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Dear Mr. Eaves,

CAMP FIELD, BARTONS ROAD, HAVANT

Thank you for your letter of the 31st January 2019 and the opportunity to comment upon the application. Having considered the application I have the following comments to make with reference to crime prevention.

The rear garden boundary treatments of many of dwellings can be accessed from open space or from a swale, running to the rear of the dwellings. Some acquisitive crimes such as burglary and theft are often facilitated by access to the rear of the dwelling. Planning guidance advises, "Planning should promote appropriate security measures", it continues, "Taking proportionate security measures should be a central consideration to the planning and delivery of new developments and substantive retrofits." To reduce the opportunities for these types of crimes, the boundary treatments with access from such places should be constructed as 1.8m close board fence, topped with 300mm of trellis.

There is very little natural surveillance of both the vehicle and the pedestrian accesses into the development. From both of these accesses it is possible to gain unobserved access to the rear of a number of dwellings. Natural surveillance of the residential road network reduces the vulnerability of the area to crime and anti-social behaviour. Planning guidance advises, "In general urban block layouts provide an efficient template with building fronts and entrances to public spaces and their more private backs to private spaces. Such layouts minimise the creation of unsupervised and unsafe public spaces and unsafe access routes." To reduce the vulnerability of the development to crime and anti-social behaviour greater natural surveillance of the accesses should be provided from the nearby dwellings.

A number of dwelling flank walls are shown facing on to the road through the development. Currently this walls are shown as being protected by ornamental planting, which increases the opportunities for crime and anti-social behaviour. Planning guidance advises, "There should be a clear definition between public and private space. A buffer zone, such as a front garden, can successfully be used between public outdoor space and private internal space to support privacy and security." To reduce the opportunities for crime and anti-social behaviour if these walls contain ground floor windows this planting should be enclosed within a robust

boundary treatment, perhaps hoop topped railings so as to prevent access to the window.

The area to the north of the housing has yet to be developed, however, it will be possible to access this space from the proposed development. This creates a large area within which anti-social behaviour might occur. To reduce the opportunities for anti-social behaviour appropriate barriers should be put in place to prevent motor vehicle access to the field to the north of the dwellings.

To provide for the safety and security of residents and visitors lighting throughout the development should conform to the relevant sections of BS5489:2013.

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

Yours sincerely,

S York
Designing Out Crime Officer

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