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Merthyr Planning

Dear Sir/ Madam

Re: Planning Application Number P/23/0126.

Having reviewed the drawings in respect of the above development, I would make the following observations: -

(i). CCTV.

If there is CCTV on site, it should be extended to cover the new classroom block.

The images produced must be admissible in a court of law and the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) must be complied with.

All CCTV cameras must be protected against vandalism and be positioned in elevated positions. During school hours the cameras should be monitored from the reception area.

The CCTV recording equipment should be kept in a locked, secure internal room protected by the alarm system.

Reason – To deter and detect crime.

(ii). Lighting.

The outside of the classroom block should be protected by lighting. All fittings shall be vandal resistant and positioned in elevated positions.



The lighting must be controlled by photo electric cells or time switches and must complement and enhance the CCTV coverage (if installed) on site.

Reason -To enhance CCTV.

(iii). Signage.

Signs from the site entrance through to the school entrance must be clearly displayed and be multi-lingual.

Signs indicating that CCTV is in operation must be in prominent positions on site if CCTV is installed.

Reason To assist visitors and to comply with GDPR.

(iv). Access to drainage and service areas.

Access to telephone junction points must if possible be prevented and manhole covers should be secured to prevent interference/removal.

Reason – To prevent metal theft.

(v). Building shell security.

The design of the building must consider the need to prevent features that aid scaling or climbing, and hidden areas must be designed out.

The building must be constructed of materials that are resistant to attack. The first two metres of the external walls must be brickwork or materials of a similar strength.

Reason – To prevent burglary.

(vi). Access control.

Access from the reception must be controlled by access control. In addition, entry into all rooms where valuable equipment is sited e.g. offices, etc. must be controlled and these rooms must be kept locked when not in use.

Reason – To prevent opportunist crime and to protect staff and children.

(vii). Drainpipes.

Rainwater down pipes can provide a convenient scaling aid onto roofs.

Downpipes must be either flush fitting (i.e. square profile) or concealed within the



cavities of the building.

Reason to make access to the roof of the school difficult.

(viii). Doors.

All external doors must, where possible, meet the SBD standard PAS 24 2022 or equivalent, and be third party tested and certificated.

Fire doors must be alarmed so a signal on opening can be transmitted to the reception area. These doors must be signed to warn of alarm alert and have no visible external ironmongery fitted.

Doors that are described as fire doors, or where fire performance is declared or implied, are required to have third-party certification for both security and fire performance.

All glazing to external door panels and adjacent to these door panels must be laminated.

Reason – To prevent burglary.

(ix). Windows.

All external vulnerable windows must, where possible, meet SBD standards i.e. PAS 24 2022 or equivalent and be third party tested and certificated. Any glazing in vulnerable windows must be laminated glass.

Reason – To prevent burglary.

(x). Intruder alarm system.

The school alarm must be extended to protect the new classroom block. All rooms where valuable property e.g., ipads, are located must be protected by the alarm system.

Consideration should be given to having a personal attack alarm installed linked to the intruder alarm system and central monitoring station. The panic buttons should be in areas where staff are more vulnerable e.g., reception area.

Reason – To deter and detect intruders.

Further detailed information can be obtained from the Secured by Design website www.securedbydesign.com.

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If you require discussing any of the points raised in this report, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely

Mike Harvey
Designing out Crime Officer

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