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Dear Sir/Madam,

During the period 29/10/2011 to 29/10/2012 there have been reported crimes within the immediate vicinity of this location including burglary, vehicle crime and criminal damage. In order to prevent the opportunity for criminal activity in and around the developed site I would like to make the following recommendations.

Schools are often a target for burglary as it is likely there are a number of laptops, projectors etc stored within the buildings for use by the pupils. A domestic or business property would generally have one or two laptops/ipads or similar however schools are more likely to have a greater quantity, increasing the payoff for the intruder and making the school a more attractive target.

The security of the site is not referred to in the application but I feel it should be thought about at this early stage to ensure the right products are incorporated within the design to safeguard against future crime.

As this building is not part of the main school building, consideration should be given as to how the alarm system would link up to the main school alarm. The windows should meet British Standard 7950, should be laminated or toughened glazing and be fitted with restrictors which prevent them being opened beyond a small amount from the outside. The external door sets should meet PAS 24, this means that it has been tested against regular forms of intruder attack.

Electronic access control should be considered to prevent unauthorised access.

If the site currently has a CCTV system, it should be extended to cover the new building.

Internal storage should be considered for locking away valuables, out of sight – not seen from windows and doors.

All valuable items should be clearly and permanently marked with school details – this makes them easily identifiable should they be stolen but also makes them far less desirable to the thief.

If I can be of any further assistance/offer any further security advice, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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