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Crime Impact Statement

Planning Application 3/2016/0056 Conversion of the former Punch Bowl Inn into 5No. holiday lets and café including demolition and extensions. New static caravan holiday park with 20 pitches at Former Punch Bowl Inn, Longridge Rd, Hurst Green, Clitheroe.

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

Offences have been reported in the immediate vicinity of this establishment within the last 12 months which include burglary, criminal damage and auto-crime – the crime types most likely to affect this proposed development.

Across Lancashire static and touring caravans and holiday homes/lodges have been targeted for burglary and theft.

Holiday lodges/static caravan parks are sometimes targeted for crime as they are not likely to be occupied at certain times of the year, especially in poor weather and are often located in isolated sites and therefore the risk of detection of the offender is lower. Other reasons that they can be targeted is that an opportunist offender can blend in wandering around looking for a pitch where there is no car parked up – the likelihood is then that the owner has gone out and there will probably be valuable, easy to move items inside such as ipads, games consoles and jewellery. Televisions have even been removed from walls.

There is no mention of security or how crime risks will be minimized within the application, nor whether a manager or staff will be onsite 24 hours a day. As this site is isolated from the view of any other buildings, it is more vulnerable to being targeted for crime, especially if a site manager/staff are not available on site at all times.

In order to reduce the risk of crime affecting the holiday lets and lodges, should planning permission be granted, I make the following recommendations;

- Natural surveillance should be promoted as much as possible so that suspicious behaviour stands out. A mixture of lamp posts within the entrance area and light bollards throughout the rest of the site will significantly increase natural surveillance in the hours of darkness and deter intruders looking for crime opportunities.
- Landscaping should not hinder natural surveillance around the holiday park.
- CCTV is advised, covering the main access route would be appropriate to the risk of unauthorised vehicles entering and looking for crime opportunities such as unoccupied lodges.
- Vehicle barriers located at the entrance to holiday lodge areas are advised to deter intruders entering in vehicles looking for vulnerabilities that can be exploited, especially in winter months when many lodges are likely to be unoccupied.
- The site perimeter should be adequate to deter unauthorised entry on foot from surrounding areas. Hawthorn and similar native thorny hedging is effective and would complement the wildlife friendly setting.
- External doors to the holiday lets and café, and ground floor windows are recommended to be certified to PAS 24:2012.

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

- ***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.

The above recommendations should be incorporated into the design, prior to achieving planning permission, in order to reduce the risk of crime affecting the future customers, staff and local community thereby promoting safer Ribble Valley communities and reducing avoidable demand on policing resources.

Further advice on 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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