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Re: Land surrounding Burloes Cottages, Newmarket Road, Royston

Dear Sarah,

Thank you for inviting me to comment on the hybrid application to build up to 325 dwellings on the above site. I previously commented on this site in 2024 as part of an outline application (24/01013/OP) – unfortunately I can not find this reference on the Council Planning Portal anymore. I have studied the documents posted under this reference and have the following comments to make.

- I note that on page 30 of the Design and Access Statement (DAS) there is a section on 'Design for Crime Prevention'. This cites the publication 'Safer Places'. Having reviewed the crime figures for the area on www.police.uk there were one hundred and eighty-five crimes within the local estate – the current site is an open field. Of these forty-nine involved antisocial behaviours, eighty-six were assaults, and there were six burglaries. I am disappointed that the applicant has not engaged with the Constabulary's Crime Prevention Design Service (CPDS) with a view to seeking accreditation to the Police preferred minimum security standard that is Secured by Design (SBD).
- SBD is a proven method of reducing the risk of being subject to crime and it can also assist in preventing the Carbon Footprint of the estate from becoming too large, this is

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through the reduction in risks of burglary etc that the scheme provides. I would strongly recommend that the applicants engage the Hertfordshire Constabulary's CPDS in order to seek SBD accreditation. Not only would this demonstrate, further, their commitment to address matters around crime, disorder, and the fear of crime, but it would also ensure the discharge of Approved Document 'Q' – 'Security' of Building Regulations.

Given the comments above the Police are not in a position to fully support this application. However, should the applicant choose to engage with us to seek SBD certification then we would be able to fully support it.

Yours faithfully

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