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**Hardy & Hanson Ltd, Longlands Road, Dewsbury
Demolition of factory and erection of 10 dwellings**

Southern elevation (4 block). Rear boundary treatment

These houses will back on to open, publicly accessible land.

The existing factory has a brick wall to around 1.8m in height along this elevation.

In order to give security and privacy to the rear of these four houses, I would ask that boundary treatment consists of either

- 1.8 closed boarded fence topped with 0.3m trellis,
- 2.1m hit and miss fencing, or
- Existing 'factory' wall topped with railings.

This would give security against intrusion from the open land, whilst still allowing residents to have the benefit of surveillance of the pond and wildlife.

The applicants are also advised to include the following crime prevention measures in the interests of reducing the opportunity for crime such as burglary, and to reduce the fear of crime amongst residents.

Security of individual dwellings - External door and window specifications

External house doors and accessible windows should meet with the physical security requirements of 'Secured by Design'.

For full details, the applicants should refer to

http://www.securedbydesign.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/Secured_by_Design_Homes_2016_V1.pdf

In respect of easily accessible doors and windows, meeting with 'Secured by Design' guidance is also requisite for compliance with Building Regulations Approved Document Q (Security-Dwellings)

Lighting outside external doors

Dusk till dawn lighting should be fitted outside all external house doors.

Supporting guidance

From '**National Planning Policy Framework**':

Planning policies and decisions should aim to ensure that developments:

- Create safe and accessible environments where crime and disorder, and the fear of crime, do not undermine quality of life or community cohesion.

From '**Planning Practice Guidance**' (2014):

Designing out crime and designing in community safety should be central to the planning and delivery of new development.

From **Policy BE23 (Crime Prevention) of the Kirklees Unitary Development Plan**:

New development should incorporate crime prevention measures to achieve:

- i) Pedestrian safety on footpaths by ensuring through visibility from existing highways
- ii) Natural surveillance of public spaces from existing and proposed development
- iii) Secure locations for car parking areas

This report is submitted in the interests of crime prevention, and addresses our collective responsibilities under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act, 1998

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