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Merthyr Planning

Dear Mr Cross

Re: Planning Application Number P/22/0064.

In relation to the above planning application I would have the following observations to make :-

(i). Perimeter security.

The whole site should be protected by security fencing. The fencing should meet the security standard LPS 1175 SR1 or equivalent, be at least 2.4 metres high, manufactured of weldmesh, expanded metal or similar and be of a design that is difficult to climb over. Weldmesh or expanded metal fencing would be more robust than wooden fencing.

Gates should meet the same standard as specified above. Mortice locks fitted to the gates should meet the British Standard 3621. If padlocks and chains are used to secure the gates they must meet appropriate security standards e.g. Sold Secure Gold.

(ii). Vehicle access.

Vehicle access onto site should be controlled by the installation of barriers at the vehicle entrances with access control fitted. Vehicle access onto the sites must be prevented when the site is unoccupied.

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(iii). CCTV.

I would ask for the outside and the main entrances into the buildings, vehicle entrances onto the site, vehicle parking areas and bike and bin stores to be protected by CCTV.

The CCTV cameras should be located 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.

(iv). Signage.

Signs should be sited advertising the fact that CCTV cameras are operating in the area if CCTV is installed.

(v). Lighting.

The whole of this development, especially the vehicle parking areas, should benefit from lighting that meets the British Standard 5489.

The lighting must be effective and enhance CCTV coverage if installed.

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

(vi). Landscaping.

Maximum surveillance must be maintained across the whole development site. Ideally plants and bushes would only grow to a maximum height of 1 metre. The view of the car parking areas from the units must not be obscured by trees or planting.

Trees should be located in areas where they do not obstruct CCTV coverage or lighting or provide an assist to climbing. They should have no branches below 2 metres from the ground. This is to allow clear lines of sight across the whole of the development.

(vii). Vehicle parking areas.

Vehicle parking areas should be overlooked by the buildings and access into the parking areas should be controlled by barriers.

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Vehicle parking areas must be well lit, ideally the lighting meeting the British Standard 5489. All vehicle parking bays should be protected by monitored CCTV.

The perimeter of the car parking areas must be clearly defined and access confined to the main vehicle entrance/exit points.

There must be clear lines of sight across the vehicle parking areas with any planting being low level.

(viii). Bicycle stores.

Bike stores must be secure, lit and overlooked (please visit www.securedbydesign.com for more information).

(ix). Bin stores.

Bin storage areas should be secure areas protected by solid doors/gates. Access into these areas should be controlled by access control and they should be located away from the buildings.

(x). Building shell security.

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

(xi). Drainpipes.

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

(xii). Intruder alarm systems.

The buildings should be alarmed. All rooms where there is valuable equipment or information stored should be alarmed and any alarm wires should be protected.

(xiii). Access control.

Access into the buildings and from public areas into semi private and private areas must 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 locked when not in use.

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

(xiv). Door security.

The external doors of the buildings, those separating public and private areas and those protecting rooms where valuable property or information is stored should meet where possible the standard PAS 24 2016 or equivalent and be third party tested and certificated.

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

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

All vertical lift doors/ roller shutter doors fitted must be locked in place, internally and externally, when the building is unoccupied.

In respect of operating mechanisms external fittings must be avoided. Internal mechanisms must be secure and sited away from the door openings.

Fire doors must not have external door furniture fitted, and meet SBD standards and specifications. 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 both security and fire performance.

Doors should be protected against ram raiding.

(xv). Window security.

All vulnerable external windows should meet SBD standards i.e. PAS 24 2016 or equivalent and be third party tested and certificated.

All glass in vulnerable windows i.e. ground floor windows within this development should be laminated.

(xvi). Reception Areas

Reception areas should be designed to allow escape for staff. Counters should be deep enough to reduce the threat from persons lunging at staff to attack them. Alternatively, a laminated screen can be placed on the counter top to protect staff from attack. Ideally there should also be a secured escape room behind the

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reception desk for staff to take shelter in order to create a delay from any potential attack.

(xvii). Computers.

Careful siting of power trunking is required to ensure that computers and valuable equipment are kept away from windows wherever possible.

High risk and mainframe computers should be secured in a purpose built room in individual cabinets.

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

If you or the developer require any further information or to discuss 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 2016 doors and windows must be permanently and preferably visibly marked PAS 24 2016. They must also be third party tested and certificated.

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