



## Local Policing Service Improvement & Engagement Department

Your Ref: DC/25/2087

Our Ref: LM/HOR/26/01A

Date 14<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Contact Name: Lee Melbourne

Dear Mr Porter,

**RE: Thakeham Tiles Ltd Rock Road Storrington West Sussex**

Thank you for your correspondence of the 13th of January 2026, advising me of an outline planning application for the demolition of existing buildings, and the re-development of the site for up to 108no. dwellings (including a mix of private and affordable housing units), with associated infrastructure including vehicular, cycle and pedestrian access, parking, landscaping, open space and play provision, and sustainable drainage with all matters reserved except 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.

As this planning application is submitted in outline with all matters reserved except access, I have no detailed comments to from a crime prevention perspective.

I am pleased to note as indicated within the accompanying Design & Access statement that the development has been designed to address the key principles highlighted within the guidance literature for Secured by Design.

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

I would also ask you to note that Sussex Police is now exploring the impact of growth on the provision of policing infrastructure over the coming years and further comment on this application may be made by our Joint Commercial Planning Manager.

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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