Local Policing Support Team

Your Ref: AWDM/1228/23 Our Ref: LM/WOR/21/01B Date 5th September 2023

Contact Name: Lee Melbourne

Dear Mr Cantwell,

RE: 22 Clifton Road Worthing West Sussex BN11 4DY

Thank you for your correspondence of the 4th of September 2023, advising me of a planning application for the approval of details reserved by conditions: Condition 4 (External materials); Condition 6 (Security) and Condition 17 (External air moving equipment) of approved application AWDM/0072/21 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.

Condition 6 of approved application AWDM/0072/21 states:

06. Details of security: *lighting, entry system, CCTV, enclosures Prior to commencement of any works above slab level details of secure entrances/entry systems to the building, external lighting, means of enclosure and gateways to the site shall submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The details thereby approved shall be implemented and fully adhered to.*

Mr Cantwell
Principal Planning Officer
Planning Services
Adur & Worthing Councils

Reason: *To ensure a well-designed, good quality and safe environment in accordance with policy DM5 of the Worthing Local Plan 2020 - 2036, para 167 of Ref: AWDM/0072/21 the NPPF 2021 and section 17 of the Crime & Disorder Act 1998 and paragraph 92 of the NPPF, 2021.*

I have reviewed the plans as provided within this application in relation to the CCTV, lighting, and security entry systems and have no concerns from a crime prevention viewpoint with the proposed suite of crime preventions measures.

The following documents may be of assistance to the applicant:

CCTV guidance for police requirements: **HO (publishing.service.gov.uk)**

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
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