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Dear Mrs. Lealan,

Thank you for your letter of the 25th February 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 shows a piece of amenity land to the north east of the development. The Design and Access Statement indicates that the existing brick wall (which would provide a high level of security) is to be demolished and replaced with a new boundary treatment in which there is a pair of gates giving access on to West Street. From this it appears that this area will be open to the residents of the development and those passing along West Street. Two pedestrian accesses very much increases the vulnerability of an area to crime. To reduce the opportunities for crime I recommend that the existing brick wall is retained along the boundary with the park and the proposed access from West Street into the park is stopped. The pathway providing access to plot number 13 should be separated from the park by the addition of railings approximately four feet high running along it. If this is not desirable the park itself should be enclosed (perhaps a railing fence approximately four feet high). Two gates should be provided within the boundary one as proposed from the development and the other at the top of the footpath giving access to Plot number 13. Low planting should be placed along the West Street boundary of the park.

A number of properties have rear access to parking or to a rear access footpath. Some acquisitive crimes such as burglary and theft are facilitated by easy access to the rear garden. Therefore to provide for the security of the dwellings all rear access gates should be fitted with a key operated lock that can be operated from either side of the gate.



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The proposal also creates a building of multiple occupancy to provide for the safety and security of residents and visitors I recommend:

- The communal access doors are certificated to PAS24 standard or better
- Individual flat front doors are certificated to PAS24 standard or better
- An appropriate audio / visual access control system is installed

An appropriate level of lighting will be required throughout the development, including the access route to plot number 13.

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

Yours sincerely,

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Crime Prevention Design Advice

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