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8th December 2022 —

Dear Mr. Christie,

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Thank you for your letter of the 18th November 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 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."

Drawing Number 220493-0507 P1 shows the construction of the boundary treatments. The construction for gate numbers EG03, EG 06, EG09 and EG10 are also shown. These gates are to be 1.2m high, looking at the plans a cut out is shown



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approximately half way up the gate (probably to provide for locking), however, this cut out provides an ideal step to climb over the gate. Care should be taken with the design of the gates to ensure that locks, bolts, etc. do not create handholds or footholds that facilitate climbing over the gate.

Gate EG11 is to have a digital lock access, external digital locks do not provide for security, given enough attempts the code can be discovered. It is not clear which side of the gates the digital lock pad is to be placed.

Several of the double gates are to be secured using a magnetic lock it is not clear from the supporting information where these locks will be placed to ensure the security of the gates.

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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