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SAINT MICHAELS CONVENT, 354 LONDON ROAD, WATERLOOVILLE, PO7 7SS

Dear Mrs. Wright,

Thank you for your letter of the 25th September 2013 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 proposal creates a parking court, to the rear of plot numbers 85 and 86. There is very little natural surveillance of the garages and parking spaces within this area of the parking court which increases the vulnerability of the area to crime. The publication 'Safer Places the Planning System and Crime Prevention' states: "Parked cars can be particularly vulnerable to crime and, unless they are in a private garage, must be overlooked". It goes on to say "A further alternative is parking courtyards, but courtyard parking that is not adequately overlooked by capable guardians should be avoided. Courtyard parking, as with all types of communal parking, should be small in size and close to the owners' homes. Notwithstanding the need for natural surveillance, a single, gated narrow entrance will make car crime more difficult."

To improve the natural surveillance of this area of the parking area, I recommend that the dwelling on plot 87 is re-orientated to face the garages.

Access to the rear gardens of some of the homes is via a gate giving access from the parking court. Acquisitive crime such as burglary and theft is often facilitated by easy access to the rear garden of the property. To reduce the opportunities for such crimes properties with such rear access gates should be fitted with a key operated lock that can be operated from either side of the gate.

An appropriate level of lighting should be provided throughout the development.



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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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