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Dear Mr Barnett

Re: Proposed Skate Park, Beach Green, Lancing, West Sussex.

Thank you for your correspondence of 04th January 2016, advising me of a planning application for the construction of a permanent skate park constructed in concrete of varying heights with soft landscaped surrounds at the above location, for which you seek advice from a crime prevention viewpoint. Apologies for the delay in responding, I have been in consultation with the Local Neighbouring Policing Team (NPT) for this location and have included their response within my comments.

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 and layout of the development.

The reported crime levels within Adur are below average when compared to the rest of Sussex. The local NPT do not have concerns that the introduction of the facility will negatively impact upon the local neighbourhood.

The proposed location has areas of observation from the road and the dwellings looking across the green, the overlooking café and the promenade. The promenade is a popular area for cyclists, pedestrians and dog walkers. The combination of these public areas will provide observation of the proposed facility from all angles and the majority of times during the day. These views will be very useful should any anti social behaviour (ASB) occur and will give the observer the opportunity to report incidents from a distance without face to face interaction. Consideration could be given for signage to be erected along the routes providing a telephone number for the reporting of ASB.

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There is no perimeter enclosure shown which would control access to the facility or any lighting provided to illuminate the facility at night. I have no concerns regarding this lack of fencing or lighting.

The above ground construction is to be of concrete and not the traditional box construction. This should remove the opportunity for graffiti and reduce the amount of noise normally associated with the old box style design. The design and layout of the facility as shown in plan BG2 follows the contours of the ground which blends it into the landscape and enhances observation over it whilst reducing the opportunity for loitering without being observed from a distance.

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.

Yours sincerely

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