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Merthyr Planning

Dear Sir/Madam

Re Planning Application Number P/24/0227.

Having reviewed the drawings in respect of the above, I would have the following observations to make with a view to this development achieving the Secured by Design (SBD) Gold Award, which it is required to achieve as it is a project funded by Welsh Government:-

(i). CCTV.

Consideration must be given to installing a CCTV system protecting the entrances onto site and into the main building, vehicle parking areas, the cycle stores and communal areas. The CCTV could be monitored from reception.

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

Reason – To deter and detect criminals.

(ii). Lighting.

Lighting must be effective and complement and enhance CCTV. The whole of the site especially the entrances onto site and into the main building, communal areas,

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parking areas, bin stores and bike stores must be lit.

The lighting protecting the parking area must meet the British Standard 5489. The corridors in the apartment block must be lit when frequented by residents or visitors.

Reason-To enhance CCTV and public safety and reduce the fear of crime.

(iii). Side and rear boundaries.

As this is an existing site the existing boundary can remain in situ. However, gates at least 1.2 metres high must be installed at the front entrance. Fencing/ walls must be designed to be difficult to climb over.

If there is a problem in the future with the main vehicle entrance it will have to be gated retrospectively, the gate meeting the standard LPS 1175 SR1 and having access control fitted.

Reason – To prevent burglary and autocrime.

(iv). Parking areas.

All parking bays must be overlooked from the apartments and protected by CCTV. There must be clear unobstructed views of the parking bays from the apartments.

Reason – To prevent autocrime.

(v). Bike stores.

Bike stores must be secure (please visit the Secured by Design website www.securedbydesign.com for further information). Access into the bike store areas must be controlled by access control and the store must be protected by lighting and CCTV.

Reason – To prevent pedal cycle theft.



(vi). Bin stores.

Bin stores must be secure. Access into the bin stores must be controlled by access control e.g., digilocks, fob or swipe card. Bin stores should be lit.

Reason – To prevent arson.

(vii). Drainpipes.

Drain pipes must be concealed within the fabric of the buildings or designed to be difficult to climb e.g. flush fitting.

Reason – To prevent access to windows above ground floor and roof areas.

(viii). Property identification.

The properties must be easily identified.

Reason -To assist the emergency services, postal staff, visitors etc.

(ix). Building shell.

The walls separating the studios in the main block must be solid and the chalets 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.

(x). Access control.

Access into the main building must be controlled via access control with audio/visual verification.

Access from the reception area to the studios etc must be controlled by staff working on site. Access into rooms where valuable property or information is stored must also be controlled e.g. the staff office, staff overnight rooms etc.



Access control must meet SBD standards and specifications.

Reason – To prevent burglary and opportunist crime.

(xi). Door security.

The main external door into the main building/apartment block must meet the standards PAS 24 2022, LPS 1175 SR2 or equivalent and be third party tested and certificated. Individual apartment doors and the doors of the chalets must also meet the same SBD standards.

Door entry and access control must be tested on the same certificate.

It is vitally important that developments have the correct level of security specifications for door-sets and windows and that the selected doors for any development have been tested against the requirements of BS 6375, parts 1-3 and are classified according to their intended use. This is particularly important when deciding on the relevant door-set for an apartment block, as the usage will be much higher. Please see Secured by Design Homes Guide 2024.

Fire doors must be alarmed and have no external furniture fitted. 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. Glass in external door panels or adjacent to these panels must be laminated and doors in recesses of more than 600mm should if possible be avoided.

Doors protecting areas where valuable property or items are stored should also meet Secured by Design standards i.e. PAS 24 2022 or equivalent and be third party tested and certificated.

External doors must have laminated glass fitted.

Reason – To prevent burglary.

(xii). Window security.

All vulnerable windows in the main building and chalets must meet the SBD standard



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PAS 24 2022 or equivalent and must be third party tested and certificated.

Reason- To prevent burglary.

Further more detailed information can be found at the Secured by Design website www.securedbydesign.com.

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

Please note

For the Secured by Design Award to be made, PAS 24 2022 doors and windows must be visibly and preferably permanently marked PAS 24 2022 and must be third party tested and certificated by a UKAS accredited test house.

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