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Re: Anderson House, Florence Street, Hitchin

Dear Tom,

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

- I have studied the crime figures on both 'open' and 'closed' sources. The 'open' source is www.police.uk, a copy of the area concerned is attached to this letter together with the crime data. The period covered the 1st of October 2023 to the 30th of September 2024. During this period there were one hundred and eleven crimes recorded, majority of which occurred at the Esso Petrol Station. Of these crimes twenty-eight were due to antisocial behavior (ASB), sixteen criminal damages, fifteen assaults, three burglaries and one bike theft. On checking

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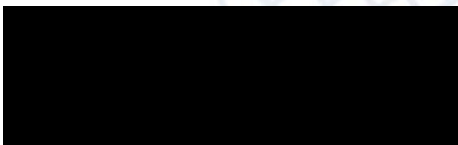
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our own databases (Closed Source) I could only find four incidents that related to Anderson House – there were no incidents of any sort of ASB.

- Having studied the documents I am pleased to see that these new plans show the separation between the adult and youth elements. They also show the extent of the CCTV coverage within the building in addition to the 'full handshake' of the exterior of the premises.

Given that myself and the local Neighbourhood Policing Team have already had a meeting with the project team and have satisfied ourselves with the development I can say that the Police support this application.

Yours faithfully



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