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Proposal 53 Dwellings, Connemara, Lightfoot Green Lane, Fulwood
Planning Reference Number – 06/2017/1252
Crime Impact Statement

Dear Planning Officer,

I refer to the above development and having viewed the plans I have the following comments to make with regards to security:-

The crimes that have been recorded in this policing area in the last 12 month period include burglary, assault and criminal damage. In particular there have been a number of burglaries and theft offences at construction sites therefore the security measures implemented must adequately address that risk. As a minimum the following security requirements should be incorporated;

Physical Security

- The development should be built to Secured By Design security standards. Secured By Design is a police preferred security scheme that designs out opportunities for criminals to target the dwellings for crimes such as burglary and vehicle crime. Design guides and application forms can be obtained from Secured By Design www.securedbydesign.com. The above office will provide advice and guidance throughout the process.
- All external doors must be certified to PAS 24:2012 (16) (or an alternative accepted security standard). This is now a requirement of Building Regulation Approved Document Q.
- All windows must be certified to PAS 24:2012 (16) security standard in compliance with Building Regulation Approved Document Q. Windows should be fitted with restrictors and laminated glazing is recommended at ground floor level.
- Rear access lockable gates should be 1.8m high and fitted as close to the front building line as possible to restrict easy access for intruders to the vulnerable rear of the dwellings for example a gate should be fitted to restrict access to the rear of plot 34.
- Dusk till dawn lighting is required to each dwelling elevation that contains a doorset. The garages should be fitted with a dusk till dawn light. Good, even coverage of street lighting will enable views within the development when natural light is minimal.
- Utility meters should be located as close to the front elevation as possible so access into secure/private areas is not required to read the meters.
- Secure rear gardens with a 1.8m high close boarded timber fence.
- The development incorporates a number of shared driveways. Care should be taken with regards to the location of shared driveways in new housing schemes to ensure that they do not create a shortcut for residents to other areas of the development or access onto the main road. This has recently been problematic with residents using shared driveways as a cut through or congregation point for youths engaging in anti-social behaviour resulting in calls for service to Lancashire Constabulary.

Site security – Construction phase

- There have been reported thefts and burglaries at construction sites across all areas of Lancashire which is placing additional demand on local policing resources. Therefore, the site must be secured throughout the construction phase to include 2m high security fencing and a monitored alarm

system (with a response provision) for site cabins where tools, materials and fuel could be stored. Monitored CCTV and Security Staff are also recommended.

Rationale - To keep people safe and feeling safe, to deter and detect crime and create safe environments in accordance with:-

These measures should be incorporated into the scheme in accordance with;

- **Central Lancashire Adopted Core Strategy**
Policy 17: Design of New Buildings
The design of new buildings will be expected to take account of the character and appearance of the local area, including the following:
(f) minimising opportunity for crime, and maximising natural surveillance.
- **Section 17 Crime and Disorder Act 1998**
(1) Without prejudice to any other obligation imposed on it, it shall be the duty of each authority to which this section applies to exercise its various functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on, and the need to do all that it reasonably can to prevent, crime and disorder in its area.

Further crime reduction advice can be provided as the scheme progresses throughout the planning process.

Yours sincerely

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