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Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposed development.

With regard to the above planning application I would make the initial point that no attention given to crime prevention in the Design and Access Statement.

"All planning applications should demonstrate how crime prevention measures have been considered. This should be part of the design statement."

Safer Places – The Planning System and
Crime Prevention, Office of the Deputy Prime Minister

With regard to the development I would make the following observations,

- Crime within this area is generally low however to balance this it is a very rural area with few residential and commercial premises. The most frequent types of crime within this area are burglary and car crime. Therefore security of the buildings on this site and car parking are the areas that should be concentrated on.
- The covered area of the accommodation units gives me some concern as it could be used as an area for youths to gather in out of business hours – this could lead to anti-social behaviour, graffiti and criminal damage and burglary over time. Consider closing this area off out of hours with lockable gates or similar that cannot be climbed over.

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- I would strongly recommend that the premises be alarmed and connected to a monitoring station due to the isolated location and the high value equipment on site (Segways etc).
- The design of the accommodation being built into the hillside could allow intruder access onto the roof. I acknowledge the design has a steeper roof than the norm however as an added measure I would advise using thorny planting along the perimeter of the buildings. Common Gorse and Berberis would be options to consider as they would be in keeping with the environment and provide berries to attract birds.
- I would advise that a substantial and correctly installed vehicle barrier be installed at the car park entrance to prevent access out of hours. This would prevent the car park being used as a gathering/meeting place at night by teenagers with cars who may create noise nuisance/litter/graffiti etc. I feel the installation of a barrier would reduce the need for the accommodation area to be gated off.

Considering security and crime prevention at the earliest stage of the development enables it to be incorporated into the design without causing problems.

If I can be of any further assistance in relation to this matter please do not hesitate to contact me,

Regards,

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