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Dear Mr Innes

Re: Windroos Nursery, Worthing Road, Littlehampton, BN17 6LY.

Thank you for your recent correspondence advising me of an amended application for the approval of reserved matters for the development of 84 No dwellings 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 commitment to creating safe and accessible environments where crime and disorder, and the fear of crime, do not undermine the quality of life or community cohesion, and with the level of crime and anti-social behaviour in Arun district being below 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 should be considered.

I was pleased to note that the amended Design and Layout has gone a long way to satisfy my concerns regarding unobserved parking.

I note that some rear garden pathway are still present. Therefore I would to reiterate my advice about the fencing configuration. Gardens overlooking a rear access garden path should be a combination of 1.5 metre high close board fencing topped with 300mm of trellis. This arrangement will provide a security height of 1.8 metres but will also allow a degree of surveillance into an otherwise unobserved area.

My previous comments within PE/ARU/16/16/A/ concerning lighting, planting, postal arrangements, cycle stores and Secured by Design remain extant

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.

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