Crime Impact Statement

Planning Application 3/2015/0750 Change of use of land to form extension to existing caravan site for a further 27 holiday caravans at Todber Caravan Park, Burnley Road, Gisburn

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Crime Impact Statement is formed based on local crime figures and trends, incidents reported to the police and community knowledge gathered from local policing teams. It is with this knowledge and policing experience that the recommendations made are site specific, appropriate and realistic to the potential threat posed from crime and anti-social behaviour in the immediate area of the development.

Crime Risks

Within the last 12 months period, there have been burglary, criminal damage and theft offences reported in the area surrounding this site.

Across Lancashire static and touring caravans and holiday homes/lodges have been targeted for burglary and theft.

Holiday lodges/static caravan parks are sometimes targeted for crime as they are not likely to be occupied at certain times of the year, especially in poor weather and are often located in isolated sites and therefore the risk of detection is lower. Other reasons that they can be targeted is that an opportunist offender can blend in wandering around looking for a plot where there is no car parked up – the likelihood is then that the owner has gone out and there will probably be valuable, easy to move items inside such as ipads, games consoles and jewellery. Televisions have even been removed from walls.

The proposed mix of lamp posts and light bollards should provide a low level of lighting which will help to promote natural surveillance in the hours of dusk and darkness.
In order to reduce the risk of crime affecting the holiday lodges, should planning permission be granted, I make the following recommendations:

- CCTV is advised, covering the main access route would be appropriate to the risk of unauthorised vehicles entering and looking for crime opportunities such as unoccupied lodges.
- The site perimeter should be adequate to deter unauthorised entry on foot from surrounding areas. Hawthorn and similar native thorny hedging is effective and would complement the wildlife friendly setting.
- A vehicle barrier is advised at the main entrance (this may be present but is not covered within the application) to deter intruders entering in vehicles looking for vulnerabilities that can be exploited.

The above recommendations should be incorporated into the design in order to reduce the risk of crime affecting the future residents, visitors, staff, businesses and local area, thereby promoting safer communities and reducing avoidable demand on policing resources.

**Ribble Valley Adopted Core Strategy Policy DMG1**

10.4 In determining planning applications, all development must:

- **Amenity 3. Have regard to public safety and Secured by Design principles.**

**National Planning Policy Framework, Paragraph 58**

“Create safe and accessible environments where crime and disorder, and the fear of crime, do not undermine quality of life or community cohesion”.

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Lancashire Constabulary has the ‘In The Know’ information system where users can sign up to receive updates and crime prevention advice regarding specific crime threats in their area or targeting certain types of premises such as caravan and camp sites – for more information go to [www.lancashire.police.uk/intheknow](http://www.lancashire.police.uk/intheknow)

Further advice on the requirements of the police security initiative Secured by Design is available from this office or at [www.securedbydesign.com](http://www.securedbydesign.com)

If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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