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Merthyr Planning

Dear Mr Davies

**Re: Planning Application Number P/26/0057.**

In respect of the above planning application I would have the following comments to make:

**(i). CCTV.**

Consideration must be given for the whole site especially the outside of the building, pedestrian entrances into the building to be protected by CCTV.

The CCTV cameras should be in elevated positions. Ideally the CCTV would be monitored.

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

**Reason - To detect and prevent crime.**

**(ii). Access control.**

I would like to see an ability to lock down the site securely should there be an increase in threat and that appropriate doors and locking mechanisms are in place to achieve a reasonable delay both externally and internally creating layers of delay.

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The doors leading into the event spaces need to be able to be secured and give some resilience and delay from a determined intrusion. This will allow time for escape and a delay to allow a response.

There needs to be a means to communicate a threat throughout the building to facilitate a lock down of the building, i.e., alarm or tannoy system. External fire doors should not have an automatic release mechanism off the fire alarm but should be manually opened and released from the inside. This will protect the occupants from impingement from the outside should the building occupants be required to implement a 'Lock Down'.

Break glass detectors must not be in public areas and there should be a delay on the fire alarm system to allow staff to check if the fire alarm is genuine. If an alarm activates.

Access control should meet Secured by Design (SBD) standards and specifications.

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

**(iii). Door security.**

The external doors of the building should meet where possible the standards PAS 24 2022, LPS 1175 SR2 or equivalent and be third party tested and certificated by a UKAS accredited test house.

Fire doors should not have external door furniture fitted and should meet SBD standards. 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.

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

Doors in recesses of more than 600mm should be avoided.

**Reason – To prevent unlawful entry.**



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#### **(iv). Window security.**

All vulnerable external windows should meet the standard PAS 24 2022 or equivalent and be third party tested and certificated by a UKAS accredited test house.

All glass in vulnerable windows should be laminated.

#### **Reason – To prevent unlawful entry.**

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

If you or the developer requires to discuss any issues raised because of this report, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely

Mike Harvey

**Designing out Crime Officer**

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