



## Local Policing Service Improvement & Engagement Department

Your Ref: DC/25/0629

Our Ref: LM/HOR/25/05C

Date 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2025

Contact Name: Lee Melbourne

Dear Mr Hawkes,

**RE: Former Novartis Site Parsonage Road Horsham West Sussex**

Thank you for your correspondence of the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December 2025, advising me of a planning application for a residential development comprising 206 dwellings and a commercial unit, including the part demolition and conversion of 'Building 3' and demolition of 'Building 36'. Vehicular access taken from Wimblehurst Road. Car and cycle parking, landscaping and open space and associated works. The replacement of the existing cedar trees at the site (amended proposal) at the above location, for which you seek advice from a crime prevention viewpoint.

The National Planning Policy Framework demonstrates the government's aim to achieve healthy, inclusive, and safe places which are safe and accessible, so that crime and disorder, and the fear of crime, do not undermine the quality of life or community cohesion – for example through the use of attractive, well-designed, clear, and legible pedestrian and cycle routes, and high-quality public space, which encourage the active and continual use of public areas.

I have had the opportunity to examine the detail within the application and in an attempt to reduce the opportunity for crime and the fear of crime I offer the following comments.

I note that amended plans and description have been received for this proposal which I have reviewed in detail and have no further comments to make from a crime prevention perspective.

Thank you for giving me an opportunity to offer comments in response.

Mr Hawkes  
Planning Officer  
Horsham District Council,  
Albery House,  
Springfield Road,  
Horsham,  
West Sussex

The Crime & Disorder Act 1998 heightens the importance of taking crime prevention into account when planning decisions are made. Section 17 of the Act places a clear duty on both police and local authorities to exercise their various functions with due regard to the likely effect on the prevention of crime and disorder. You are asked to accord due weight to the advice offered in this letter which would demonstrate your authority's commitment to work in partnership and comply with the spirit of The Crime & Disorder Act.

Yours sincerely

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