



## Local Policing Service Improvement & Engagement Department

Your Ref: DM/25/0827

Our Ref: LM/MID/25/06B

Date: 9<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Contact Name: Lee Melbourne

Dear Mr King,

**RE: Land East of Lunce's Hill Fox Hill Haywards Heath West Sussex**

Thank you for your correspondence of the 8<sup>th</sup> of September 2025, advising me of an outline planning application for the erection of up to 130 dwellings, together with the change of use of an existing barn for a flexible community and/or commercial use, along with associated outdoor space and landscaping, drainage infrastructure, hard and soft landscaping, parking, access and associated works (all matters reserved except for access) Additional information and amended plans received 03/09/2025 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 note that additional information and amended plans have been received in relation to this planning application dated the 03/09/2025.

Mr King  
Planning Officer  
Planning Services Division  
Mid Sussex District Council

I have reviewed the additional information and amendments as submitted and have no 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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**Sussex Police Headquarters**