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Crime Impact Statement

Planning Application 3/2015/0794 Demolition of existing industrial units and construction of a pay and display car park at Abbey Works, King Street, Whalley

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Crime Impact Statement is formed based on local crime figures and trends, incidents reported to the police and community knowledge gathered from local policing teams. It is with this knowledge and policing experience that the recommendations made are site specific, appropriate and realistic to the potential threat posed from crime and anti-social behaviour in the immediate area of the development.

Crime Risks

Within the last 12 months period, there have been reported auto-crimes, damage to vehicles and burglary offences in the area surrounding this site.

In order to reduce the risk of crime affecting the users of the car park, the design should incorporate the following recommendations.

- There would be very little natural surveillance of the site as it is hidden from the view of the main thoroughfare and businesses. Consideration should be given to installing CCTV coverage to deter crime and anti-social behaviour (ASB). The system should be fit for purpose to provide clear, quality images in all lighting conditions.
- The car park should be lit to enhance natural surveillance and for safe use by staff/customers in winter months. The lighting should be vandal resistant and not easily reachable.
- The recessed area between Units 3 and 10 may attract anti-social behaviour and provide a concealed area to hide. Restricting access to this area would help to alleviate these risks and make units 3, 4 and 10 less vulnerable to crime, ASB and problems like graffiti.

The lighting scheme and CCTV system should be compatible in order to capture clear, useable images in all lighting conditions.

- Any landscaping should be designed and maintained to be low level so that it does not obstruct sight into and around the car park, providing places to hide and break into parked vehicles.

The above recommendations should be incorporated into the design, in order to reduce the risk of crime affecting the future visitors, businesses and local area, thereby promoting safer communities and reducing avoidable demand on policing resources. Consideration should be given to the reduction of crime and disorder utilising the below policy and legislation.

Ribble Valley Adopted Core Strategy Policy DMG1

10.4 In determining planning applications, all development must:

Amenity 3. Have regard to public safety and Secured by Design principles.

National Planning Policy Framework, Paragraph 58

“Create safe and accessible environments where crime and disorder, and the fear of crime, do not undermine quality of life or community cohesion”.

Section 17 Crime and Disorder Act 1998

(1) Without prejudice to any other obligation imposed on it, it shall be the duty of each authority to which this section applies to exercise its various functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on, and the need to do all that it reasonably can to prevent, crime and disorder in its area.

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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