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Crime Impact Statement

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Crime Impact Statement is formed based on local crime figures and trends, incidents reported to the police and community knowledge gathered from local policing teams. It is with this knowledge and policing experience that the recommendations made are site specific, appropriate and realistic to the potential threat posed from crime and anti-social behaviour in the immediate area of the development.

Crime Risks

The levels of crime and other police related incidents at the car parks of Royal Preston Hospital are low. This is mainly due to the good natural surveillance, high usage and CCTV coverage. Crimes and incidents that affect multi-storey car parks are varied but include suicide attempts, auto-crime, sleeping rough, drug activity and intimidating or threatening behaviour. In the hours of darkness when these facilities are generally less used, they can become intimidating places, especially when unaccompanied.

In order to reduce the risk of crime and anti-social incidents affecting the visitors, staff, and local community, the new multi-storey car park should be designed in accordance with the principles of the Safer Parking Scheme to achieve the 'Park Mark' standard and must incorporate the following recommendations;

- ▶ Comprehensive CCTV coverage including stairwells and lifts. This system must be compatible with the lighting scheme to capture good

quality clear images. A close up head and shoulders shot should be captured at pedestrian entry points to provide evidence of identification should a crime or incident occur. CCTV cameras should be fixed where they cannot be easily reached.

- ▶ Anti-climb mesh should be installed around the top level to reduce the risk of suicide attempts. This measure is absolutely necessary due to both the height of the structure and the highly distressing circumstances that people can find themselves in at hospitals. A 2.5m high barrier should be sufficient to deter climbing attempts where there are no other objects or low level barriers etc. that would provide a foothold to enable climbing.
- ▶ Internal walls and ceilings should be light in colour to create bright areas and avoid dark intimidating spaces. This measure should also reduce the number of luminaires required as the light will be reflected from the surfaces.
- ▶ Lane/direction floor markings should be an easily visible contrasting colour to give drivers and pedestrians clear and safe instruction.
- ▶ Consideration should be given to the installation of 'Help' stations for in the event of a medical emergency/crime/personal safety concerns. These should be linked to the hospital security so that this team can be alerted at the earliest opportunity and focus CCTV and patrols as required.
- ▶ Signage should be minimal, clear and concise. Where there is lots of information displayed in different styles they can conflict and lose the message they are intended to communicate.
- ▶ Vehicle barriers should be installed at entry and exit points to control movement in a safe manner.
- ▶ Anti-graffiti coatings should be used in stairwells and lifts to reduce the risk of vandalism and reduce maintenance costs.
- ▶ If there are blind corners in stairwells/corridors that would allow someone to hide, high level mirrors can be used to allow a view of the concealed area. See through balustrades should be used where appropriate to keep areas open and visible.
- ▶ Recesses should always be avoided.
- ▶ Pedestrian access doors should have clear laminated glazing to enhance natural surveillance, light and give clear open views.

The pedestrian access points are separate from the vehicle entry and are clearly defined by an otherwise solid perimeter structure. This would help to deter casual intruders looking for crime opportunities.

Further advice on the requirements of Secured By Design is available from this office or at www.securedbydesign.com

If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Yours sincerely

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