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LAND ADJACENT TO 28 SHERFIELD AVENUE, HAVANT, PO9 5HT

Dear Mrs. McMurray,

Thank you for your letter of the 19th July 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.

Within the current dwelling there is a window at the first floor level in the gable end overlooking the side of the property and the access into the rear garage area. The proposed dwelling does not have a window in this position, which reduces the natural surveillance of the access and increases the vulnerability of the area to crime.

Surveillance is recognised in the publication "Safer Places the Planning System and Crime Prevention" as an attribute of a sustainable community, it is defined as:

"Places where all publicly accessible spaces are overlooked". The publication goes on to say:

"Many of the other attributes – particularly access and movement, ownership and structure – are underpinned by the theory that places are safer if they are overlooked. However, the notion of safety by surveillance is reliant on the assumption that, at all times, those who overlook will be a deterrent because they will act if they see a crime. Whether it is 'natural', organised or electronic, facilitating effective surveillance should be a core part of planning out crime. But it should not be relied upon as the sole strategy for tackling crime and disorder."

Therefore I would recommend that a window containing clear glazing is placed in the gable end at the first floor level overlooking this access way.



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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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