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**Site Location: 22-26 Wellington Road, Dewsbury, WF13 1HL
Application Type: Residential Flats**

Dear Adam

Thank you for your request for consultation for the above outline application. Having read the available information, overall, West Yorkshire Police **DO NOT** support this application for the reasons below.



Policy Guidance

The National Planning Policy Framework (February 2019)

Section 8. Promoting healthy and safe communities

91. Planning policies and decisions should aim to achieve healthy, inclusive and safe places which:

b) are safe and accessible, so that *crime and disorder, and the fear of crime*, do not undermine the quality of life or community cohesion – for example through the use of clear and legible pedestrian routes, and high quality public space, which encourage the active and continual use of public areas;

Section 12. Achieving well-designed places

127. Planning policies and decisions should ensure that developments:

f) create places that are safe, inclusive and accessible and which promote health and well-being, with a high standard of amenity for existing and future users; and where *crime and disorder, and the fear of crime*, do not undermine the quality of life or community cohesion and resilience.

Policy PLP24 of the Kirklees Local Plan 2019 supports the above statement and mentions that new developments should incorporate crime prevention measures to achieve:

Section (e). – “*the risk of crime is minimised by enhanced security, and the promotion of well – defined routes, overlooked streets and places, high levels of activity and well –designed security features*”;

The applicants are referred to the adopted **Housebuilders Design Guide and Open Space Supplementary Planning Documents** (June 2021).

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**.

Summary

West Yorkshire Police feel that the above recommendations would be beneficial to the security and safety of the site users. Therefore, it is advised that the points raised in this document should be implemented and any re-submitted plans from the applicant must be assessed by a Designing Out Crime Officer prior to a final planning decision.

Yours sincerely
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Designing Out Crime Officer

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