

CRIME IMPACT ASSESSMENT

LAND OFF HENTHORN ROAD
CLITHEROE



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1.1 Introduction

- 1.1.1 This Crime Impact Statement is submitted in support of an outline planning application for the erection of up to 160 dwellings with public open space, landscaping and sustainable drainage system (SuDS) and vehicular access points off Henthorn Road and via committed development on the northern side of Henthorn Road. All matters reserved except for means of access.
- 1.1.2 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.

1.2 Site Context

- 1.2.1 The 6.96 ha site is located to the southwest of the principle settlement of Clitheroe and split over two parcels which are adjacent to the existing permitted residential development on the edge of Clitheroe.
- 1.2.2 The application site comprises fields in agricultural use. The site sustainably located by being well related to the settlement, with good pedestrian and cycle links and it is contained by physical features at its urban edge.
- 1.2.3 It is proposed that the northern parcel of the site will be accessed from the committed development site north of Henthorn Road and the southern parcel will be accessed off Henthorn Road directly, via a simple priority junction.
- 1.2.4 The site is situated within approximately 2km of Clitheroe town centre and Clitheroe Railway Station and it is therefore close to existing shops, services and employment opportunities in the town allowing easy access by foot and bicycle as well as through the use of public transport
- 1.2.5 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.

1.3 Planning Policy

- 1.3.1 Paragraph 91 of the National Planning Policy Framework 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”.
- 1.3.2 The National Planning Practice Guidance further highlights the need to achieve resilient place through highlighting the importance of good design at paragraph 010, Reference ID: 53-010-20190722.
- 1.3.3 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.’**

1.4 Crime Analysis

- 1.4.1 Using the Police.UK Crime Map¹ for Clitheroe West, Edisford, Low Moor, Little Moor, Primrose area an average of the number of crimes recorded in the area where the site is located can be collected.
- 1.4.2 The most recent data set of crimes recorded in August 2019 show that in this area there were a total of 67 crimes committed in this area. The most frequent offences recorded include anti-social behaviour, theft and violence and sexual offences. When undertaking this analysis for the rest of 2019 there have been a total of 499 crimes in this area from January 2019. The closest crimes to the site were committed on Stirling Close August 2019, two cases of anti-social behaviour and one instance of criminal damage and arson.
- 1.4.3 It is therefore likely that the manner of crime from which the development will be most at risk from will be anti-social behaviour.

¹ Police.UK crime map available at <https://www.police.uk/lancashire/E35/crime/>

1.5 Design Considerations

- 1.5.1 This outline planning application is supported by an illustrative layout drawing which demonstrates how 160 dwellings can be accommodated split across the two parcels comprising 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.
- 1.5.2 In order to maximise 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;
 - There is the potential provision of additional lighting to enhance security; and
 - All access points to dwellings will be overlooked.

1.6 Conclusion

- 1.6.1 It is evident from the information sourced from Police.UK that Clitheroe is subject to a low level degree of crime. The development has ensured that it will incorporate measures of crime reduction through the indicative design.
- 1.6.2 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.