



## Local Policing Service Improvement & Engagement Department

Your Ref: DM/25/1986

Our Ref: LM/MID/19/04B

Date: 3rd September 2025

Contact Name: Lee Melbourne

Dear Mr Swift,

**RE: Phase 1c, Burgess Hill Northern Arc, Land North and North West of Burgess Hill, between Bedelands Nature Reserve In The East and, Goddard's Green Waste Water Treatment Works In The West**

Thank you for your correspondence of the 27<sup>th</sup> of August 2025, advising me of a reserved matters planning application to consider access, appearance, landscaping, layout, and scale for parcels 1.7, 1.7b, 1.8 and OS1.8 comprising: a) Eastern Neighbourhood Centre: Up to 270 residential dwellings and extra care units; commercial floorspace; the community building, the neighbourhood square, cycle and pedestrian connections, parking, and associated infrastructure. b) Eastern Parkland comprising open space, multi-use games areas(MUGA), public art, green circle cycle link and associated infrastructure 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 it is evident that the site as indicated within the Northern Arc Design Guide Checklist Methodology and Design Principles Statement will be built in both a sustainable and secure manner.

Mr Swift  
Planning Officer  
Planning Services Division  
Mid Sussex District Council

I have no concerns from a crime prevention viewpoint.

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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