



Local Policing Service Improvement & Engagement Department

Your Ref: DM/26/0682

Our Ref: LM/MID/22/12D

Date: 2nd September 2026

Contact Name: Lee Melbourne

Dear Mr King,

RE: Land at Hurst Farm Hurstwood Lane Haywards Heath West Sussex

Thank you for your correspondence of the 2nd of September 2026, advising me of a Reserved Matters planning application pursuant to outline planning permission Mid Sussex District Council (MSDC) Reference: DM/25/1630, Lewes District Council (LDC) Reference: LW/2510707 at Hurst Farm, for appearance, layout, scale and landscaping only at the above location, for which you seek advice from a crime prevention viewpoint.

The National Planning Policy Framework demonstrates the government's aim to achieve healthy, inclusive, and safe places which are safe and accessible, so that crime and disorder, and the fear of crime, do not undermine the quality of life or community cohesion – for example through the use of attractive, well-designed, clear, and legible pedestrian and cycle routes, and high-quality public space, which encourage the active and continual use of public areas.

The level of crime and anti-social behaviour in the Mid Sussex district is below average when compared with the rest of Sussex, as indicated within Police.uk however, additional measures to mitigate against any identified local crime trends and site-specific requirements should always be considered.

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

I refer the applicant to previous correspondence pertaining to this site – Your Ref: DM/26/0682 dated the 27th of March 2026 and Our Ref: LM/MID/22/12C dated the same to which all comments contained therein remain extant.

Mr King
Planning Officer
Planning Services Division
Mid Sussex District Council

I note that this latest application pertains to various amendments - showing various design and layout changes.

I have reviewed the documents as submitted within this application and have no further comments to make from a crime prevention perspective.

Thank you for giving me an opportunity to offer comments in response.

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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