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Dear Mr. Eaves,

LAND SOUTH OF BARTONS ROAD, HAVANT

Thank you for your letter of the 12th January 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.

Policing this general area has always presented challenges for the police. The design features of the nearby housing developments such as: connectivity, permeability, public open space and rear parking areas have exacerbated the problems. It is against this background that my comments are made.

The development lies between the area of Snowberry Crescent and Bartons Road. Permeability and connectivity are two of the features most closely associated with crime.

A review of available research in this area concluded that: "Neighbourhood permeability is one of the community level design features most reliably linked to crime rates, and the connections operate consistently in the same direction across studies: more permeability, more crime."

To reduce the opportunities for crime and anti-social behaviour it is important that any connectivity should be overlooked by the nearby dwellings as soon it comes onto the development. Public footpaths should not allow access to the rear of properties. Connectivity via rear parking areas must also be prevented. The footpaths themselves should be: straight, wide, overlooked by the adjacent dwellings and well lit.

A large number of rear parking courts are shown. Within the local area such spaces are often devoid of vehicles and have become places in which anti-social behaviour occurs. I would recommend that these are omitted from the final scheme. If this is not desirable the areas must be: overlooked by the nearby dwellings, small (no more than six vehicles), lit using column lights and with only a single entrance / exit.

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There are several areas of public open space within the development. To reduce the opportunities for anti-social behaviour these areas should be well overlooked, and fully enclosed by a boundary treatment (perhaps with hoop topped railings) approximately 3 feet high. Within the boundary treatment there should be two access / exit points. The layout should be such that the public open spaces do not abut the boundaries of any of the dwellings.

To provide for the safety and security of residents and visitors an appropriate level of lighting should be provided throughout the development.

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.

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