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Re: Land surrounding Burloes Cottages, Newmarket Road, Royston

Dear Sarah,

Thank you for inviting me to comment on the proposal to develop the above site, I have studied the documents on the Council's planning portal and have the following comments to make.

- I am pleased to see that the applicant has considered and dealt with issues around the issues regarding crime, disorder, and the fear of crime. This is demonstrated on page 102 of the

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Design and Access Statement (DAS) (section 6.8 – Design for Crime Prevention (Phase 1)).

This section actively demonstrates how the issue will be addressed. I have studied the crime statistics, on www.police.uk, for an area roughly five hundred metre radii centered on Burloes Cottages over the period of April 2022 to March 2024. Over this period there were 163 recorded crimes. Of these sixty-seven were due to antisocial behavior (ASB), fifty-seven assaults, eight burglaries, four criminal damages and two incident involving drugs. As a result of this I would recommend that the applicant engages with Hertfordshire Constabulary's Crime Prevention Design Service (CPDS) with a view to seeking to achieve the Police preferred minimum security standard that is Secured by Design. This is a proven method of crime reduction and can reduce burglaries by greater than seventy-five percent (Further information can be found on the web site [www.securedby design.com](http://www.securedbydesign.com)).

Given the information provided in the DAS the Police CPDS support this application and would suggest that an informative be added to any grant of planning permission recommending the applicant seek SBD accreditation - "Prior to construction the applicant will contact the Hertfordshire Constabulary CPDS with a view to seeking to achieve accreditation to the Police preferred minimum security standard that is Secured by Design.

Reason: To ensure that the development is compliant with both National and Local Planning Policies, in addition, this will also demonstrate the discharge of obligations under Approved Document 'Q' – Security of Building Regulations."

Yours faithfully

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