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Reference: P/10076/013

Location: Land at Manor Farm and land north of Wraysbury Reservoir, Slough

Dear Alex,

Thank you for consulting Thames Valley Police in relation to the above planning application. I have reviewed the submitted documents and crime statistics for the area and the following comments are provided to ensure the application meets the requirements of;

- The National Planning Policy Framework 2024 paragraph 96(b); which states that Planning policies and decisions should 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...
- The National Planning Policy Framework 2024, paragraph 135(f) which states that "Planning policies and decisions should ensure that developments create places that are safe, inclusive and accessible... and where crime and disorder, and the fear of crime, do not undermine the quality of life or community cohesion and resilience".

It is noted that there are a number of references within the submitted Design and Access Statement: Security (Security Statement) to advice and guidance provided to the applicant by the Metropolitan Police DOCO. It should be noted that the site falls within the area covered by Thames Valley Police (TVP) and to date we have not had any discussions with the applicant on the proposed development. We therefore request that TVP is consulted in any future discussions on security, as referred to in the Security Statement.

It is assumed that the Design and Access Statement (DAS) and Security Statement will be listed as approved documents should planning permission be approved, requiring development to proceed in accordance with them. This will ensure that the security measures proposed are implemented and security strategies taken forward.

Whilst the contents of the DAS, Security Statement and the proposed site plan are noted, I still have a number of comments/queries which I request are addressed prior to determination:

- With regards to physical security, the site plan refers to a 3m high security fence. However, I could not find any detail of the fence or reference to the proposed

security standard. It is recommended that the fence is to a minimum of LPS 1175 SR2 or equivalent and the applicant may consider a higher specification for this type and scale of development. Entrance gates should be to the same height and security specification as the perimeter fencing. The entrance gates (or additional security features at the entrances) and barriers should also provide hostile vehicle mitigation and be to PAS 68 (Vehicle Security Barriers).

- It is noted that a vehicle barrier is proposed on the estate road leading down to the Battery Yard. However, from the submitted information, I am not clear why the vehicle barrier is located where it is, how it would be operated, and how it is monitored. This may be more appropriately located closer to the security gate entrance.
- I am also not clear on the proposals for the emergency access into the Battery Yard part of the site from the roundabout on Poyle Road. To avoid unwarranted access, additional gates may be required closer to the junction to clearly define the access road as private space.
- Landscaping proposals should ensure that there are no trees (or other features) which could provide a climbing aid over the security fencing.
- With regards to proposed materials, laminate glazing should be considered for the building. This not only delays forced entry, but also from a counter terrorism perspective, the use of laminated glazing is recommended for new buildings as 95% of all injuries in a blast are caused by flying glass. In addition to limiting injury to those within a building and members of the public outside, laminated glass can also reduce the amount of time during which a building may need to be closed for repair in the event of a blast.

The above comments are made on behalf of Thames Valley Police and relate to designing out crime only. I hope that you find these comments of assistance. If you have any queries relating to crime prevention design, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely,

Dan Washington | Designing Out Crime Officer