Local Policing Support Team

Your Ref: AWDM/0901/23 Our Ref: LM/WOR/23/015A Date 10th July 2023

Contact Name: Lee Melbourne

Dear Ms O'Keeffe,

RE: Worthing Football Centre Ltd Woodside Road Worthing West Sussex

Thank you for your correspondence of the 6th of July 2023, advising me of a planning application for the construction of a single storey building to create a covered area for the Club's Fanzone 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.

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.

This planning application is seeking permission for the erection of a single storey building to create a covered area for the Club's Fanzone.

From a crime prevention perspective, I have no concerns with regards to the layout and design however, the siting of CCTV to this area should be a consideration.

Ms O'Keeffe
Planning Officer
Planning Services
Adur & Worthing Councils

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

Miss Lee A Melbourne
Designing Out Crime Officer
Sussex Police Headquarters