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Re: Land off Echo Hill, Royston

Dear Ben,

Thank you for inviting me to comment on the proposal to develop the above land. I apologise for the delay, but I have been busy due to redundancy matters. I have studied the documentation on the council's planning web site and have the following comments to make.

- I have studied the crime data for the area. I choose an area covering two hundred metres centred on the proposed site. This was so that I could look at the crime rates in the residential sections adjoining the site. I used www.police.uk and reviewed the data between the first of December 2024 and the thirtieth of November 2025. During this period there were forty-four crimes recorded. These included seventeen assaults (including sexual assaults), eight vehicle related offences, eight incidents of antisocial behaviour (ASB), four criminal damages/arsons, two burglaries, and one drugs related crime.
- Given that this development that could have an impact on crime, disorder and the fear of crime I would ask that the project team engage with Hertfordshire Constabulary's Crime Prevention Design Service with a view to seeking to achieve accreditation to the Police preferred minimum security standard that is Secured by Design (SBD). This is a

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- proven method of crime reduction and, by building to this standard will enable the following.
 1. Achieve enhanced compliance with part 'Q' (Security) of Building Regulations.
 2. Demonstrate that the issues of crime, disorder, and the fear of crime have been addressed.
 3. Compliance with the new 'Healthy Homes Design Code'.

Given the concerns raised above the Police are not in a position to fully support this application, but we are not objecting to it. If, however, the applicants engage with Hertfordshire Constabulary's Crime Prevention Design Service with a view to ensuring that this site has appropriate security measures in place, then our position would change.

I would, therefore, request that an 'Informative' be added to any grant of planning permission. It could read as follows.

"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."



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