com where the SBD Homes 2019 Version 2 document can be found. The Secured by Design scheme is a Police initiative to guide and encourage those engaged within the specification, design and build of new homes, and those undertaking major or minor property refurbishment, to adopt crime prevention measures. The advice given in this guide has been proven to reduce the opportunity for crime and the fear of crime, creating safer, more secure and sustainable environments.

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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