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Subject: Further DOCC comments for application 2025/93543 at land at former Clough Mill, Clough Road, Slaithwaite, Huddersfield, HD7 5DB

Re: 2025/93543- REVISED AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RECEIVED, AND REVISED DESCRIPTION: Erection of 31 dwellings (c3) with access from Clough Road and associated works including engineering operations, construction of retaining walls and landscaping at land at former Clough Mill, Clough Road, Slaithwaite, Huddersfield, HD7 5DB

Thank you for the further consultation request. The advice is given as a view as to what measures might reduce the risk of crime; there can be no guarantee that the recommendations will prevent crime.

Page 17 of the Supporting Planning Statement by AK Planning advises that “boundary treatments to back gardens are to be 1.2m high dry-stone walls”. This does not appear to be reflected in the available Boundary Treatment Plan (2517-SI-03B, Revision B dated August 26).

The proposed height of 1.2m is insufficient from a crime prevention perspective and is not supported. Access to private gardens of dwellings should be appropriately restricted to limit opportunities for acquisitive crime. The height of the boundary treatment should be at least 1.8m, designed to offer security and privacy, and to deter climbing attempts. The parking court and footpath to the rear of plots 1-7 benefit from overlooking by plots 8-16, I see no reason in lowering the height of rear boundary treatments of plots 1-7 as a result.

The introduction of additional windows along selected side elevations is noted and supported as it will enhance the levels of natural surveillance and capable guardianship onsite.

The steps to amenity space in the apartment block appear to allow unrestricted access to the first floor of the building (particularly semi-open amenity space and plot 23's door)- this is discouraged; access and movement throughout the building should be controlled to mitigate opportunities for acquisitive crime and antisocial behaviour.

Overall, the majority of designing out crime recommendations provided in the previous response appear to have been disregarded which is disappointing as their aim was to improve the development's safety and security. Therefore, I have some concerns regarding the proposal in its existing form.

Kind regards,

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