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Dear Ms Hearsey,

Re: 374 Brighton Road Shoreham by Sea West Sussex BN43 6RE

Thank you for your correspondence of the 20th April 2020, advising me of a planning application for Change of use from Retail (A1) to Hot Food Takeaway (A5) with extraction flue to north elevation. (Re-submission of AWDM/1815/19) 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.

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. With the level of crime and anti-social behaviour in Adur & Worthing district being average when compared with the rest of Sussex, I have no major concerns with the proposals, however, additional measures to mitigate against any identified local crime trends and site specific requirements should be considered.

The applicant is proposing a takeaway from 11am to 23:00 hours throughout the week.

From a crime prevention viewpoint my main concerns would be additional footfall to the area and potential associated noise from a takeaway. There is also the concern of possible congregating and associated anti-social behaviour.
Given that the proposed application is going to be beneath residential properties there is a need to protect the amenity of residential occupiers especially late into the night against noise and disturbance.
I do note that the design and access statement makes comments to the effect that sound insulation will be in situ.
The design and access statement also makes mention to and I quote: 'The applicant would ensure that there would be no gathering at the outside. The premises would be operated to ensure, the customers arrive and leave the premises in good manner'.

However, the potential for disturbance seven days a week late into the night is still significant to both those residing above the proposed takeaway and others within the local community.

Ms Hearsey
Planning Officer
Planning Control
Adur & Worthing District Councils

From a crime prevention perspective if this application is granted thought should be given to the siting of CCTV and an intruder alarm.

CCTV will ultimately act as a visual deterrent and assist in offender identification should a crime occur.

Further details regarding CCTV and Data Protection can be found at the Information Commissioners Office website at:
https://icosearch.ico.org.uk/s/search.html?query=CCTV&collection=ico-meta&profile=_default

CCTV guidance for police requirements:
https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/378449/09-05-UK-Police-Requireme22835.pdf

Thought should also be given to a suitably designed, fit for purpose, monitored intruder alarm system.
I therefore refer the applicant to page 49 paragraphs 64.1 and 64.2 Secured By Design Commercial Developments 2015 guide.

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

Lee Melbourne
Designing Out Crime Officer
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