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Site Location: Land off Ravensthorpe Road, Dewsbury, WF12 9EE
Application: Formation of allotments with parking spaces

Dear Kate

Following a response from the applicants to the questions posed below. I am now satisfied that the security for this site has been designed appropriately and support the principle of this application in its current form, subject to the below advice being incorporated into the design plans.



Secured by Design

https://www.securedbydesign.com/images/downloads/SBD_Commercial_2015_V2.pdf

Applicants are encouraged to apply for *Secured by Design* accreditation for all new dwelling developments in order to achieve a recognised award for security standards. Please see the web link below for further information.

<https://www.securedbydesign.com/services/sbd-awards>

West Yorkshire Police encourages applicants to seek to build / refurbish a development incorporating the guidelines of **Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)**^{1&2}, together with **Secured by Design (SBD)**, a crime prevention initiative operated by the Police Service and supported by the Home Office.

The purpose of SBD is to guide and encourage those engaged in the specification, design and build industry into adopting crime prevention measures. Academic research by Huddersfield University has proven³ that building to SBD standards, reduces the opportunity for crime and the fear of crime as well as creating safer, more secure and sustainable environments.

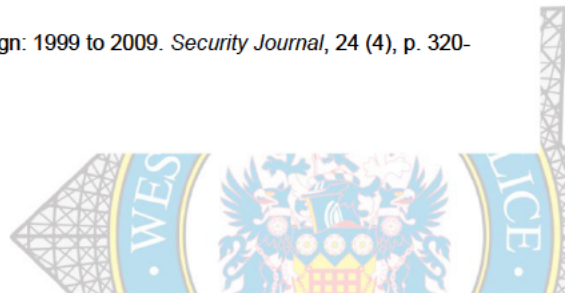
Established in 1989, *Secured by Design* is the title for a group of national police projects focusing on the design and security for new and refurbished homes, commercial premises and car parks as well as the acknowledgement of quality security products and crime prevention projects. It supports the principles of 'designing out crime' through physical security and processes.

Secured by Design works with the industry and test houses to create high-level security standards responding to trends in crime, and has given input on a number of key standards.

¹ Armitage R. (2013) *Crime Prevention through Housing Design: Policy and Practice*. Palgrave Macmillan: Crime Prevention and Security Management Book Series.

² Armitage, R. and Monchuk, L. (2018) What is CPTED? Reconnecting Theory with Application in the Words of Users and abusers. *Policing: A Journal of Policy and Practice*.

³ Armitage, R. and Monchuk, L. (2011) Sustaining the Crime Reduction Impact of Secured by Design: 1999 to 2009. *Security Journal*, 24 (4), p. 320-343.



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*”;

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

Whilst there is no objection in principle to the application, 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 to be assessed by a Designing Out Crime Officer prior to a final planning decision.

Yours sincerely
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