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Dear Strategic Planning Team

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Staffordshire Police wish to make the following comments.

1. We acknowledge the inclusion of:
 - **Policy HC12 – Space about dwellings and internal space**, states:
Consideration should be given to the layout and design of new housing development, so that a satisfactory standard of spacing around dwellings is achieved, considering outlook, privacy, safety, crime prevention and energy conservation.
 - **Homes and Communities – issues and Challenges**, states:
Reduction of crime and anti-social behaviour and fear of crime. Planning for new development should include measures that limit crime and deter anti-social behaviour therefore promotion of natural surveillance and feeling of security for residents important.
 - **Policy HC11: Protecting Amenity**, states:
All development proposals should take into account the amenity of any nearby residents, particularly with regard to privacy, security, noise and disturbance, pollution (including light pollution), odours and daylight.
 - **Policy HC10: Design Requirements**, states
Ensures that streets and other public spaces are well overlooked, whilst seeking to deliver wider Secure by Design principles, where practicable and consistent with other design objectives.
2. Any footpaths and cycle routes should be carefully designed, ensuring safety is incorporated into the design: wide paths; natural surveillance; lighting if appropriate; landscaping schemes, ensuring the matured landscape will not block out the natural daylight, low lying shrubs are planted adjacent to the paths, thereby eliminating places to hide, raising the crown of trees; and allow a clear line of sight along the paths.
3. Providing a safe environment whereby schemes have considered the safety of women and girls, by providing appropriate lighting schemes; clear direct routes to public transport within the built up environment; as well as providing natural surveillance.

4. Parking facilities should be developed to Park Mark standards, to ensure a safe and secure environment. Lorry parks should be designed to Park Mark Freight standards, as it has been proven these facilities experience less crime.
5. The development or refurbishment of venues, shopping complexes, town centres etc which provide a service to the public, will need to meet the standards of proposed Martyn's Law. Martyn's Law will ensure the security and safety provided have taken precautions for acts of terrorism.
6. Architects can contact the local Designing Out Crime Officers (DOCO) within Staffordshire Police to discuss any developments throughout the planning process, and even before the preapplication stage. Local DOCO contact details are available on the Secured By Design website.

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The recommendations contained within this report are the professional statements of the author. As such, they represent what we believe to be the best advice in terms of 'doing all that is reasonable to prevent crime and disorder' under the terms of Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. All comments and recommendations are 'Site Specific'. Crime prevention advice is given free without the intention of creating a contract. Neither do the Home Office or the police service take any other legal responsibility for the advice given.