Local Policing Service Improvement & Engagement Department

Your Ref: AWDM/1573/24 Our Ref: LM/WOR/24/08A Date 13th December 2024

Contact Name: Lee Melbourne

Dear Ms Morin,

RE: 123 Tarring Road Worthing West Sussex BN11 4HE

Thank you for your correspondence of the 12th of December 2024, advising me of a planning application for a change of use from Community Hub (Class E) to Tattoo Parlour (Sui Generis) 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 Worthing district is above average when compared with the rest of Sussex, so additional measures to mitigate against any identified local crime trends and site-specific requirements should always be considered.

This planning application is seeking permission for a change of use from a Community Hub (Class E) to Tattoo Parlour (Sui Generis).

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.

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Economy Directorate, Portland House,
44 Richmond Road, Worthing,
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From a crime prevention perspective consideration should be given to the fitting of an intruder alarm to protect the premises out of hours.

Should the applicant be keeping existing doors and windows - all external doors along with ground floor and any easily accessible windows should be checked to ensure that they are fit for purpose and are fitted with adequate locks.

Should CCTV be a consideration the following documents will be of assistance to the applicant:

CCTV guidance for police requirements: **HO (publishing.service.gov.uk)**

CCTV at Commercial Business **https://www.gov.uk/can-i-use-cctv-at-my-commercial-premises**

CCTV | Search | Information Commissioner's Office (ico.org.uk)

Thank you for giving me an opportunity to comment.

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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