



## Local Policing Service Improvement & Engagement Department

Your Ref: DC/25/0629

Our Ref: LM/HOR/25/05B

Date 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Contact Name: Lee Melbourne

Dear Mr Hawkes,

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

Thank you for your correspondence of the 30<sup>th</sup> of April 2025, advising me of a planning application for a residential development comprising of approximately 206 dwellings, including the 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 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 this is an outline planning application relating to the proposed strategic development at Novartis Site, Parsonage Road, Horsham, West Sussex.

I have no detailed comments to make at this stage.

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I would however like to take this opportunity to direct the applicant to the website: [www.securedbydesign.com](http://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.

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

**Miss Lee A Melbourne**  
**Designing Out Crime Officer**  
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