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FAO Christopher J Harrison

Many thanks for your communication dated 3rd October 2023, advising of the Amended Information relating to this application.

I wish to offer the following observations, which I have considered from a crime prevention perspective.

The revised layout provides improved supervision of the central area of POS – being directly addressed by Units 21, 22, 26 and 27.

Unfortunately, a new area of POS (with SuDS pond) positioned at the North-west end of the site is effectively ignored – being located to the rear of Units 32 – 35. There is more likelihood of unwelcome activity occurring in POS if it is not properly addressed, hence the requirement for community supervision under Local Plan guidance.

I support the amendment of reducing formal connections to Cycle Route 72 from three to two. This measure limits access opportunities to potential intruders and are thus more likely to be noticed by residents.

The comments in the Amended Design and Access Statement are noted and appreciated, particularly:

- Supervision of car parking
- Well defined defensible spaces
- Incorporation of 1.8m fencing with lockable gates
- Presence of intruder alarm systems

– although I still make recommendations for dwelling exterior lighting to be controlled by photocell and for the incorporation of exterior door and window products to be certified to PAS 24:2022 (including laminated glazing for enhanced resistance to impact).

I trust this response is helpful. I shall be pleased to advise on any crime prevention issues as this application progresses.

Very best regards

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