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Dear Mrs. Haywood,

LAND OFF WESTWOOD CLOSE, EMSWORTH

Thank you for your letter of the 4th September 2018 and the opportunity to comment upon the application. Having considered the application I have the following comments to make with reference to crime prevention.

Currently the footpath benefits from natural surveillance from the dwellings along Westbourne Avenue. The proposed route of the footpath, places it behind a dense hedgerow which will severely restrict natural surveillance from the proposed dwellings, this increases the vulnerability of this section of the footpath to crime. Planning guidance advises that development should promote safe routes. To reduce the vulnerability of the footpath to crime a level of natural surveillance from the proposed dwellings, similar to that which currently exists should be provided along the footpath.

Plot number 1, has rear garden access via a rear access footpath this increases the vulnerability of the dwelling to crime. Planning guidance advises, "Planning should promote appropriate security measures", it goes on, "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 crime in the first instance I would recommend that all rear garden access is in curtilage, if this is not desirable, then I recommend that all rear garden gates are fitted with key operated locks that can be operated from both sides of the gate.

A small car park is shown to the rear of plot number 39, there is no natural surveillance of this car park from the nearby dwellings, which increases the vulnerability of the car park to crime. Planning guidance advises that "Natural surveillance of parked cars is an important consideration." To reduce the opportunities for crime greater natural surveillance of this car park from the nearby houses should be provided.

Parking for plot numbers 45 and 46 is at the end of the road with easy access from the public open space and the footpath. There is no natural surveillance of these parking spaces from the nearby dwellings, which increases the vulnerability of the parking spaces to crime. Planning guidance advises that "Natural surveillance of parked cars is an important consideration." To reduce the opportunities for crime greater natural surveillance of these parking spaces from the nearby houses should be provided.

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,

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Crime Prevention Design Advisor

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