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**Location: OS Parcel 9507 South Of 26 And Adjoining
Fewcott Road Fritwell**

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Dear James,

Thank you for consulting me on the above application. I have reviewed the submitted documents and crime statistics for the local area. Whilst I do not wish to object to the proposals, I make the following comments and ask that amendments are made prior to permission being granted, to ensure that the forthcoming development meets the requirements of;

- The National Planning Policy Framework 2020 paragraph 91(b); which states that Planning policies and decisions should aim to achieve healthy, inclusive and safe places which are safe and accessible, so that crime and disorder, and the fear of crime, do not undermine the quality of life or community cohesion
- The National Planning Policy Framework 2020, paragraph 127(f) which states that; 'Planning policies and decisions should ensure that developments create places that are safe, inclusive and accessible... and where crime and disorder, and the fear of crime, do not undermine the quality of life or community cohesion and resilience'.
- HMCLG's Planning Practice Guidance on 'Design', which states that; 'Although design is only part of the planning process it can affect a range of objectives... Planning policies and decisions should seek to ensure the physical environment supports these objectives. The following issues should be considered: safe, connected and efficient streets... crime prevention... security measures... cohesive & vibrant neighbourhoods.'

Rear access

I ask that the rear access route for plot 6 is secured with a robust self-closing gate, which is secured key operated lock operable from both sides. This gate should be in line with the secure fence line.

Defensible space

I ask that defensible space with planting to a depth of at least 1m must be provided to all private boundaries abutting the public realm, and I recommend thorny species such as *Pyracantha coccinea*, which provides a very difficult to scale but attractive boundary. This is not currently the case for plots 15, 17, 18, 23 for example. Where tree planting is provided alongside dwelling boundaries, it is important that the trees and any associated support systems are designed and located so that they do not provide a climbing aid over the private boundary.

Lighting

I am unable to find a lighting plan within the current application. Lighting throughout the development should meet the general standards of BS5489-1: 2020. I ask that a lighting plan is submitted to the LPA and approved prior to permission being granted.

I hope that you find my comments of assistance in determining the application and if you or the applicants have any queries relating to CPTED in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards
Kevin Cox.