



Local Policing Service Improvement & Engagement Department

Your Ref: AWDM/0738/25 Our Ref: LM/ADU/25/01A Date: 20th June 2025
Contact Name: Lee Melbourne

Dear Mr Cantwell,

RE: 39 - 41 Brighton Road Shoreham-by-Sea West Sussex BN43 6RE

Thank you for your correspondence of the 20th of June 2025, advising me of an outline planning application for the demolition of the existing building and the erection of a one to nine-storey block of residential apartments, a commercial unit (Class E), with associated cycle parking and car parking 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.

Although the level of crime and anti-social behaviour in Adur & Worthing district is average when compared with the rest of Sussex, 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 in an attempt to reduce the opportunity for crime and the fear of crime I offer the following comments.

As this application is made in outline with only matters of scale and access to be considered I have no detailed comment to make at this stage.

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I would like to take this opportunity to direct the applicant to the website: www.securedbydesign.com where the Secured by Design Residential Guide for 2025 (formerly known as the Homes Guide) can be found. The guide incorporates the latest security standards, developed to address emerging criminal methods of attack, and includes references to the Building Regulations and other statutory requirements across the United Kingdom.

I would also like to take this opportunity to direct the applicant to the website: www.securedbydesign.com where the Secured by Design Non-Residential Guide for 2025 (formerly known as the Commercial Guide) can be found. This guide incorporates the latest security standards, developed to address emerging criminal methods of attack, and includes references to the Building Regulations and other statutory requirements across the United Kingdom.

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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Designing Out Crime Officer
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