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Land adjacent to the Village Hall, East of Cambridge Road, Ugley, Essex.

UTT/24/1958/PINS Consultation on S62A/2024/0058 - Construction of 16 dwellings including 40% affordable housing and associated infrastructure.

Dear

The 'Essex Police – Designing out Crime Office (DOCO) welcomes the opportunity to make comment on the proposed development of land adjacent to the village hall in the village of Ugley.

Good design and early co-ordination, incorporating 'Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design' (CPTED) principles, can avoid the conflicts that may be expensive or impossible to resolve once the construction phase is complete. CPTED forms part of Police Crime Prevention Initiatives (PCPI) which is the official UK Police Security Initiative.

Essex Police considers that it is important that, if approved, this construction project is designed incorporating the maximum achievable benefit of CPTED for which Secured by Design (SBD) is the preferred enabler.

We strongly recommend that the developer seeks to achieve the relevant Secured by Design accreditation detailed within the current Secured by Design Homes guide for the development, (<a href="https://www.securedbydesign.com/guidance/design-guides">https://www.securedbydesign.com/guidance/design-guides</a>) provides full details.

It is important that design and security specifications are risk commensurate and provide an effective and realistic level of physical security that is commensurate with the risk.

Consequently, we are interested in the proposed perimeter treatment for the rear of the properties; we note the existing tree lines and vegetation but are concerned that there may be vulnerability at the rear of the plots where there will be a lack of surveillance opportunity (part of the development backs onto Linnets Wood to the east).

We are further interested in the plans for the plots that back onto the village hall and (if the land levels are raised) whether acoustic fencing has been considered for these properties.

We would welcome the opportunity for engagement with the design team to discuss the security design aspects of the development to ensure provision of a safe and secure environment for the future.

If you have any further queries relating to the above or regarding means to adopt designing out crime practices, please contact the team via email <a href="mailto:designingoutcrime@essex.pnn.police.uk">designingoutcrime@essex.pnn.police.uk</a>.

We look forward to hearing from you to discuss this matter.

Yours sincerely,

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