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LAND WEST OF HORNDEAN ROAD AND SOUTH OF SOUTHLEIGH ROAD

Dear Mrs. Lealan,

Thank you for your letter of the 11th June 2014 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 planning guidance states: “Planning should address crime prevention” it goes on to say:

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



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has been embedded throughout the guidance on design rather than being set out in isolation.

3. It is important that crime reduction-based planning measures are based upon a clear understanding of the local situation, avoiding making assumptions about the problems and their causes. Consideration also needs to be given to how planning policies relate to wider policies on crime reduction, crime prevention and sustainable communities. This means working closely with the police force to analyse and share relevant information and good practice. Further information can be obtained from the [Police.uk](https://www.police.uk) website.

The proposed development is served by two general accesses, however, there appears to be a pedestrian / cycle access provided by using the existing access running between numbers 55 and 61 Horndean Road. Such an access will create a through route drawing people into the southern part of the development. This will increase the vulnerability of the development to crime. The pathway between the dwellings is not lit nor properly surfaced. Therefore, I would recommend that this route is omitted from the final scheme, landscaping and planting should be such that it does not deliver pedestrians and cyclists to this point, a barrier positioned to prevent access from the proposed development into this footpath. I do note that currently this access is gated and a sign advises that it is not a public right of way.

There are a number of rear parking courts situated throughout the development. Several of these parking courts have little or no natural surveillance, the others have some natural surveillance. These parking areas compromise the security of the surrounding dwellings (and those that can be reached using connecting footpaths) and the vehicles parked within them. Therefore, I recommend that these features are omitted from the final scheme. If this is not desirable then to provide for the safety and security of residents and visitors I recommend:

1. Footpaths leading from the rear parking areas are removed
2. All boundary treatments are topped with trellis to provide some natural surveillance of the parking areas
3. Any rear access gates giving access into these parking areas or connecting footpaths are fitted with a key operated lock that can be operated from either side of the gate
4. A high level of lighting is provided within the parking areas

A large area of public open space is provided about the centre of the development. There is some natural surveillance along both the northern and southern edges of the space, however, the houses on the eastern side do not overlook this space. To improve the natural surveillance of this space the dwelling adjacent to the eastern side of the open space should be re-orientated to face the public open space.

To provide for the safety and security of residents and visitors 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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DISCLAIMER

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 Hampshire Constabulary take any other legal responsibility for the advice given.