Local Policing Support Team

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Dear Mr Barnett,

Re: Beach Green, Brighton Road, Lancing, West Sussex

Thank you for your correspondence of 15th November 2019, advising me of the 'Provision of 8 no. 5m high LED mid-hinged tubular light poles'' 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 from a Secured by Design (SBD) perspective. SBD is owned by the UK Police service and supported by the Home Office that recommends a minimum standard of security using proven, tested and accredited products.

Further details can be found at www.securedbydesign.com within (Homes 2019) document.

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 district being below 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.

I am pleased to see that the lighting scheme has been designed by a professional lighting engineer who has provided a plan and technical specifications within the proposal.

I refer the applicant to (Secured by Design 2109 document Chapter 18), all of which provides guidance and recommendations regarding street lighting. All street lighting for adopted highways and foot paths, private

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roads and car parks must comply with specifications within BS5489-1:2013, with some exceptions where there may be conflict with other statutory provisions or within conservation areas.
(Paragraph 18.2) also refers to Dark Sky Policies.

Further lighting guidance can be found within (Manual for Streets 2017 Sections 10.3.1 to 10.3.26)

I also refer to Secured by Design (Commercial Developments 2015 document Chapter 48) which provides further specifications for street lighting. Including overall uniformity of light, colour rendition of lighting and recommendations regarding minimising light pollution)

From a crime prevention viewpoint I also draw attention to (SBD Homes 2019 Paragraphs 8.10 and also 8.19 to 8.21). The area to be illuminated is in the main open to view although fairly remote from nearby residential dwellings.
Additional lighting will aid casual surveillance and should help reduce the fear of crime.
Users of the footpath will be more visible when they approach from a distance and the lighting should help with identification during the hours of darkness. It may also result in a higher footfall, which in turn will also help reduce the fear of crime as more people use the footpaths.

I note that a public CCTV system is under consideration and may aid surveillance of this fairly isolated area. Lighting must be commensurate with any CCTV system considered.

The lighting columns will be located in exposed positions and may be affected by coastal weather conditions particularly the wind, which should be taken into account with the design of the columns and luminaires.

As far as possible the lighting columns and luminaires should be vandal resistant.

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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