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Subject: DOCO comments for application 2025/91579 at The Homestead, Hurst Knowle, Almondbury, Huddersfield, HD5 8SG

Thank you for the consultation request.

I have reviewed newly submitted documents which are of relevance to designing out crime. My comments are as follows.

CCTV and Lighting Strategy- the outlined proposals regarding lighting and CCTV strategy are supported.

The most current site plan (Drawing H24-WC-003, Revision N dated 09/01/26) shows amended entry points to plots 7 and 28 which is appreciated as these were deemed problematic crime prevention wise.

The close boarded fence surrounding the apartment bin store should be at least 1.8m high and subject to access control to prevent its misuse, antisocial behaviour and arson attempts.

Boundary treatment proposals are noted, including hit and miss fencing at the rear of plot 7 as requested in the initial consultation response. Page 3 of the CCTV and Lighting Strategy document refers to CCTV covering the electric gate- however, I cannot locate a gate on the boundary treatment plan (Drawing H24-WC-019, Revision A dated 09/01/26). Page 1 of the same document also states that “the development and road within it will remain private and unadopted by the local council, inaccessible to the public”. Looking at the boundary treatment plan, this does not appear to be the case- I cannot locate a secure boundary to the development’s road or plots 1 & 2, meaning the open grounds and gardens of the site would be publicly accessible.

Could this be clarified, please. My previous representations for a secure boundary at this development still stand. Should this not be feasible, efforts should be made to enclose and secure the rear gardens of plots 1-6 in order to afford the occupants some private amenity space.

The submitted Landscape Plan (Drawing H24-WC-016, Revision E dated 09/01/26) does not provide details regarding hedge heights or whether trees will have a clear stem to assist with visibility throughout the site. Previously given advice still stands: “target heights of hedges should be kept to 1m or below at dwelling frontages to maintain good visibility. If they are used to enhance general boundaries of the whole site, their height should be a minimum of 1.8m. Trees should have no foliage, lower branches or epicormic growth below 2m to provide clear sight lines.”

Additionally, a knee rail or similar hard landscaping measure should be placed to the rear/ side of grouped parking bays to prevent vehicular damage to buildings and gardens (please see suggested areas below, marked with purple lines:



Kind regards,

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