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Dear Ms Miszewska,

LAND EAST OF, COLLEGE ROAD, PURBROOK, WATERLOOVILLE

Thank you for your letter of the 24th July 2023 and the opportunity to comment upon the application. Having considered the application I have the following comments to make with reference to the prevention of crime and disorder (Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)).

The National Planning Policy Framework makes clear the Government's continuing commitment to "create safe and accessible environments where crime and disorder, and the fear of crime, do not undermine quality of life or community cohesion and resilience".

National Planning Practice Guidance advises, that planning has a role in preventing crime and malicious threats. It reminds Local Authorities of their obligations under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (as amended), specifically "to exercise their functions with due regard to their likely effect on crime and disorder, and to do all they reasonably can to prevent crime and disorder."

The guidance advises: "Planning provides an important opportunity to consider the security of the built environment, those that live and work in it and the services it provides." It continues, "Good design that considers security as an intrinsic part of a masterplan or individual development can help achieve places that are safe as well as attractive, which function well and which do not need subsequent work to achieve or improve resilience." "Good design means a wide range of crimes from theft to terrorism are less likely to happen by making committing those crimes more difficult."

Some acquisitive crimes such as burglary and theft are often facilitated by easy access to the rear of the premises. For a number of dwellings external rear garden



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access is via a communal rear access footpath or from a rear car park. The rear garden access for plot numbers 79 to 82 and 517 to 519 are examples of this, (there may be others) which increases the opportunities for crime and disorder. To reduce the opportunities for crime and disorder external rear garden access should be in curtilage. However, if the Planning Authority are minded to consent to a scheme with such rear garden access arrangements we would recommend that each garden gate is fitted with a key operated lock that operates from both sides of the gate. The lock should be designed for exterior use.

Throughout the development several small parks (Public Open Space) are shown. Such spaces often become places where people gather which can lead to Anti-Social Behaviour. To reduce the opportunities for crime and disorder the small areas of POS should be enclosed by a robust boundary treatment at least 1m high. There should be at least two entry / exit points within the boundary treatment. Any dwelling access routes running adjacent to these areas of POS must be isolated from the POS by the boundary treatment. Access to plot numbers 97 to 99 are an example of this there are others.

To reduce opportunities for crime and disorder, planting within the POSs should be such that it does not obscure natural surveillance of the space nor create a place within which a person might lie-in-wait unseen.

Allotments are places that suffer incidents of crime and disorder. The allotments appear to be enclosed by a 2m close board fence. The allotments are positioned to the east of the development there will be some overlooking of the allotments from the nearby dwellings. To improve natural surveillance of the allotments and reduce the opportunities for crime and disorder the allotments should be enclosed by a robust boundary treatment 2.1m high, which is visually permeable (perhaps vertical railings).

The blocks of apartments have communal cycle stores. These cycle stores are fitted with double doors. In this situation the second leaf often becomes insecure, resulting in the cycle store being insecure. To reduce the opportunities for crime and disorder communal cycle stores should be fitted with a robust single door, fitted with a lock that provides for authorised access only.

Lighting is known to reduce crime, disorder and the fear of crime. To reduce the opportunities for crime, disorder and the fear of crime lighting throughout the development, (including: footpath links giving access to dwelling front doors, and rear parking courts), should conform to the relevant sections of British Standard (BS) 5489-1:2020.





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If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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Designing Out Crime Officer

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