



## Local Policing Support Team

Your Ref: LU/238/20/OUT

Our Ref: LM/ARU/20/28A

Date 10<sup>th</sup> September 2020

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Dear Mr Cole,

### **RE: Land west of Bridge Road Roundabout Littlehampton BN17 5DF**

Thank you for your correspondence of the 10<sup>th</sup> September 2020, advising me of an Outline planning application with some reserved matters (Scale and Access to be reserved) for the demolition of existing treatment works & redevelopment of a former camp site to provide; up to 105 No. homes, 100sqm of A1 Shops use, 220sqm of A3 restaurant use & 420m of pontoons to provide approximately 32 leisure moorings along with associated landscaping, sluice gate, flood defence works & car parking highways works. This application also lies within the parish of Climping, may affect a Public Footpath & is a Departure from the Development Plan 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 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](http://www.securedbydesign.com)

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.

Due to the application being outline, my comments will be broad with more in-depth advice being delivered at reserved matters.

Mr Cole  
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With regards to the proposed apartment buildings I direct the applicant or their agent to our website at [www.securedbydesign.com](http://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.

With regards to the commercial element of the application I direct the applicant or their agent to our website at [www.securedbydesign.com](http://www.securedbydesign.com) where the Secured by Design (SBD) Commercial Development 2015 Version 2 document can be found. This is a comprehensive document that encapsulates both commercial developments where the public have no formal access, e.g. factory or office buildings, and those where public access is integral to the commercial use such as retail premises, leisure centres and public buildings. This document will be able to provide the applicant with in-depth crime prevention advice pertinent to the design and layout.

With regards to the proposed A3 use pertaining to this application I urge the applicant to consult directly with Police Licensing at Sussex Police before making plans for licensed premises serving alcohol or conducting other licensable activities at this site.

From a crime prevention perspective, it will be imperative that access control is implemented into the design and layout to ensure control of entry into the apartment buildings is for authorised persons only as there are areas within the development where the public domain crosses into private residential areas. It will also be important in ensuring that the structure of the development is maintained so that different uses do not cause conflict with each other. So therefore there will need to be clear segregation of the residential from the commercial element of the development.

Finally, given the presence of the under-croft parking at the development, I recommend that the applicant seek advice from Sussex Police Counter Terrorist Security advisers with regards to the scheme as soon as it is practicable.

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 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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