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Crime Minimisation Report

Land at Paddock Road, Kirkburton

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This Crime Prevention Statement has been prepared in support of the proposed development of up to 160 residential units on land at Paddock Road, Kirkburton.
- 1.2 This report will set out how the scheme accords with the principles of crime prevention, community safety and Secured by Design in accordance with Kirklees Local Plan Policy LP24 (Design) to establish a high quality, inclusive and safe built environment.
- 1.3 The development has been designed to reduce opportunities for crime and anti-social behaviour, increase natural surveillance, and promote a sense of ownership.
- 1.4 Report Structure

This Statement is structured as follows:

- Section 2: Site and Project Summary
- Section 3: Planning Policy and Guidance Context
- Section 4: Crime Mitigation Measures
- Section 5: Conclusion

2.0 SITE AND PROJECT SUMMARY

Site Location

- 2.1 The Site is located to the north-east of Highburton/Kirkburton, a village which lies approximately 8km south-east of Huddersfield.
- 2.2 The south of the Site is bound by Burton Acres Lane, across from which there are a number of detached residential dwellings and associated curtilages. The east of the Site is bound by Paddock Road and to the north by Moor Lane.
- 2.3 To the south-west of the site is Gregory Playing Fields which consists of a mixed-use sports area, play equipment and a skate park.
- 2.4 The Site's location is shown in Figure 1 below.

Project Summary

- 2.5 The Proposed Development seeks outline planning permission for approximately 160 residential units with all matters reserved except for access on land at the junction of Moor Lane and Paddock Road in Kirkburton.
- 2.6 Existing dry-stone walls onsite will be retained and enhanced where possible and native planting will be incorporated along the northern and eastern boundaries of the Site to filter views of the scheme.
- 2.7 The existing PRoW along the western boundary of the Site will be retained and set within a wider green corridor. Vehicular access will be taken from Moor Lane. Pedestrian linkages into and through the Site from Paddock Road, Moor Lane, Burton Acres Lane will also be provided, with connections to the PRoW and the adjoining playing fields.
- 2.8 It is envisaged that 35% of homes will be affordable.



Figure 1: Aerial image of the site

3.0 POLICY AND GUIDANCE

- 3.0 This section of the Statement outlines the planning policy context relevant to crime minimisation for residential proposals.

Local Plan Policy

Policy LP24 - Design

- 3.1 Kirklees Local Plan Policy LP24 requires development to promote safe, accessible and inclusive design and provide a high standard of amenity for residents. Good design should be incorporated from the outset of the development process.

West Yorkshire – Designing Out Crime

- 3.2 Each Local Planning Authority within West Yorkshire has a dedicated Designing Out Crime Officer (DOC) who is an active member of the Security Institute. DOC Officers are consulted on all planning applications for new development and will advise on crime prevention methods relating to access and movement, surveillance, defensible space, physical security and management/maintenance.

Secured by Design

- 3.3 Secured by Design (SBD) is the national police-backed initiative, owned by the UK Police Service, with the aim of improving the built environment, reducing crime and helping people live more safely. SBD works to improve the security of buildings and their surroundings by working closely with architects, developers and local authorities to incorporate crime prevention standards from initial concept design, through to construction and completion.

4.0 CRIME MINIMISATION

- 4.0 Although only outline planning permission is sought at this stage, the masterplan which supports the application shows some consideration of crime minimisation methods which have been set out below.

Layout

- 4.1 The front elevations of properties will be orientated to maximise natural surveillance of streets, parking areas, pedestrian routes and open space. By creating outward facing active frontages, this ensures that public spaces are observed regularly by residents to deter crime through increased visibility and activity.
- 4.2 The majority of rear gardens of properties back onto one another to help prevent unauthorised access into the rear of the property.

Landscaping

- 4.3 Landscaping will be used considerably throughout the site to help delineate between private and public areas.
- 4.4 Landscaping will also be used to create a defensible perimeter boundary to prevent any access into the site other than where intended.

Other Measures

- 4.5 Appropriately sized fences and boundary treatments will be used to create a clear distinction between public and private areas which will create a defensible space around dwellings to reinforce a sense of ownership. This will discourage trespass and opportunistic crime.
- 4.6 Further details on the use of street lighting columns, private outside lights and cycle stores will be set out at reserved matters stage.

5 CONCLUSION

- 5.0 The outline proposals have been designed to minimise opportunities for crime and anti-social behaviour through a combination of design considerations which will create a safe and attractive living environment which aligns with the objectives set out in the Kirklees Local Plan as well as principles of Designing out Crime and Secured by Design.



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