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Dear Mrs. Lealan,

**LAND ADJACENT TO RIDERS JUNIOR AND INFANT SCHOOL, KINGSCLERE
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Thank you for your letter of the 6th June 2016 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 National Planning Policy Framework makes clear the Governments 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”.

The national planning practice guidance advises that “Planning should address crime prevention:”

1. Designing out crime and designing in community safety should be central to the planning and delivery of new development. Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 requires all local authorities 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 prevention of crime and the enhancement of community safety are matters that a local authority should consider when exercising its planning functions under the Town and Country Planning legislation. Local authorities may, therefore, wish to consider how they will consult their Police and Crime Commissioners on planning applications where they are Statutory Consultees and agree with their police force how they will work effectively together on other planning matters.
2. Crime should not be seen as a stand alone issue, to be addressed separately from other design considerations. That is why guidance on crime has been embedded throughout the guidance on design rather than being set out in isolation.



The site is to the rear of a number of existing dwellings along Dunsbury Way, Brockenhurst Avenue and Kingsclere Avenue. The proposal provides for connectivity between Dunsbury Way and Kingsclere Avenue, within the proposed development there is a high level of permeability. Both of these attributes increase the vulnerability of the development to crime and anti-social behaviour. The proposal shows a large area of public open space, which will contain various types of play apparatus. This area of public open space will attract people from the local area into the development to use the apparatus and enjoy the open space.

Should incidents occur the development will be very difficult to police. To reduce the vulnerability of the development to crime and anti-social behaviour, and to enable more effective policing should incidents occur, I recommend that connectivity is reduced to a single access point if this is not desirable a single access point on each side of the development.

Rear access to some of the plots is via a communal rear access footpath (plots 8 and 9 and 28 to 33 are examples). It is possible to access these footpaths unobserved, which increases the vulnerability of these dwellings to crime and anti-social behaviour. Planning guidance give the following advises that unsafe access routes should not be created. To reduce the vulnerability of these dwellings to crime and anti-social behaviour the rear access should be re-designed, ideally it should be in curtilage, or if this is not desirable protected from casual unauthorised access.

To provide for the safety and security of residents and visitors an appropriate level of lighting should be provided throughout the development. The existing access from Dunsbury Way should have additional column lighting installed.

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

Yours sincerely,

S York
Crime Prevention Design Advisor

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This survey is based on information supplied by yourself and the current crime trends. I can only give a view on what measures might reduce the risk of crime and there can be no guarantee that the measures will prevent crime. The advice is given free with no intention of creating a contract. Neither the Home Office or the Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire take any other legal responsibility for the advice given.