



Local Policing Service Improvement & Engagement Department

Your Ref: DC/25/1019

Our Ref: LM/HOR/25/13A

Date 11th August 2025

Contact Name: Lee Melbourne

Dear Ms Pettifer,

RE: Land to the West of Shoreham Road Small Dole West Sussex

Thank you for your correspondence of the 11th of August 2025, advising me of an outline planning application for up to 45 dwellings (including affordable homes) with all matters reserved apart from access 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 using Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles and from a Secured by Design (SBD) perspective.

Given that this outline application is only to determine the means of access and to seek approval in principle, I have no detailed comment to make at this stage.

I would however, like to take this opportunity to direct the applicant to the website: www.securedbydesign.com where the Secured by Design Residential Guide for 2025 (formerly known as the Homes Guide) can be found. The guide incorporates the latest security standards, developed to address emerging criminal methods of attack, and includes references to the Building Regulations and other statutory requirements across the United Kingdom.

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

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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