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Re - REGULATION 16 – THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING (GENERAL) REGULATIONS 2012 AND THE LOCALISM ACT 2011

Please find the attached for your consideration,
Kind regards

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Ref: Silverton Parish Neighbourhood Plan 2013 – 2033

Thank you very much for inviting consultation regarding the above.

My role as the Police Designing Out Crime Officer (DOCO) is to provide appropriate and relevant advice and recommendations regarding the methodology, principles and practices of designing out crime, anti- social behaviour (ASB) and conflict within the built environment, to the Planning Authority, Developers and Architects. These are proven and effective methods in helping reduce the fear of crime and improving the safety, security and wellbeing of those who will live and work within or visit our communities.

The type of applications I would normally respond to, as agreed between the Police and the Local Planning Authorities are: -

- Major housing schemes of 10+ dwellings
- Major commercial office, industrial, retail or leisure schemes
- New neighbourhood or district community facilities
- Shop front improvements
- Proposals which include significant areas of open space/landscaping as part of a development, including linkage footpaths
- Proposals incorporating significant off-street parking provisions
- Proposals involving transport interchanges or other significant highway infrastructure
- Improvements such as cycle lanes and new or improved footpaths
- All applications for Class E(b) and Sui Generis food and drink uses
- New or redeveloped schools/education premises
- Where the intended occupants are particularly vulnerable and require higher standards of security to ensure their personal safety (this would include for example, Gypsy and Traveller sites, care homes and drug rehabilitation centres)
- ATM's
- Solar Farms
- Any planning policy documents where community safety is relevant. This will include the Core strategy and Supplementary Planning Guidance documents

As such it may be that some future developments within these areas will not receive a response from the Police, so reference to designing out crime and crime prevention per se should be embedded at the most appropriate and relevant place of the Neighbourhood Plan (NP), in this case may I suggest, Policies for the Built Environment, in order to support the wider adopted Mid Devon Local Plan and comply with the requirements of the following: -

Paragraphs 92, 97 and 130 of the National Planning Policy Framework (adopted July 2021) require crime and disorder and fear of crime to be considered in the design stage of a development. Other paragraphs such as 8, 106,108,110, 112 and 119

(also require the creation of safe environments within the context of the appropriate section.

- **NPPF Section 8. Promoting healthy and safe communities**

92. Planning policies and decisions should aim to achieve healthy, inclusive and safe places which:

b) 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.

97. Planning policies and decisions should promote public safety and consider wider security and defence requirements by:

a) anticipating and addressing possible malicious threats and natural hazards, especially in locations where large numbers of people are expected to congregate. Policies for relevant areas (such as town centre and regeneration frameworks), and the layout and design of developments, should be informed by the most up-to-date information available from the police and other agencies about the nature of potential threats and their implications. This includes appropriate and proportionate steps that can be taken to reduce vulnerability, increase resilience and ensure public safety and security; and

b) recognising and supporting development required for operational defence and security purposes and ensuring that operational sites are not affected adversely by the impact of other development proposed in the area.

130. Planning policies and decisions should ensure that developments:

f) create places that are safe, inclusive and accessible and which promote health and well-being, with a high standard of amenity for existing and future users and where crime and disorder and the fear of crime, do not undermine the quality of life or community cohesion and resilience.

- Crime and Disorder Act 1998, specifically section 17 which directs that we must have community safety embedded into our planning, our policy and our operational day-to-day activity. It states, 'Without prejudice to any other obligation imposed on it, it shall be the duty of each authority... 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'.

All relevant planning applications should demonstrate, generally in the Design and Access Statement, the following principles of Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) and how they have been considered and incorporated into the design and layout of all new developments. This provides

reassurance and will ensure a consistent level of security throughout and opportunities for crime, the fear of crime, ASB and conflict are minimised: -

- **Access and movement** - Places with well-defined and well used routes with spaces and entrances that provide for convenient movement without compromising security.
- **Structure** - Places that are structured so that different uses do not cause conflict.
- **Surveillance** - Places where all publicly accessible spaces are overlooked.
- **Ownership** - Places that promote a sense of ownership, respect, territorial responsibility and community.
- **Physical protection** - Places that include necessary, well-designed security features.
- **Activity** - Places where the level of human activity is appropriate to the location and always creates a reduced risk of crime and a sense of safety.
- **Management and maintenance** - Places that are designed with management and maintenance in mind, to discourage crime.

I look forward to providing advice and recommendations regarding planning applications that sit within my remit of response, but in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Kind regards



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