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Merthyr Planning

Dear Mr Davies

**Re: Planning Application Number P/26/0115 - Cyfarthfa Retail Park North**

In respect of the above planning application I would have the following observations to make-

**(i). CCTV.**

Consideration should be given for the outside of the building, bike and bin stores, vehicle entrances onto this development, car parking areas, public circulation areas, and the main entrances into the building to be protected by CCTV. Ideally the CCTV would be monitored.

The CCTV cameras should be in elevated positions and protected in vandal proof housings.

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

**Reason – To deter and detect offenders.**

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### **(ii). Signage.**

Signs must be prominently sited advertising the fact that CCTV cameras are operating if CCTV is installed.

**Reason – To comply with General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) and to deter crime.**

### **(iii). Lighting.**

The whole of this development especially the car parking areas must benefit from lighting that meets the British Standard 5489. The lighting must be effective.

The lighting must be situated in elevated positions to prevent vandalism, and it should be protected in vandal proof housings.

**Reason - To enhance CCTV coverage if installed and enhance public safety. Also, to prevent vehicle crime.**

### **(iv). Landscaping.**

Trees and other landscaping features must not be positioned where they could create hiding/entrapment spaces, obscure signage, lighting, or CCTV, or provide a potential climbing aid onto the building.

**Reason – To prevent crime and enhance public safety.**

### **(v). Vehicle parking area.**

The car parking area should be overlooked from the building. All parking bays should be lit during the hours of darkness, ideally the lighting meeting the British Standard 5489. All vehicle parking bays should be protected by CCTV.

**Reason – To prevent autocrime.**



#### **(vi). Waste disposal.**

Waste disposal areas must be secure areas and ideally located away from building.

**Reason – To prevent arson.**

#### **(vii). Drainpipes.**

Rainwater down pipes can provide a convenient scaling aid onto roofs or to reach windows above ground floor level. Rainwater pipes must be either flush fitting (i.e. square profile) or concealed within the cavities of the building.

**Reason – To prevent access to the roof.**

#### **(viii). Building shell security.**

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.

The design of the buildings must take into account the need to prevent features that aid scaling or climbing, and hidden areas must be designed out.

**Reason – To prevent burglary.**

#### **(ix). Access control.**

Access in the building from public areas into semiprivate and private areas should be controlled via access control e.g., fob, swipe card etc.

Entry into all rooms where valuable equipment is sited should also be controlled and these rooms must be kept secure when not in use.

**Reason – To prevent opportunist crime.**

#### **(x). Door security.**

All external doors and internal doors protecting rooms where valuable property or





information is stored, should as a minimum level of security, where possible, meet Secured by Design (SBD) standards e.g., PAS 24 2022, LPS 1175 SR2 or equivalent, or be manufactured to meet these standards. Ideally, they would be third party tested and certificated by an UKAS accredited test house.

Consideration should be given to providing additional security to external doors by installing shutters or grilles that again meet SBD standards, if the premises are not open 24 hours per day, 365 days of the year.

Glass in door panels or adjacent to door panels should be laminated the glass.

Fire doors must not have external door furniture. They must also be alarmed. Doors that are described as fire doors, or where fire performance is declared or implied, are required to have third-party certification for smoke, security and fire performance.

Doors must be protected against ram raiding.

### **Reason – To prevent burglary.**

#### **(xi). Window security.**

All external windows and roof lights should where possible meet SBD standards, i.e. PAS 24 2022 or equivalent, or be manufactured to meet these standards. Ideally, they would be third party tested and certificated by an UKAS accredited test house.

Consideration should be given to providing additional window security to vulnerable windows by installing shutters or grilles that again meet SBD standards, if the premises are not open 24 hours per day, 365 days of the year.

All glass in external windows should be laminated.

### **Reason – To prevent burglary.**

#### **(xii). Intruder alarm systems.**

If the premises are not open 24 hours per day, 365 days of the year, it should be alarmed with the alarm system linked to a central monitoring station. All rooms where



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there is valuable equipment or information stored should be alarmed and any alarm wires should be protected.

Panic buttons linked to the alarm system should be installed at appropriate locations for use when staff are under attack or are threatened by members of the public.

**Reason – To deter and detect criminals. Protect staff.**

Further detailed information can be found on the Secured by Design website [www.securedbydesign.com](http://www.securedbydesign.com).

Yours Sincerely

Mike Harvey

**Designing out Crime Officer**

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