



Local Policing Support Team

Your Ref: M/16/22/PL

Our Ref: LM/ARU/22/15A

Date 2nd March 2022

Contact Name: Lee Melbourne

Dear Mr Easton,

RE: Land South of Grevatts Lane/A259 Climping

Thank you for your correspondence of the 24th of February 2022, advising me of a planning application for laying out of an 18 hole 72 par golf course, a 9 hole golf course, practice greens and a driving range including a buggy compound; the formation of a new access onto the A259; construction of a club house with associated golf club facilities; the construction of a maintenance building and external area of hardstanding; the laying of parking, new roads and paths; new landscape planting; surface water drainage basins and water storage resevoirs; and other earth works and infrastructure. This application also lies within the parishes of Climping and Yapton, is a Departure from the Development Plan and affects a Public Right of Way. This application is subject to an Environmental Statement 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.

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 direct the applicant or their agent to our website at 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 clubhouse and the greenkeepers maintenance facility - consideration should be given to the fitting of a suitably designed, fit for purpose, intruder alarm system to protect these areas out of hours.

As the clubhouse will house a main bar, restaurant and function space including hosting proposed hospitality events and weddings, the applicant and their partners are strongly advised to consult directly with Sussex Police Licensing before making plans for licensed premises serving alcohol or conducting other licensable activities at this site.

Should CCTV be a consideration the following documents will be of assistance to the applicant:

Details regarding CCTV and Data Protection can be found at the Information Commissioners Office website at: https://icosearch.ico.org.uk/s/search.html?query=CCTV&collection=ico-meta&profile=__default

CCTV guidance for police requirements:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/378449/09-05-UK-Police-Requirements22835.pdf

As indicated within the design and access statement - the car parking area will be providing 222 spaces. This includes 176 car spaces, 4 disabled spaces and an overflow area for 42 cars and will be located in the Western field parcel. The applicant may wish to consider applying for a Parkmark accreditation for the car parking areas within the development. Parkmark and the Safer Parking Scheme is owned by Police Crime Prevention Initiatives Ltd on behalf of the police service and managed by the British Parking Association. It is aimed at reducing both crime and the fear of crime in parking facilities. Details can be found at www.parkmark.com

Any ground planting in situ should not be higher than 1 metre with tree canopies no lower than 2 metres. This arrangement provides a window of observation throughout the area.

Finally, lighting throughout the golf course will be an important consideration and where it is implemented it should conform to the recommendations within BS BS5489-1:2020. I am aware that some areas have a 'dark sky policy' as lighting pollution can intrude upon intrinsically dark landscapes and the tranquillity of a place and can also have a negative impact on the ecology of an area. I note from the accompanying lighting statement that you are considering bollard lighting. The use of bollard lights may be useful for wayfinding; however, bollard lights fail to properly model the facial features of pedestrians and are vulnerable to vandalism and vehicle collision. Therefore, their use for security purposes is discouraged.

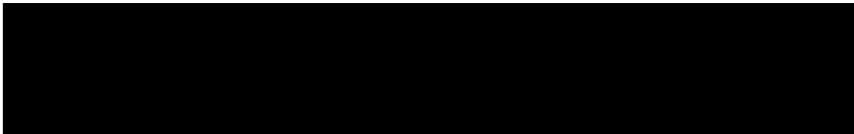
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Thank you for giving me an opportunity to comment.

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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