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Re: Land at Highover Farm

Dear Sarah,

Thank you for inviting me to comment on the proposal to develop the above land. I apologise for the delay but I was awaiting a reply from our Planning Obligations Manager so we could submit one letter. I have studied the documentation on the council's planning web site and have the following comments to make.

- Given that this is a large development that could have a major 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 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.

Yours faithfully

Mark Montgomery

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