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Re: The Barn, Stony Lane, Tea Green

Dear Andrew,

Thank you for inviting me to comment on the proposal to develop the above site into a Function Venue. I have studied the documents on the council's planning website and have the following comments to make.

National Planning Policy (NPPF) states in Chapter eight 'Promoting Healthy and Safe Communities' paragraph 96 (b) "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;". Yet I can see no mention of how the applicant intends to address the issues around crime, disorder, and the fear of crime. I have looked on www.police.uk over the period of the first of May 2024 to the thirtieth of April 2025. During that period there were seven crimes recorded in Tea Green, of these, three were assaults, there was one burglary and one criminal damage/arson. From closed sources (Hertfordshire Constabulary's own recording systems) there were the same results, but none appeared to be connected to the site. To mitigate the requirement for applications to address issues around crime etc. I would strongly

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recommend that the applicant engages with the local Police Crime Prevention Design Advisor (CPDA) with a view to seeking to achieve accreditation to the Police preferred minimum security standard that is Secured by Design. This is a proven method for reducing crime, disorder, and the fear of crime. It could also be used to demonstrate compliance with Licensing Conditions and Policy.

In view of the about the Police can't support this application fully, but we are not looking to object. However, should the applicant engage with the local CPDA with a view to seeking SBD accreditation then this position will change, and we would be in a position to fully support it.

Yours faithfully

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