

Crime Prevention Statement

Site: Mill Lane, Hanging Heaton, Batley

Analysis of local crime statistics (source: <https://www.police.uk/pu/your-area/west-yorkshire-police/batley-and-spen?yourlocalpolicingteam=about-us>) shows what are considered to be relatively low levels of crime incidents on and adjacent to the site over the course of 2023.

Nevertheless, the proposed site layout will ensure that all areas of the site, including the 2no. parking courtyards, bin store, and open space/playground, will be overlooked by front and/or rear elevations of properties, thereby providing good levels of natural surveillance across the site and enhancing security in the process. This is shown at Figure 1. Moreover, it is considered that the presence of new residents, and their associated movements to and from the development, will enhance security further and act as a crime deterrent in comparison to the present undeveloped site.



To confirm, all properties will be enclosed to the rear and side by 1.8 metre (m) high close boarded timber fences, which will prevent easy and discreet access by intruders to rear gardens.

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The bin store for plots 10 - 13 will be fully enclosed with lockable doors, with the residents of those properties provided with a key or code for the store, depending on the nature of the locking mechanism.

In addition, all easily accessible doors and windows (as defined within Part Q of the Building Regulations) of dwellings will satisfy the aforementioned Regulations with regards to resisting a physical attack by a casual or opportunist burglar by being both:

- Sufficiently robust; and
- Fitted with appropriate hardware (as defined within Part Q) i.e., locks and opening mechanisms etc.

Street lighting will be provided across the development in the form of bollard lighting, with a typical product shown at Figure 2. The precise layout and extent of bollards can be agreed in due course.



Figure 2: Typical bollard lighting unit

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It is also salient to note that many residents may choose to install the likes of a burglar alarm, CCTV system, camera doorbell, and external security lighting, all of which would enhance security within the development and deter crime further.