



Local Policing Service Improvement & Engagement Department

Your Ref: LU/83/25/OUT

Our Ref: LM/ARU/25/11A

Date 10th June 2025

Contact Name: Lee Melbourne

Dear Ms Kersley,

RE: Westholme Nursery Toddington Lane Littlehampton BN17 7PP

Thank you for your correspondence of the 9th of June 2025, advising me of an outline planning application (with all matters except access reserved) for the construction of 31 No. residential units 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 using Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles and 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

Ms Kersley
Planning Officer
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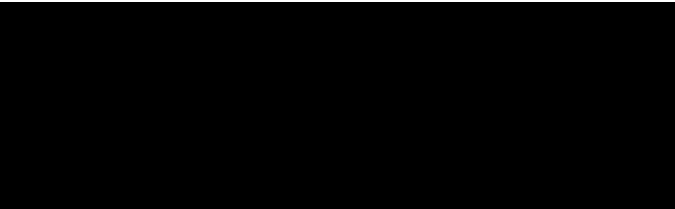
As this planning application is submitted in outline form with all matters, except access, reserved for subsequent determination I have no detailed comments to make at this stage but would like to thank you for giving me an opportunity to offer comments in response.

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

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Dear Planning Officer,
Please find consultee comments as requested on the above application.
Kind regards,
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