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Land North of Knight Park, Thaxted Road, Saffron Walden, Essex.

UTT/25/0101/PINS Consultation on S62A/2024/0075 - Reserved matters (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale); pursuant to outline planning permission ref: S62A/2023/0031 for the erection of up to 55 dwellings, associated landscaping and open space, with access from Knight Park

Dear

The 'Essex Police – Designing out Crime Office (DOCO) welcomes the opportunity to make comment on the proposed development of land to the north of Knight Park, Thaxted Road, Saffron Walden.

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,

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 posed by crime.

Consequently, we are interested in the security arrangements for the proposed apartment blocks and seek detail regarding the access plans for the two blocks and whether this will include access control.

This interest extends to the mail delivery arrangements and whether a secure mail delivery solution will be included.

We would also like further detail on the bin and cycle storage facility and how these stores are to be secured.

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 <u>designingoutcrime@essex.police.uk</u>.

We look forward to hearing from the developer to discuss this matter.

Yours sincerely,

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