

Case Officer: [REDACTED]



Ref; 2021/1089

Our Ref: B/24/22

14th January 2022

Dear [REDACTED],

With regard to: Hybrid application for employment development comprising:- a) Full planning permission for: earthworks to create development platforms; strategic drainage ponds and associated drainage infrastructure; and location of strategic landscaping and ecological areas. b) Outline planning permission seeking approval over means of access and landscaping for employment use development (use classes E/B2/B8) and associated infrastructure works.

Location: Land to the South East of Higham Common Road, Barnsley (Application 2)

Thank you for giving South Yorkshire Police 'Designing Out Crime Officers' the opportunity to review this planning application.

Having viewed the submitted 'Design and Access Statement' I would encourage the developer that a Secured by Design application be submitted, it is apparent from this document most of the required elements and principles of 'Secured by Design' have been considered.

However, due to the way in which many industrial developments evolve from inception to completion, and the fact that in many instances the intended occupier, and the nature of their business is unknown even beyond completion, it is often not possible to prescribe the completely appropriate security standard for the assessed crime risk.

The 'Secured by Design Commercial Developments' document offers details for the minimum acceptable level of security for Commercial, industrial and warehouse units and also offers relevant guidance for premises that may attract higher security risks. As soon as the end user and their business type are known, the DOCO should be consulted for further guidance.

Adherence to the SBD security standards will normally exceed minimum insurance requirements. Where there is a known higher risk, in terms of value or business continuity, then early liaison with the insurers is advised.

I would kindly request that the following is considered in full by the Planning Department.

Section 17 Crime & disorder Act 1998 states, (As amended by the Police and Justice Act 2006*) states. "Without prejudice to any other obligation imposed on it, it shall be the duty of each authority to exercise its function with due regard to the likely effect of those functions and do all that is reasonable to prevent crime and disorder in its area - including Anti-social Behaviour*, Alcohol* and Drugs*"

Whilst it is accepted that with the introduction in 2016, of Approved Document Q of the Building Regulations, It is no longer appropriate for local authorities to attach planning conditions relating to technical door and window standards, I would encourage the planning authority to note the experience gained by the UK Police service over the past 28 years in this specific subject area.

That experience has led to the provision of a physical security requirement considered to be more consistent than that set out within Approved Document Q of the Building Regulations (England);

Specifically the recognition of products that have been tested, to the relevant security standards, but crucially that they are also fully certificated by an independent third party, who are accredited by UKAS (Notified Body).

This provides assurance that products will have been produced, in a controlled manufacturing environment, in accordance with the specifiers aims and minimises misrepresentation of the products by unscrupulous manufacturers/suppliers, and leads to the delivery on site, of a more secure product.

I would therefore request that the benefits for using certified products be pointed out to the applicant, and that Barnsley Planning Department encourages assessment for this application.

For a complete explanation of certified products please refer to the Secured by Design guidance documents which can be found on the website www.securedbydesign.com

Can I request further that if there is a BREEAM requirement for this development, that section Hea06 with regard to Security and Safety should be completed, certainly if planning approval is to be given for this development.

And that a Secured by Design application be submitted prior to the commencement of the development.

Ultimately, this would enable the development to achieve Secured by Design accreditation, or as a minimum to encompass the principles and practice of Secured by Design, thereby creating safer and more sustainable community.

Should you wish to discuss these recommendations, please don't hesitate and contact me.

The services of the Police Designing Out Crime Officers (DOCO's) are available free of charge by using the contact details as below.

Kindest Regards

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