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Dear Mr Peck

**Re: 50 Blenheim Road, Lancing Business Park, Lancing, West Sussex.**

Thank you for your letter of 31st January 2014, advising me of a proposed development 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 application and in an attempt to reduce the opportunity for crime and the fear of crime I offer the following comments.

I was pleased to note that the Design and Access Statement submitted in support of the application gave mention to some crime prevention measures to be incorporated into the design and layout. The National Planning Policy Framework demonstrates the government's commitment to creating safe and accessible environments where crime and disorder, and the fear of crime, do not undermine the quality of life or community cohesion. Design and Access Statements for outline and detailed applications should therefore demonstrate how crime prevention measures have been considered in the design of the proposal and how the design reflects the attributes of safe, sustainable places set out in Safer Places – The Planning System and Crime Prevention.

I would recommend that all external doors along with ground floor and any easily accessible windows are to conform to LPS 1175 SR2. External fire doors are to be devoid of external furniture, be alarmed and linked back to reception indicating when a fire door is opened or left ajar. Signage indicating the consequences of misuse is to be displayed adjacent to the doors.

A monitored intruder alarm should be employed within the building.

The roller shutter door to the loading bay is to conform to LPS 1175 SR2. If manually operated, a locking facility is to be provided to secure the chain and mechanism.

In an attempt to provide a safe environment around the development, lighting will be very important around the entrances, exits and communal areas. I recommend that these are dusk till dawn operated. This enables staff or visitors to approach the area and see from a distance that there is safe access, whereas the PIR operated lighting will only operate at a predetermined distance when approached and cannot be operated from within.

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The Safer Places document from the ODPM, (2004) offers a good practice guide for the creation of well designed and safe places through the planning system. 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.

This letter has been copied to the applicant or their agent who is asked to note that the above comments may be a material consideration in the determination of the application but may not necessarily be acceptable to the Local Planning Authority. It is recommended, therefore, that before making any amendments to the application, the applicant or their agent first discuss these comments with the Local Planning Authority.

I thank you for allowing me the opportunity to comment.

Yours sincerely

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