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**Westfield Assessment Centre, Westfields Road, Mirfield
Erection of 14 dwellings**

I have no objections to the approval of the planning application, but have the following observations in respect of important crime prevention advice:

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)

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.

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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