



Local Policing Service Improvement & Engagement Department

Your Ref: DM/23/2610

Our Ref: PE/MID/23/12/B

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Dear Mr Swift

RE: Land South Of Hanlye Lane Longacre Crescent Cuckfield West Sussex.

Thank you for your correspondence of 03rd July 2024, advising me of a full planning application for a residential development of 50 dwellings with vehicular and pedestrian access, car parking, open space, play space, landscaping, and all other associated works (Amended description and plans 24/06/2024) at the above location, for which you seek advice from a crime prevention viewpoint.

I have had the opportunity to examine the detail within the amended description and in an attempt to reduce the opportunity for crime and the fear of crime I offer the following comments.

This application now relates to a residential development for 50 dwellings (a reduction of 5 from the previous application of 55) with vehicular and pedestrian access, car parking, open space, play space, landscaping, and all other associated works at Land South of Hanlye Lane, Longacre Crescent, Cuckfield West Sussex.

Following a Design Review Panel held on 5th December 2023 changes have been made to enhance the overall scheme. The outline of changes is discussed in the Design and Access Statement Addendum (DASA) document alongside the associated substitute drawings submitted in support of this application.

The DASA states - The site layout has been amended to address the key points raised by the DRP along with comments from Mid Sussex consultees. The Proposed Site Plan incorporates the following alterations:

- Additional PV panels predominantly to the southern, eastern, and western boundaries.
- Road network to accommodate the provision for Veteran Tree offsetting.
- Improvements to the landscaping strategy and enhanced planting.
- Reduction of the number of plots to accommodate the veteran tree offsetting.

Mr J Swift
Planning Officer
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Mid Sussex District Council

I have concluded that other than to inform the applicant or their agent of the following, the amended application warrants no further crime prevention advice from this office.

- The current version of the SBD residential document is now SBD Homes 2024.
- Where developments have e-bike storage facilities within the buildings, it is recommended that the developer or developer's agent's inform the Responsible Person(s), Fire and Rescue Service and Building Control of the cycle storage facility, to ensure that the necessary fire suppression measures for the charging and storage of lithium-ion e-bikes have been considered and specified.

My previous crime prevention comments within my correspondence of PE/MID/23/12/A dated 31/10/2023 remain extant.

I thank you for allowing me the opportunity to comment.

I would also ask you to note that Sussex Police is now exploring the impact of growth on the provision of policing infrastructure over the coming years and further comment on this application may be made by our Joint Commercial Planning Manager.

Sussex Police would have no objection to the proposed application as submitted from a crime prevention perspective subject to my above observations, concerns and recommendations having been given due consideration.

The Crime & Disorder Act 1998 heightens the importance of taking crime prevention into account when planning decisions are made. Section 17 of the Act places a clear duty on both police and local authorities to exercise their various functions with due regard to the likely effect on the prevention of crime and disorder. You are asked to accord due weight to the advice offered in this letter which would demonstrate your authority's commitment to work in partnership and comply with the spirit of The Crime & Disorder Act.

Yours sincerely



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