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24th October 2022 —

Dear Mr. Christie,

LAND AT COWPLAIN SCHOOL, HART PLAIN AVENUE, WATERLOOVILLE

Thank you for your letter of the 7th October 2022 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



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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.”

The two detached dwellings have a pathway running down the side, each with a gate shown approximately halfway down the side of the house. This has created two small footpaths with very little natural surveillance from the public realm, which increases the opportunities for crime and disorder. To reduce the opportunities for crime and disorder these gates should be moved to the front build line. This would provide for more natural surveillance of the gates.

The proposed external boundary treatment to the west of the development is shown as being, new close board fence topped with 300mm of trellis. However, the height of the close board element is not defined, to provide for the security of the care home the close the close board element of this boundary treatment should be 1.8m high.

Within the care home each of the ground floor bedrooms has an external patio, the patio gives access on to an internal footpath. To prevent unauthorised access into the bedroom a gate should be fitted at the boundary of the patio with footpath.

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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