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**Former Fire Station, Huddersfield Road, Dewsbury
Part demolition of fire station and erection of 4 warehouse units and 4 apartments**

I have no comments detrimental to the approval of this planning application.

However, the applicants should be advised of the following crime prevention measures which should be included within the design of the development. This is not meant to be an exhaustive list of security measures that may be needed, and I would be happy to be contacted directly by the applicants if they wish to discuss this further.

Crime prevention design advice

Residential apartments

- Individual apartment entrance doors, as well as communal entrances and accessible windows should meet with the physical security requirements of '*Secured by Design*'. (*See below)
- Provision needed for secure mail delivery for apartment block residents.
- Car parking area and accessible outside areas to be covered by adequate ambient lighting, to lower the risk of car crime, and crime affecting residents' personal safety, during hours of darkness.

*For full details of '*Secured by Design*' door and window specifications, the applicants can 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)

Warehouses

- Continuously monitored CCTV should be provided and include coverage of all external building elevations, and all car parking spaces / publicly accessible areas within the site.

The CCTV system should be capable of recording and capturing images that are suitable for court identification purposes.

- Physical security specifications of items including external doors, accessible windows and intruder alarm systems should also meet with the requirements of *Secured by Design*, details of which can be found via the following link:

http://www.securedbydesign.com/professionals/pdfs/SBD_Commercial_2015_V2.pdf

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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