

LAND OFF HENTHORN ROAD, CLITHEROE
CRIME IMPACT STATEMENT
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1. Introduction

1.1. This Crime Impact Statement is submitted in support of an outline planning application for the erection of up to 110 dwellings with public open space, landscaping and sustainable drainage system (SuDS) and vehicular access point from Henthorn Road. All matters reserved except for means of access. This statement is submitted to provide consideration of local crime statistics within the vicinity of the proposed development and items that may be secured through detailed design.

2. Site Context

- 2.1. The application site comprises a single field located on the south western edge of Clitheroe. The site borders existing residential development to the north east, Henthorn Road to the south east, a country park to the north and an agricultural field to the west.
- 2.2. The site is within walking distance of a number local services and amenities including a post office, pharmacy, convenience store, bus stops, places of worship and a primary school. A footpath will be provided along Henthorn Road to meet the existing footpath constructed with the new development adjacent to the site. There is also potential to create footpath links through to the new development to the north east of the site.
- 2.3. An indicative site layout plan has been produced which illustrates one potential option for how the site could be developed. It demonstrates how the proposed mix of family homes could be accommodated so as to provide maximum surveillance over green spaces and public rights of way so as to minimise the opportunity for crime at the design stage.

3. Planning Policy

3.1. Paragraph 91 of the National Planning Policy Framework 2 states that new developments should create environments that “are safe and accessible, so that crime and disorder, and the fear of crime, do not undermine the quality of life or community cohesion”.

3.2. The National Planning Practice Guidance further highlights the need to incorporate crime prevention measures into the overall design of new development at paragraphs 26-006-20140306 and 26-010-20140306.

3.3. The Ribble Valley Core Strategy was adopted in December 2014. Policy DMG1 of the Core strategy states that:

*‘In determining planning applications, all development must:
...have regard to public safety and secured by design principles.’*

4. Crime Analysis

- 4.1. The following information has been sourced from the Police.UK Crime Map¹ to identify the number and types of crime which have taken place over the 6 month period between December 2017 and May 2018 within the Clitheroe West, Edisford, Low Moor, Little Moor and Primrose area, with May being the most recently available survey data.
- 4.2. There have been total of 432 crimes recorded over the period, the most frequent offences recorded include anti-social behaviour, vehicle crime and violence and sexual offences. The closest recorded crime was anti-social behaviour and vehicle crime recorded in May 2018 on Alderford Close, north east of the site.
- 4.3. It is therefore likely that the manner of crime from which the development will be most at risk from will be anti-social behaviour and vehicle crime.

¹ <https://www.police.uk/lancashire/D6/crime/+A4CMmN/>

5. Design considerations

5.1. This outline planning application is supported by an illustrative layout drawing which demonstrates how 110 dwellings can be accommodated on the site. The development has been designed to maximise natural surveillance while accommodating the onsite constraints. This is particularly relevant around areas of public open space and rights of way where buildings have been specifically orientated to ensure that open public spaces are overlooked by a number of dwellings, ensuring maximum surveillance.

5.2. With regard to the security of individual dwellings, it will be ensured that

- gardens are designed to be secure through the use of fencing, planting and positioning,
- car parking will be located within areas of natural surveillance from properties,
- potential provision of additional lighting to enhance security,
- access points to dwellings will be overlooked.

6. Conclusion

- 6.1. It is evident from the information sourced from Police.UK that Clitheroe is subject to some levels of crime. The development has incorporated measures of crime reduction through the indicative design. Full detail will be secured at the reserved matters stage in conjunction with the local authority and relevant statutory consultees, so as to meet the requirements identified within both local and national policy.