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Dear Mr Bartlett

Re: Wood Barn Farm, Adversane Lane, Broadford Bridge, Billingshurst, West Sussex.

Thank you for your letter of 03rd September 2012, advising me of a planning application at the above location, for which you seek advice from a crime prevention viewpoint.

I have had the opportunity to examine the detail within the application and in an attempt to reduce the opportunity for crime and the fear of crime, I offer the following comments.

Whilst I have no concerns over the general design and layout and the lighting, I am concerned with the number of trees that are growing on or alongside the existing perimeter fence. It is important that these do not provide a climbing aid into the compound. To that effect there must be a maintenance programme in place to ensure that this does not happen as well as constant checks to establish if entry has gained over the fence and whether damage to the fence has occurred as a result.

The Safer Places document from the ODPM, (2004) offers a good practice guide for the creation of well designed and safe places through the planning system. The Crime & Disorder Act 1998 heightens the importance of taking crime prevention into account when planning decisions are made. Section 17 of the Act places a clear duty on both police and local authorities to exercise their various functions with due regard to the likely effect on the prevention of crime and disorder. You are asked to accord due weight to the advice offered in this letter which would demonstrate your authority's commitment to work in partnership and comply with the spirit of The Crime & Disorder Act.

This letter has been copied to the applicant or their agent who is asked to note that the above comments may be a material consideration in the determination of the application but may not necessarily be acceptable to the Local Planning Authority. It is recommended, therefore, that before making any amendments to the application, the applicant or their agent first discuss these comments with the Local Planning Authority.

Yours sincerely

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