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Location: 5 Bernard Street Gravesend Kent DA12 2EX
Proposal: Change the use of the building from residential to a children's home.

We have reviewed this application in regard to Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) and in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).

Applicants/agents should consult us as Designing out Crime Officers (DOCO's) to address CPTED and incorporate Secured By Design (SBD) as appropriate. We use details of the site, relevant crime levels/type and intelligence information to help design out the opportunity for Crime, Fear of Crime, Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB), Nuisance and Conflict.

There is a carbon cost for crime and new developments give an opportunity to address it. Using CPTED along with attaining an SBD award using SBD guidance, policies and academic research would be evidence of the applicants' efforts to design out the opportunity for crime.

We recommend SBD guidance is utilised to address designing out crime to show a clear audit trail for Designing Out Crime, Crime Prevention and Community Safety and to meet our Local Authority statutory duties under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. The points below identify my recommendations for the layout and design of this scheme.

1. Due to the proposed use of the site, we would recommend the applicant review current site security and boundary treatments. We advise boundary treatments to be a minimum of 1.8m in height with support beams facing inwards, any gates to a rear/ side access must also be securely lockable from both sides. It is essential that there is no unauthorised access to the rear of the site either via the side access route or via neighbouring premises.
2. We recommend CCTV be installed at the main entrance doors to monitor the movements of the occupiers. In some circumstances, it can be advisable for staff carry personal attack alarms and in some instances BWV cameras for safety purposes.
3. We recommend lighting to cover entrances to aid in natural surveillance.
4. We strongly recommend external doors and windows meet PAS 24: 2022 UKAS certified standard, STS 201 or LPS 2081 Security Rating B+. Existing rear doors and windows that are not being replaced may require limiters/ restrictors to help maintain security.

If approved, site security is required for the construction phase. There is a duty for the principle contractor "to take reasonable steps to prevent access by unauthorised persons to the construction site" under the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2007. The site security should incorporate plant, machinery, supplies, tools and other vehicles and be site specific to geography and site requirements.

We welcome a discussion with the applicant/agent about site specific designing out crime. If the points above are not addressed, they can affect the development and local policing.

This information is provided by Kent Police DOCO's and refers to situational crime prevention. This advice focuses on CPTED and Community Safety with regard to this specific planning application.

Yours sincerely,

DOCO.

Designing Out Crime Officer

Strategic Prevention Command