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Merthyr Planning

Dear Mr Cross.

Re: Planning Application Number P/19/0244.

Having reviewed the drawings I would have the following observations to make:-

(i). CCTV.

Consideration should be given to installing a CCTV system to protect the fronts of the commercial units.

The General Data Protection Regulations must be complied with.

(ii). Lighting.

Lighting must be effective. The rear of the apartment blocks and commercial units must be lit. The corridors in the apartment block must be lit when frequented by residents or visitors during the hours of darkness.

(iii). Side and rear boundaries.

Robust fencing/walls/railings and gates at least 2 metres high should protect the rear of the properties and the covered walkway entrance. Gates must be robustly constructed, be the same height as the adjacent walls and lockable. Gates, fencing and walls must be designed to be difficult to climb over and hinges must be protected to prevent the gates being lifted off.

Gates must have access control fitted e.g. fob or swipe card.

(iv). Bike stores.

Bike stores must be secure areas (please visit www.securedbydesign.com).

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(v). Bin stores.

Bin stores must be kept in a secure areas preferably with access control fitted.

(vi).Utilities.

Utilities should be located on the ground floor of the accommodation block, if smart meters are not installed.

(vii). Drainpipes.

Drain pipes must be concealed within the fabric of the building or of a design that is difficult to climb e.g. flush fitting.

(viii). Property identification.

The individual apartments must be clearly identified to assist the emergency services, postal staff, visitors etc.

(ix). Clusters (Communal Units).

Ideally there should be no more than 8 bedrooms in a cluster (communal unit). The holiday units and apartments should ideally be kept separate.

(x). Building shell.

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

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

(xi). Access control.

Access into the apartment blocks should be onrolled via access control with audio and visual verification fitted.

Access into the bike stores and bin stores should also be controlled.

Access in the commercial units from public areas into private areas e.g. offices,store rooms should also be controlled via access control e.g. fob or swipe card.

(xii). Door security.

The main external doors into the apartment block should meet the standards specified by Secured by Design (SBD) i.e. LPS 1175 SR2, PAS 24 2016 or equivalent, and preferably be third party certificated. The doors must have electronic door locking release by withdrawal or magnetic release (Secured by Design) and automatic door closure.

Individual apartment doors should also meet the same SBD standards.

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. Fire doors must have no external furniture fitted.

Glass in external door panels or adjacent to these panels must be laminated (at least 6.4mm thick).

The external doors in the commercial properties and doors protecting areas where valuable property or items are stored must also meet SBD standards i.e. PAS 24 2016, LPS 1175SR2 or equivalent. External doors must have laminated glass fitted.

Consideration should be given to protecting the external doors of the commercial unit with security shutters or grilles that meet the security standard LPS 1175SR2 or equivalent. The shutters/grilles if installed may have to be internally fitted.

The commercial units must also be protected against ram raiding.

(xiii).Window security.

All vulnerable windows in the apartments should meet the SBD standard PAS 24 2016 or equivalent and preferably be third party certificated.

The windows in the commercial units should also meet SBD standards i.e. LPS 1175 SR1, PAS 24 2016 or equivalent, be third party certificated and have laminated glass fitted.

Consideration should be given to protecting the vulnerable external windows in the commercial units with security shutters or grilles that meet the security standard LPS 1175 SR1 or equivalent. The shutters/grilles if installed may have to be internally fitted.

(xiv). Intruder alarm.

The commercial units must be protected by an alarm system. Ideally the system would be monitored with any alarm wires protected e.g. redcare.

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 SBD Award to be made PAS 24 2016 doors and windows must be permanently and visibly marked PAS 24 2016.

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