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Dear Sir/Madam.

Thank you for your recent request for comment on the above draft Supplementary Planning Document for the Olympia Park development site at Selby. On behalf of the North Yorkshire Police, I respond as follows:

I have mentioned, in previous correspondence relating to this site (Environmental Impact Scoping Request & Hybrid Planning Application), that the proposals could have the potential to affect future policing requirements for Selby.

In the absence of a specific Selby District Council SPD in respect of 'Designing out Crime', it is crucial that the proposed SPD for Olympia Park reflects the importance of adopting designs that take the security of people and property fully into account.

I have read through the draft SPD and have noted that there are only two paragraphs which make reference to crime prevention. They are as follows:

4.9.3 High quality landscaping should be a key element throughout the scheme and should also be used to reinforce a sense of place both at the entrance to different land use zones and at key focal points. **Care should be taken however not to compromise crime prevention objectives by creating the opportunity for concealment close to houses, parked vehicles and pedestrian/cycle routes.**

4.10.8 New housing neighbourhoods, employment zones and community buildings should be designed with crime prevention objectives in mind to meet the security requirements of the police. This can be achieved by following the principles of the 'Secured by Design' initiative.

I welcome the inclusion of these references. However, I would ask that consideration be given to amending and expanding the above paragraph (4.10.8) in order to give greater emphasis on design meeting National Planning Policy Framework requirements as opposed to specifically meeting the "security requirements of the police". I put forward the following suggested wording for your consideration:

"The proposals for the development of Olympia Park will be expected to reflect National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) requirements in respect of creating safe and accessible environments where crime and disorder and the fear of crime do not undermine quality of life or community cohesion. New housing neighbourhoods, employment zones and community buildings should therefore be designed with crime prevention objectives in mind. Account should be taken of advice contained within the DCLG publication, Safer Places the Planning System and Crime Prevention and the principles outlined in the Police 'Secured by Design' award scheme."

I hope the above meets with your approval. I have no other comments to make at this time. Thank you for consulting me.

If I can be of further help or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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