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**Reference: 23/01586/REM**

**Location: Proposed Himley Village North West Bicester, Middleton Stoney Road, Bicester**

Dear Suzanne,

Thank you for re-consulting me on the above planning application. I have reviewed the amended plans and am pleased to see improvements have been made to address my previous concerns. I ask that the following points are addressed with amended documents, after which there is no objection from Thames Valley Police, subject to the following condition being placed on any subsequent approval.

***Prior to commencement of development above slab level, details of a proposed external lighting scheme shall be submitted to the local planning authority. The scheme shall set out the steps that will be taken to ensure that external lighting, including zonal/security lighting and column lighting within parking courts promotes a secure environment and does not cause a nuisance to local residents.***

### **Lighting**

As per the above condition, I ask that all public spaces including private drives and the parking court for plots 90-95 are sufficiently lit to reduce the fear of crime and opportunities for crime to occur.

### **Rear access routes**

- Please add an additional gate to the walkway between plot 90 and the garage of plot 89 to remove excessive permeability through the courtyard.
- Bring the fence line forward to the front of plots 1-4, 92/93 to remove deep recess between dwellings.
- Bring gate forward/add additional gates to front of building line for plots 99-106 to remove narrow recess between dwellings that will provide opportunity for concealed unauthorised access attempts to rear gardens.

## **Parking**

- In curtilage parking and garages must be well overlooked by surveillance from the dwelling that it serves. Additional windows must be added to the side elevation of all plots overlooking parking to provide surveillance from the dwelling. The window should be within the kitchen or living room, which is considered "Active". Example of plots not compliant to illustrate include plots 27-31,51, 52 (not inclusive).

The above comments are made on behalf of Thames Valley Police and relate to crime prevention design only. I hope that you find these comments of assistance. If you have any queries relating to crime prevention design, please do not hesitate to contact myself.

Kind regards  
Kevin Cox.