



Local Policing Support Team

Your Ref: LU/186/21/RES

Our Ref: LM/ARU/17/17E

Date 28th June 2021

Contact Name: Lee Melbourne

Dear Mr Eastham,

RE: Phase 2B Hampton Park Toddington Lane Littlehampton BN17 7PL

Thank you for your correspondence of the 28th of June 2021, advising me of a planning application for Approval of reserved matters following LU/47/11 for the change of house types on Plots 42 & 43 ('Coniston Corner') and Plot 44 ('Derwent') to be replaced with the 'Lockwood' house type & a change to the rear garden fence on Plot 41. This site is in CIL Zone 2 & is 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

I refer the applicant to previous correspondence from this office Your Ref: LU/47/11 dated the 12th May 2011 and Our Ref: PE/ARU/11/06/A dated the 20th May 2011 to which all comments remain extant.

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This application proposes changes to house types on plots 42, 43 and 44 including a change to the rear garden fence on Plot 41.

From a crime prevention perspective I do not have any concerns with the amendments to the original proposal.

However I 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.

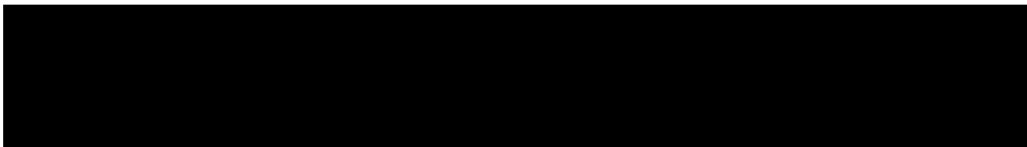
I would also like to take this opportunity to direct the applicant to Chapter 8 paragraph 8.8 – 8.12 SBD Homes Version 2 2019 which offers guidance on the design of routes for pedestrians and cyclists.

With regard to the proposed landscaping - careful selection of plant species is critical in order not to impede natural surveillance and avoid unnecessary high maintenance. Trees on appropriate route stocks can provide a more reliable means of reducing the likelihood of reducing natural surveillance. Trees may restrict the performance of street lighting or cause damage by collision with branches and should not be located within 5 metres of a light source. Account must be taken of the effects of seasonal variations. As a general recommendation where good visibility is needed shrubs should be selected to have a mature growth height no higher than 1 metre, and trees should have no foliage or lower branches below 2 metres which allows 1 metre field of view between them.

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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