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### **Crime Impact Statement**

Planning Application 3/2017/0220 - application for Full Consent for a change of use from a shop to a food takeaway at 2A Whittingham Road, Longridge, PR3 3JA. (Opening hours 4pm – 11pm Mon-Sun Inc. Bank Holidays).

Dear Planning Officer,

**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**

In the last 12 month period there have been 33 assaults, 42 criminal damage offences and 14 burglary offences in the area around this site. The proposed food takeaway will be open until 11pm (Mon-Sun) and contribute to the night-time economy within Longridge. However, food takeaways are often 'flash points' for assaults and disorder; therefore, it is important that crime risks are reduced where possible within the design. Alcohol related violence and disorder is also a huge drain on police resources and can lead to innocent people being physically, and emotionally, injured and criminal damage to the property. Therefore, security measures should be put in place to both deter and provide evidence of behaviour should such an incident occur.

I can confirm that Lancashire Constabulary do not object to the planning application; however should Ribble Valley Borough Council decide to grant planning permission for this change of use, I ask that the following conditions are attached to the decision;

### **Physical Security**

1. Full HD digital CCTV coverage of the customer area and immediately outside is required to capture evidence of behaviour and identification should a crime occur (to capture full body image). The images recorded must be good quality and clear in all lighting conditions. Data should be stored securely for a 30 day period before being destroyed if not required.
2. A suitably designed, fit for purpose, monitored intruder alarm system should be installed. For a Police response the system must comply with the requirements of the National Police Chief's Council (NPCC) Police Response to Security Systems Policy.
3. The service counter should be high and wide with access restricted to the staff area to reduce the risk of aggressive customers reaching over to intimidate or assaulting staff.
4. Any internal seating and tables should be securely fixed to the floor.
5. External glazing in windows and doors should be laminated.
6. There have been a large number of reported thefts and burglaries at building sites across all areas of Lancashire. High value machinery, white goods and boilers are targeted as the premises near completion. This is placing additional demand on local policing resources. Therefore, the site must be secured throughout the redevelopment phase.

**Rationale** - To reduce crime and the fear of crime and create safe environments in accordance with;

- **Ribble Valley Adopted Core Strategy**

**Strategic Objective 3.15;** Ensure neighbourhoods are sought after locations by building cohesive communities and promoting community safety. This will be delivered through development management policies ensuring high standards of design having regard to initiatives such as designing out crime, appropriate tenure mix, landscaping and location.

**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.

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

Yours sincerely

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