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FAO Christopher Harrison

Many thanks for your reconsultation on this proposal. I wish to offer the following comments, which I have considered from a crime prevention perspective.

I refer to my previous response dated 19th September 2025 under this reference, in which I highlighted several areas of the development, which lacked supervision and ownership and consequently did not comply with the Local Plan in this regard.

This issue was particularly evident at the 'Phase 1' and 'Phase 2' BNG sites - which the revised 'Overall Site Plan' drawing now depicts with a formal looped footpath and incorporating 'Trim-Trail' equipment.

This POS is not overlooked from any dwellings, the closest (Plots 56 and 57) present rear gardens towards it, instead addressing the access road cul-de-sac (towards Plots 54, 55 and 58).

I am pleased to note the amendment to Plot 25 (housetype B) – a bungalow - which introduces an 'active' window into the elevation addressing the pedestrian link from Summergrove Park. It is important that this route and the link to Summergrove are included in the street lighting scheme (see comment below). Potential views from the rear of Plot 25 could be enhanced by the deployment of open-boarded fencing to the garden boundary, permitting limited views through the structure.

(Amendment to Plot 38 also noted)

Designing out crime

6.4.6 When drafting proposals applicants should remove opportunities for crime and in doing so reduce the vulnerability of people and property and the fear of crime. **Simple design measures such as ensuring public spaces are overlooked** or providing appropriate lighting should be considered early in the planning process. Secured by Design have developed a series of guides to help developers design out crime

From my interpretation of the Amended drawings and documents, the Applicant has not addressed my issues relating to street and dwelling exterior lighting schemes - Policy DS4 m). An opportunity to utilise innovative lighting technology in this semi-rural location that would protect nocturnal wildlife and 'Dark Skies' attributes [Protecting Cumbria's dark skies | Thorn Lighting, Cumbria County Council & partners](#)

...Or details relating to the protection of dwellings and garages from forced entry – Policy DS4 k)

I recommend the incorporation of all domestic exterior doorsets (including patio and bi-fold types) and ground floor windows certified to PAS 24:2022+A1:2024, including a pane of laminated glazing (BS EN356:2000).

Garage vehicle entry doors (particularly garages integral with dwelling) to be products certified to LPS 2081, STS 222, or LPS 1175

...or to the emerging crime trends relating to theft of sustainable energy items

https://www.securedbydesign.com/images/design-guides/Secured%20by%20Design_HEAT%20PUMP%20SECURITY%20LEAFLET%20A4%204pp.pdf

I shall be pleased to advise on any crime prevention queries arising from this application.

Best regards

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