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Outline Planning Application 3/2014/0831 for residential housing development of around 25 dwellings at Whiteacre Lane, Wiswell, Barrow

Dear Sir/Madam,

As this application is outline with details of access only, I will provide more detailed comment at a later planning stage.

With regard to the layout, differing orientation of dwellings allows good natural surveillance which deters casual criminals looking for crime opportunities such as open windows, insecure garage doors and rear access gates.

Cul de sac arrangements also deter intruders as they are more likely to be observed by a resident. The security of the layout should not be compromised by introducing link footpaths.

Rear access alleys should be avoided as they give secluded access to the vulnerable rear of the dwellings. Where absolutely necessary, access into the alley should be restricted by a lockable gate and the entrance should be covered by the street lighting scheme.

Back to back rear gardens help to afford security to the dwellings.

Parking should be in curtilage to reduce the risk of auto-crime.

Utility meters should be located as close to the front elevation as possible to reduce the risk of bogus official offences where the offender requests access to the dwelling or secure rear garden.

Access to the rear garden should be restricted by a 1.8m high lockable gate located as close to the front elevation as possible.

Part 2 Secured By Design (physical security) is recommended to reduce the risk of burglary.

Further advice on the requirements of Secured By Design is available from this office or at www.securedbydesign.com

If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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